

RUAF

The central aim of the RUAF Foundation (the International Network of Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food Security) is to contribute to urban poverty reduction, urban food security, improved urban environmental management, empowerment of urban farmers and participatory city governance by enhancing policy awareness on benefits and risks of urban agriculture, capacity development, facilitating local policy formulation and action planning on urban agriculture, and promoting networking and exchange of experiences. The RUAF – Cities Farming for the Future programme (2005-2010) is executed by the seven regional RUAF partners in co-ordination with ETC Urban Agriculture (see next page for information) in 20 pilot cities and 48 dissemination cities. In the pilot cities, the partners are implementing the following main strategies: Local capacity development, Facilitation of multi-stakeholder policy development and action planning, Knowledge management and networking, Establishment of monitoring systems on urban agriculture, and Gender mainstreaming. More information is found on www.ruaf.org.

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