



NEW PARTNERSHIPS FOR
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Local Governments for Urban Food Security

FAO Decentralized Cooperation Programme (DCP)

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Main subjects

- **FAO DCP**
- **Its evolution**
- **Pros and Cons**



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DCP

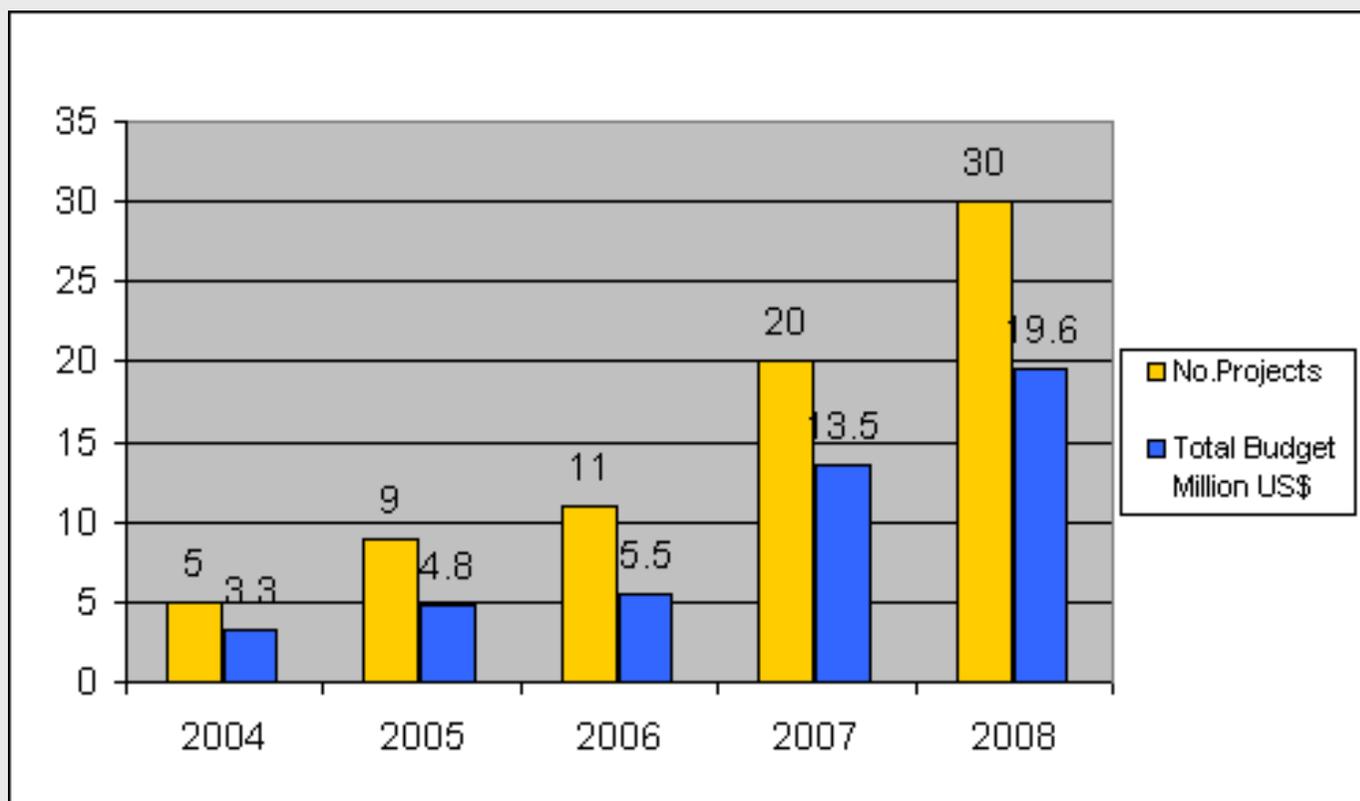
- New active role of local Governments and cities
- First **Decentralized Cooperation Programme** (DCP) among UN Specialized Agencies
- Pioneered by Italy (2002), now active also in Spain, France and Belgium



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DCP Evolution



Main partners: Cities of Rome and Milan; Regions of Veneto, Tuscany, Piedmont, Valle d'Aosta; Province of Bolzano (Italy); Régions Auvergne, Pays de Savoie, Provence-Alpes-Cote d'Azur (France); Comunidades Autonomas de Cataluna, Galicia, Pays Basco, Murcia (Spain); Region of Flanders (Belgium)



