

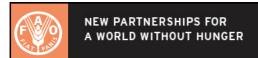


# Local Authorities (LAs) in action for Food Security

# Decentralized Cooperation Programme (DCP)

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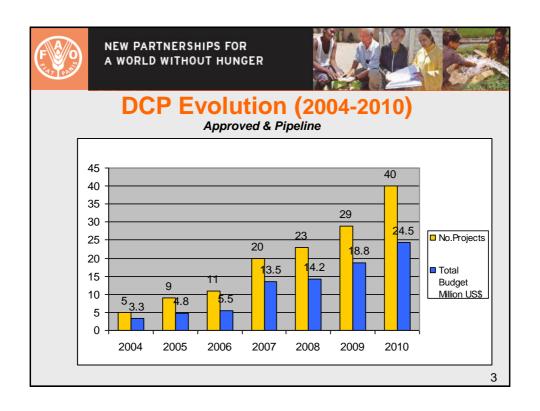
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#### **Local Authorities and DCP**

- Key actors in development as recognized by the UN, OECD, EU
- First Decentralized Cooperation
   Programme among UN Specialized
   Agencies
- Pioneered by Italy (2002), now active also in Spain, France and Belgium.





#### **Features**

- Focus on concrete actions, long-term multilevel partnerships & twinning
- Added value to development process
- •Priority to support to decentralization process, institutional capacity building, territorial development, water management, agricultural diversification, and urban and peri-urban horticulture /agriculture





#### **Success Stories**



Microgarden in the City of Dakar



Urban and peri-urban agriculture in the City of Kigali

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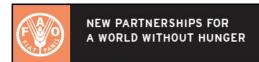




### LAs: key partners for food security

As well recognized in the State of Food Insecurity in the World 2010:

« Lessons from the experience of many countries show that building longer-term assistance activities in the framework of existing revitalized local institutions, offer the best hope of long-term sustainability and real improvement of food security. »





## The way forward

- Expand DC to new partners
- Consider the role of LAs as agents for change in the new food governance system
- Establish a global mechanism to facilitate LAs consultations and participation in the CFS

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Thank you!