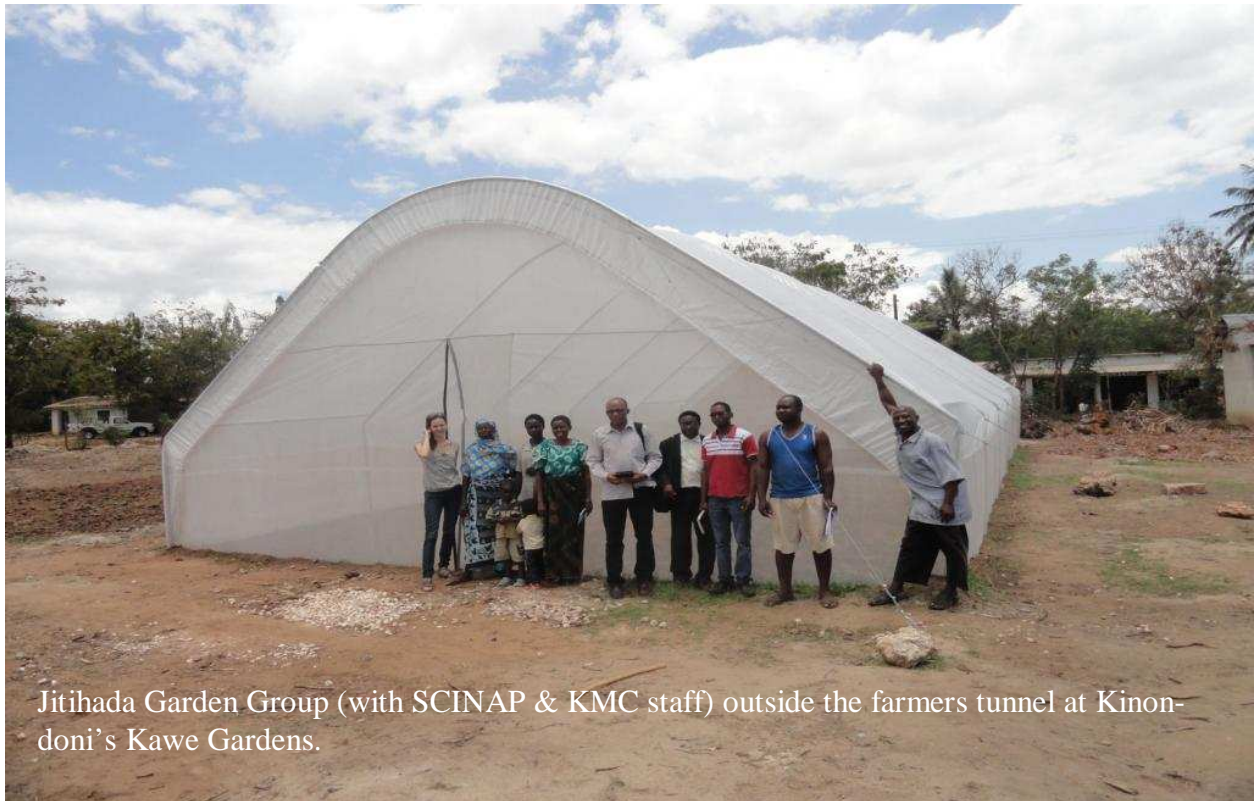


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Jitihada Garden Group (with SCINAP & KMC staff) outside the farmers tunnel at Kinondoni's Kawe Gardens.

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August. Wow what a busy month for Urban Agriculture and SCINAP!