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DCP Features

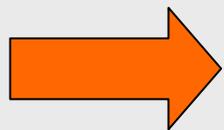
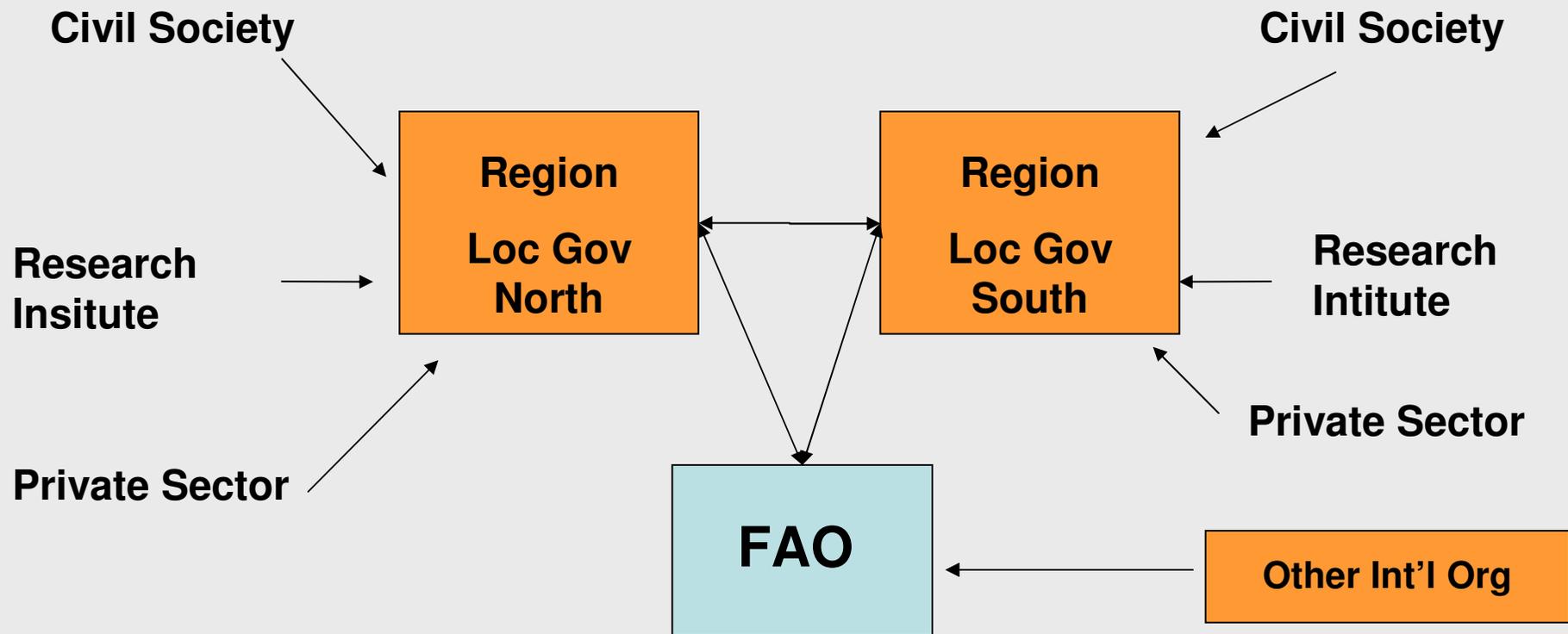
- **Stemming from original city twinning**
- **Community-driven with focus on concrete actions**
- **Priority to urban and peri-urban agriculture /horticulture, nutrition, water and waste management, strengthening of local institution**
- **Favors direct North-South and South-South cooperation between regions/cities**
- **Partnerships**



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Multilevel Partnerships



The active involvement of local communities strengthen the achievement of concrete results, ownership and sustainability



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Success Stories

- **City of Milan – City of Dakar**
- **City of Rome – City of Kigali**
- **Veneto Region - City of Teresina
(Brazil)**



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Pros and Cons



Results-oriented, pragmatic projects to the benefits of local communities

High delivery rates due to direct involvement of local authorities

Multi-level partnerships and catalytic effects

Increased ownership and sustainability



- Local governments tend to lack established budgets
- Frequent changes of policy due to funding problems
- difficulty in creating across-border cooperation



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The way forward

- **Complementary source**
- **National/local partnerships**
- **Across-border cooperation**
- **Tap international resources /EU**
- **Expo 2015: feeding the planet
energy for life**



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First Lady Michelle Obama, White House Chef Sam Kass and students from the Bancroft School planting the new White House Vegetable Garden.