

PHOTO: An Urban Village, Kijitonyama (site of RESEWO, an active TaFoGa Net member)  
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## Greetings Once Again Urban Agriculture Followers!

October was a very busy month for urban agriculture in Dar es Salaam! While SCINAP's efforts were primarily concentrated on furthering the development of TaFoGa Net's organizational capacity, we continued to advocate for the final approval of Municipal Strategic Plans on Urban Agriculture among the three municipalities, as well as encourage and support our urban agriculture demonstration projects.

### LEGITIMIZATION

Each of the municipalities is in the process of submitting Strategic Plans on Urban Agriculture to their respective Management Teams and Urban Planning Committees. Once approval has been granted at the municipal level, the plans will be submitted to the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Human Settlement Development (MLHHSD). Once approved by the Ministry, the plans will be ready for inclusion in the new Master Plan for the City of Dar es Salaam!

While there is little change to document this month, each municipality continues to usher its Municipal Strategic Plan on Urban Agriculture through the official channels. Reports indicate that each municipality should have its plan approved by the end of this calendar year. We continue to maintain a positive relationship with each municipality – including agriculture and livestock officers as well as town planners – and we are grateful to all actors involved in the legitimization process.

### DEMONSTRATION PROJECTS

Mikocheni 'A' Post Primary Vocational School continues to operate a waste separation and compost project in tandem with a school gardening project. The school is also in search of developing market linkages for compost and vegetables produced by home economics students participating in the projects.

Mikocheni 'A' Post Primary Vocational School is also an active member of TaFoGa Net and plays an active role in coordinating TaFoGa Net activities, as well as assisting in furthering the development of the Network's organizational capacity.



PHOTO: *TaFoGa Net Group Members*  
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### THE TANZANIA FOOD & GARDEN NETWORK (TaFoGa Net)

Earlier this month, TaFoGa Net met to finalize its annual plan, as well as develop an action plan for the remainder of this calendar year. The meeting also addressed issues of networking, fundraising and other outreach activities with the aim of increasing the visibility of TaFoGa Net among urban farmers and other relevant stakeholders in Dar es Salaam.

Last week, TaFoGa Net members assembled at project sites for two of its member groups (Dar es Salaam Botanical Gardens and Sokoine). These visits aimed to further enhance relationships between individual TaFoGa Net members, as well as provide a platform for exchanging knowledge and awareness on urban agriculture livelihoods.

## IN FURTHER NEWS...

Other urban agriculture activities that took place this month include:

- Producing an annual report to CIDA on the process of SCINAP's urban agriculture projects in Dar es Salaam (i.e. legitimization, demonstration projects, TaFoGa Net and urban farmers training);
- Continual fundraising efforts towards securing future funding for SCINAP activities and demonstration projects

## LOOKING FORWARD

Though we are approaching the end of the 2011 calendar year, urban agriculture activities in Dar es Salaam show no signs of slowing down. Here are a few upcoming events and/or activities that we are anticipating during the next month:

- Legitimization:
  - Receiving word that Municipal Strategic Plans on Urban Agriculture have been received by Planning Councils for review and approval;
  - Continual dialogue with agriculture and livestock officers, as well as town planners, concerning details of the approval process;
  - Attending a 'feedback session' hosted by the MLHHSO concerning the current status of the new Master Plan for the City of Dar es Salaam;
- Demonstration projects:
  - Mikocheni 'A' Post Primary Vocational School: The development of a strategy for engaging local markets for the sale of compost produced through the school's waste separation and compost project;
- TaFoGa Net:
  - Further visits to the project sites of TaFoGa Net members;
  - The development of a funding profile in preparation for upcoming calls for funding and/or the submission of funding proposals

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

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