

## INVITATION

# Workshop on Home Gardens as a Coping Strategy in Crises and Humanitarian Emergencies

## An International, Interdisciplinary Workshop

**Date:** 2-3 April 2019

**Venue:** Welthungerhilfe, Großer Sitzungssaal, Friedrich-Ebert-Str. 1, 53173 Bonn

**Project Summary:** The Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops (IGZ), the Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO), and Welthungerhilfe are conducting an international and interdisciplinary workshop on “Home Gardens as a Coping Strategy in Crises and Humanitarian Emergencies”. The two-day workshop will be hosted at the office of Welthungerhilfe in Bonn, Germany, and will be part of the second Home Garden for Resilience and Recovery (HG4RR) network meeting.

The objective of the workshop is two-fold. First, to advance our knowledge of home and school gardens, resilience, food security, nutrition and related interventions. We would like to deepen our understanding of how informal small-scale home gardening acts as a coping strategy to strengthen the food and nutritional security and resilience of vulnerable households living under extreme uncertainty or in humanitarian crises. We would also like to learn more about how home and school gardens may have positive effects beyond their immediate outcomes (food security and nutrition), such as on women empowerment.

Second, the workshop will connect academics, practitioners, and donors to identify the knowledge gaps, best practices and opportunities for future interventions on the use of home gardens as a coping strategy in crises and humanitarian emergencies. Hence, the workshop will act as a forum for the exchange of ideas, experiences, and lessons learned from various stakeholder perspectives.

**Target Audience:** We welcome researchers, practitioners, policy makers and donors with an interest in nutrition, agriculture, gender, rural development, reconstruction, displacement and humanitarian emergencies to participate actively in the workshop.

**Registration:** Please register by filling in [this form](#) until 28 March 2019. For questions, please contact Ms. Lara Schmidt ([schmidt.lara@igzev.de](mailto:schmidt.lara@igzev.de)).

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## AGENDA (as of 15 March 2019):

Day 1 - Tuesday, 2 April 2019	
08:30 - 09:00	<i>Registration and Coffee</i>
09:00 - 09:30	<i>Opening and Introduction (Tilman Brück, Heinz Peters, and Martin Petrick)</i>
09:30 - 11:00	<b>Session 1: Home Gardens for Development</b> (Chair: Willis Owino) <i>3 presentations (20 minutes each) &amp; open discussion (30 minutes)</i>
	F.M Safiul Azam, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences: <i>“Prospect of Indigenous Vegetables in Home and School Gardening: A Local Adaptation for Climate Resilience in Bangladesh”</i>
	Enrique Fernández, Centre for Rural Development (SLE): <i>“Backyard horticulture in Maputo”</i>
	Constance Rybak, Leibniz Centre for Agricultural Landscape Research (ZALF): <i>“Kitchen gardens as an instrument to improve the nutrition status in semi-arid regions”</i>
11:00 - 11:30	Tea Break
11:30 - 13:00	<b>Session 2: Home Gardens and Women Empowerment</b> (Chair: Hadijah Mbwana) <i>3 presentations (20 minutes each) &amp; open discussion (30 minutes)</i>
	Pride Ebile, Hohenheim University: <i>“From nutrition-sensitive to nutrition-specific interventions: The case of Eco-Sustainable Gardens Empowering Mbororo Minority Women in the Northwest Region of Cameroon”</i>
	Joyce Njoro, IFAD: <i>“Neglected and underutilized species for the socio-economic empowerment of women and indigenous peoples - lessons and perspectives from the joint work of IFAD and Bioversity International”</i>
	Kehinde Olagunju, Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute: <i>“The impacts of informal small-scale home gardening on women empowerment: The case of the internally displaced households in North-East Nigeria”</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:30	<b>World Cafe - Group Work Session 1</b>
15:30 - 16:00	Tea Break
16:00 - 18:00	<b>Session 3: Home Gardens During Crises</b> (Chair: Tilman Brück) <i>4 presentations (20 minutes each) &amp; open discussion (40 minutes)</i>

	Sushil Ghimire, Welthungerhilfe Nepal: <i>“Home Gardens as a Coping Strategy in Crises and Humanitarian Emergencies”</i>
	Abellia Wardani, Tilburg University: <i>“Women, home gardens, and borderline commodities exchange during sectarian conflict”</i>
	Hanna Freudenreich, Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops (IGZ): <i>“Home Gardens as a Safety Net – Evidence from Kyrgyzstan”</i>
	Abdur Rahaman Rana, Climate Change Adaptation, Mitigation Experiment & Training: <i>“Role of ICT on resilient homestead gardening in flood and salinity affected areas of Bangladesh: Pathways of resilient food security”</i>
18:00 - 20:00	Buffet Dinner
<b>Day 2 - Wednesday, 3 April 2019</b>	
09:00 - 10:00	<b>Keynote Presentation (TBA)</b>
10:00 - 11:00	<b>Session 4: Lessons from Practice</b> (Chair: Heinz Peters) <i>2 presentations (20 minutes each) &amp; open discussion (20 minutes)</i>
	Mamunur Rashid, Welthungerhilfe Bangladesh: <i>“Experiences of home gardens in the Char and Haor areas in Bangladesh”</i>
	Dhruba Bhattarai, Agricultural Research Council: <i>“Lessons from school and home garden interventions for nutrition and livelihood in Nepal”</i>
11:00 - 11:30	Tea Break
11:30 - 13:00	<b>Session 5: Home Gardens for Food Security</b> (Chair: Monika Schreiner) <i>3 presentations (20 minutes each) &amp; open discussion (30 minutes)</i>
	Ghassan Baliki, Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops (IGZ): <i>“Seeds of Resilience: Preliminary findings of an impact evaluation of vegetable home gardens in Syria”</i>
	Sahrah Fischer, Hohenheim University: <i>“Home gardens and their importance for food and nutrition security: Experiences from East Africa”</i>
	Cory Whitney, Bonn University: <i>“Home gardens for nutrition security - Evidence from Kenya and Uganda”</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 - 15:30	<b>World Cafe - Group Work Session 2</b>
15:30 - 16:00	Tea Break

16:00 - 17:30	<p><b>Session 6: Home Gardens and Nutrition</b>  (Chair: Martin Petrick)  <i>3 presentations (20 minutes each) &amp; open discussion (30 minutes)</i></p> <p>Willis Owino, Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture &amp; Technology: <i>“Impact Evaluation of African Indigenous Vegetables Home Gardens as a Contributor to Reduced Malnutrition in Selected Counties of Kenya”</i></p> <p>Lutz Depenbusch, World Vegetable Center: <i>“Impact of an integrated home garden and nutrition intervention in Cambodia”</i></p> <p>Hadijah Mbwana, Sokoine University of Agriculture: <i>“Harvesting vegetables from the kitchen garden: An educative and sustainable approach to improve dietary practices and nutritional status among rural families in Tanzania”</i></p>
17:30 - 18:00	Closing remarks