



# Call for Papers: "Home Gardens as a Coping Strategy in Crises and Humanitarian Emergencies"

The 2020 Edition of the International, Interdisciplinary Research and Practice Workshop

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The Leibniz Institute of Vegetable and Ornamental Crops (IGZ), Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin (HU), and ISDC - International Security and Development Center invite researchers to submit original research papers for presentation at an international and interdisciplinary workshop on "Home Gardens as a Coping Strategy in Crises and Humanitarian Emergencies." The two-day workshop will be held at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin in the city centre of Berlin on 27-28 April 2020. It builds on the successful workshop of the Home Gardens for Resilience and Recovery (HG4RR) Network that was held at the Welthungerhilfe in Bonn, Germany, in April 2019. More information on the 2019 workshop can be found here: <https://isdc.org/hg4rr-news/>.

The objective of the workshop is to advance our knowledge of home, kitchen, school and community gardens (and related interventions) and their contributions to food security, income generation, child development, resilience, psychosocial well-being and gender equality. We also intend to bring together researchers and practitioners to enhance learning across professional silos.

In particular, 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. Targeted households may include marginalised, poor, female-headed, forcibly displaced or otherwise disadvantaged households. In addition, we would 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's empowerment.

Submitted papers should address empirical research questions at the interface of life sciences, nutritional sciences, agricultural and horticultural sciences, development economics, rural sociology, anthropology, psychology, gender studies and disaster research in these and related research domains, using quantitative or qualitative methods:

1. Determinants of food insecurity and malnutrition (triple burden) in emergencies;
2. Agricultural practices, food security and the role of home and school gardens in emergencies;
3. The effects of food insecurity in emergencies, especially on vulnerable groups such as women, infants and children or the displaced;
4. Impact evaluations of home and school garden interventions for emergency agriculture, food security and nutrition;
5. Psycho-social impacts of home, school or community gardens;
6. The role of gardens for IDPs and refugees;
7. The role of home and school gardens in transition economies; and
8. New and emerging data sources, indicators, methods and techniques.

This call is aimed at researchers working in Germany or abroad in any academic discipline and at any level of seniority. Preference will be given to empirical papers and those which have not yet been published in an academic journal. Submissions may consist of complete papers or extended abstracts of 2-3 pages. Papers for submission should be written in English and submitted as a single pdf file with a maximum file size of 5MB. Limited travel funding is available, so please inform us if you require any financial support in your submission. There are no registration fees for presenting authors. Please also attach a short CV in pdf format.

Please send your whole submission by email to Ms. Gwen Moiles at [moiles@igzev.de](mailto:moiles@igzev.de) or [hg4rr@igzev.de](mailto:hg4rr@igzev.de). **The deadline for the submission of papers is 15 January 2020.** Notifications about decisions taken will be circulated in late January 2020.

The workshop is also open to participants from governments, international organisations, NGOs, non-presenting researchers and other stakeholders. Registration for participation without presenting a paper will be open from late January till the end of February 2020. However, no financial support can be provided to non-presenting participants.

The selection committee: Ghassan Baliki (IGZ), Tilman Brück (IGZ and ISDC), Harald Grethe (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), Regine Kopplow (Concern Worldwide), Anja Mütting (Malteser International) and Heinz Peters (Welthungerhilfe).

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