Legitimization

SCINAP facilitated an UA Stakeholders Workshop in August held at Kinondoni Municipal Council's Kawe Gardens in Mbezi Beach. The Workshop was officially open by the Deputy Mayor for Kinondoni, honorable Honourable Richard Chengura who emphasises the importance of urban agriculture in creating jobs and provides food security and income to residents of Dar es Salaam. The workshop was a platform for stakeholders to share their experiences in UA in Dar es Salaam and had presentations from Kinondoni Agriculture and Livestock Department, Ardhi University, Kisiwani Environmental Group and Jitihada Garden Group. Kinondoni Municipal Council (KMC) was able to share their progress on implementing the Kinondoni Municipal Strategic Plan in collaboration with SCINAP such as:



- Soil suitability assessment for the 10 acre Kawe Gardens in collaboration with the Landuse Commission
- Connecting water from the water utility DAWASCO
- Settling the first group of farmers with 2 year agreements to farm on the plots
- Procurement of seed pack, garden equipment, chemicals and drilling a well for irrigation

UA stakeholders were able to see what has been done at the site such as the drilling of a borehole, installation of a tunnel (in the picture above), and the division of land throughout the area. For more information on the process of implementing the Kinondoni Municipal Strategic Plan on UA, please call Dr. Henjewe (0788 026 757) or Mr. Hijah (0713 230 196) or Mr. Mabiki (0655 733 347).

Jitihada Garden Group

KMC in collaboration with SCINAP settled the Jitihada Garden Group at formalised Kawe Gardens. Jitihada is a group of 7 members (4 women) who are cultivating vegetables and tree seedlings. Jitihada Garden Group has a 2 year agreement with KMC to farm in the area. SCINAP procure all the necessary equipment to facilitate effectively settle and begin farming, while KMC funded soil suitability assessment, water connection and clearing the site. It was an exciting experience to share the first implementation of the Municipal Strategic Plans; a culmination of the hard work that began in 2010 with the drafting of the first municipal strategies.

TaFoGa Net

SCINAP facilitated TaFoGa Net attending the National Agriculture Show, Nane nane exhibition in collaboration with Ilala Municipal Council that offered them an exhibition stand. This was a great opportunity for TaFoGa Net to promote themselves and to network with other UA practitioners across that country such as Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania (SAT), a group of organic farmers in Morogoro. TaFoGa Net's participation was a great success making useful connections and sharing the work they are doing. Their table was considered one of the top exhibits of the event.

TaFoGa Net also hosted Professor Alphonse Kyessi, from Ardhi University. Professor Kyessi conducted a meeting on UA and Land Policy and shared strategies on how to advocate for urban farmers in Dar es Salaam. The group held a brainstorming session on ways to move forward and developed ideas on how they can actively participate in promoting the rights of farmers.

TaFoGa Net also hosted RESEWO and they presented on traditional medicines and preparation process of unconventional plants. So exciting to see all the different uses RESEWO has found for plants that can be grown in Dar. Do you want to be part of this farmers network in Dar, please get in touch with the Chairperson, Mama Malima at 0657 673 616 or Secretary General, Fred Njegeja at 0714 799 433 or Treasurer, Godwin Kilongo at 0754 434 493.



Kisiwani Environmental Group

Kisiwani Environmental Group (KEG) is a CBO that operates in Buguruni, Kisiwani, since 2009 and has 10 members and 13 employees. KEG initially collected solid waste to the dumpsite, however, after working with SCINAP, the Bremen Overseas Research and Development Association and Ilala Municipal Waste Department, KEG separate waste and do composting and recycling. KEG produced more than 3,000kgs of compost since June 2012 and sold 2,000kgs of compost; some of it to Jitihada Garden Farmers. KEG compost quality was tested for heavy metals, nutritional elements and faecal elements by the University of Ardhi; and it meets British, Indian and Swiss Compost Standards (There are no Tanzania standards for compost). If you want to go organic and use tested compost call KEG at 0787 970 249 (Yahya Mkanga) or 0754 502 732 (Godrey Morandi).

In closing

We hope to make these newsletters informative and insightful. If you any information on urban agriculture you would like to share, please feel free to contact us. Thank you for your continued interest and support for urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam. We are grateful for the opportunity to engage with you.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR INTEREST IN URBAN AGRICULTURE IN DAR ES SALAAM
WE APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND SUPPORT

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