

Project Partners

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- The Target Community
- Makerere University- Kampala
- Environment Alert-a local Civil Society Organisation, Kampala
- Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry & Fisheries, Uganda
- KUFALCC-Kampala Urban Food Security, Agriculture & Live stock Coordinating Committee
- CIAT- International Center for Tropical Agriculture
- IWMI- International Water Management Institute

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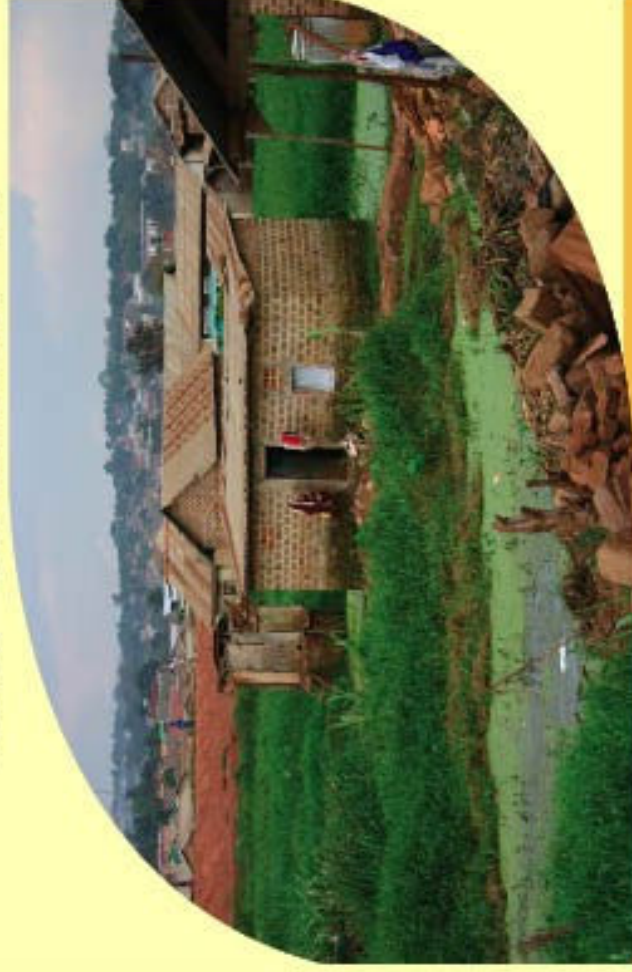


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SNF-KAMPALA



Turning Environmental Burdens into Livelihood Benefits:
Building a sustainable neighborhood through waste recycling, agro-enterprises and a cohesive community in Kampala, Uganda. (July 2006 to January 2010)

A RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



Background and Description

As a rapidly expanding city, Kampala is beset by growing social, economic and environmental challenges that largely affect the urban poor population. The urban poor live in the most risk-prone valley bottom areas of the city, facing flooding, poor sanitation, waterborne diseases and accumulation of solid wastes among others.

To ease the environmental burdens several structural improvement initiatives have been implemented but still short of an integrated urban management approach. The project responds to this knowledge and policy gap. Focusing on Kasubi-Kawaala, Makerere II and Bwaise III neighborhood, the project seeks to turn some of the burdens into livelihood benefits, through alternative agro-enterprises, urban agriculture technologies, nutrient reuse, sustainable and profitable solid waste management, and contributing to pro-poor policy reforms that promote a shared vision for sustainable urban development. The project is implemented by a multi-disciplinary research and policy analysis team, utilizing community-led participatory approaches.

Objectives:

The project is expected to address three key objectives including;

1. Develop gender responsive innovative options for management of solid and liquid wastes with the community for enhanced nutrient reuse and reduced contamination risk.
2. Establish improved gender responsive and community-led food and income security through sustainable agro-enterprises.
3. Strengthen policy and decision making frameworks that are gender sensitive, to integrate poverty reduction within urban natural resource management and planning, through stakeholder participation and communication.

Activities and Timeline

Using participatory and gender responsive approaches, the project will conduct analytical research on environmental burdens and from the knowledge generated, pilot test development activities that will build on community-initiated solutions for environmental mitigation.

The project also targets to influence policy change for sustainable urban development. The project duration is 42 months and will consist of the following phased but overlapping activities:

1. Diagnostic studies which include sensitization, team building, baseline studies and participatory analysis of opportunities and constraints; 6-9 months.
2. Experimentation involving working with community groups to pilot technologies in the fields of waste management, flood control, and agro-enterprise development for scaling out / up; 12-36 months.
3. Policy review, formulation and change through multi-stakeholder activities and policy dialogue platforms for alternative strategies of urban poverty reduction; 12-36 months.

