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# Sustainable Urban Food Systems transformation for strengthening Urban-rural linkages

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# Why promoting food systems for strengthening urban-rural linkages?



**World  
urban population**



**Expected rise  
by 2050**



**Total global energy  
absorbed by cities**



**World food supply  
consumed by cities**

# Cities worldwide are prioritizing Food Systems in their local policies, plans and actions



217 Signatory Cities



The ICLEI CITYFOOD Network

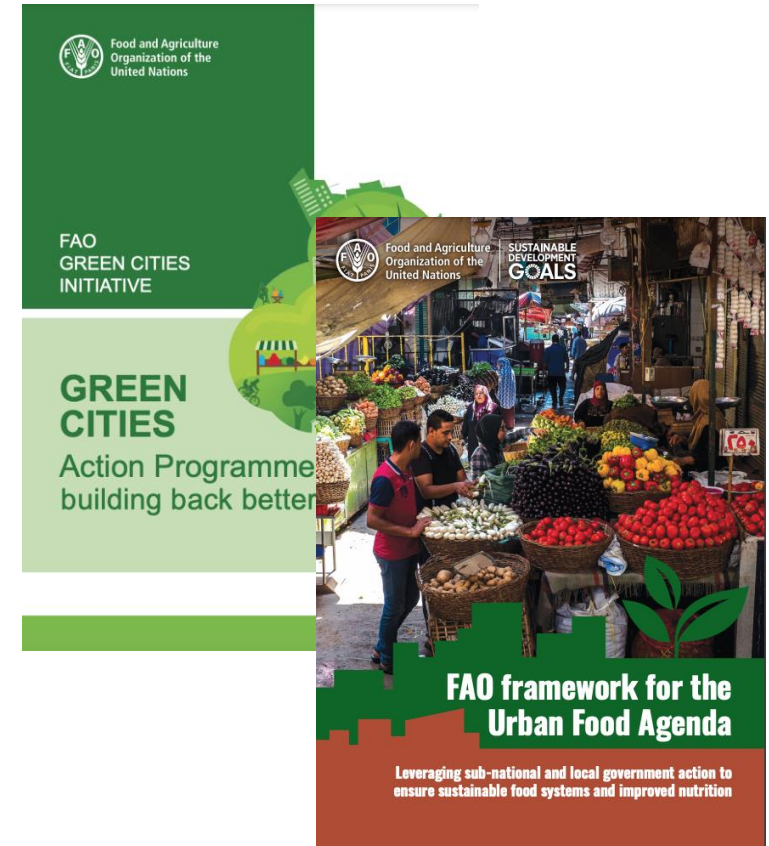
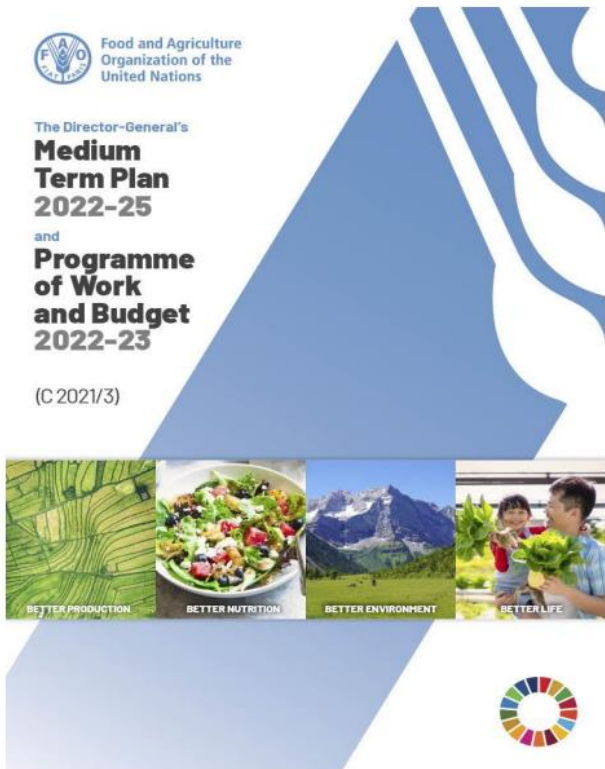


Prioritizing Food Systems in the  
Global Agenda



# FAO's work with cities

## 'Achieving Sustainable Food Systems' Programme, the Urban Food Agenda and the Green Cities Initiative





# GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE FRAMEWORK

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- 1. Rural-urban synergies**  
*-Space matters-*
- 2. Social inclusion and equity**  
*-Leave no one behind-*
- 3. Resilience and sustainability**  
*-Safeguarding the future-*
- 4. Food systems (inter)connections**  
*-Integrated perspective matters-*



# Action at City Level

**Metropolitan**

**Intermediary**

**Small Cities**





# FAO's work in intermediary cities and small towns

## The Project 'Feeding Urbanization'

### 3 Components:

1. Urban Food Systems Analysis
2. Establishment of multi-stakeholder food governance mechanisms
3. Implementation of quick-win actions to strengthen urban food systems sustainability



### Geographical focus:

- Portoviejo, Ecuador
- Bambilor and Khoungheul, Senegal
- Rulindo, Rwanda

# Example of quick-win action implemented

## Portoviejo, Ecuador

Support local institutions in developing a decentralized public food procurement mechanism to distribute locally sourced fruits to students



**Local government facilitating access to diversified diets for students**



**Local governments promoting new market outlet for local producers**

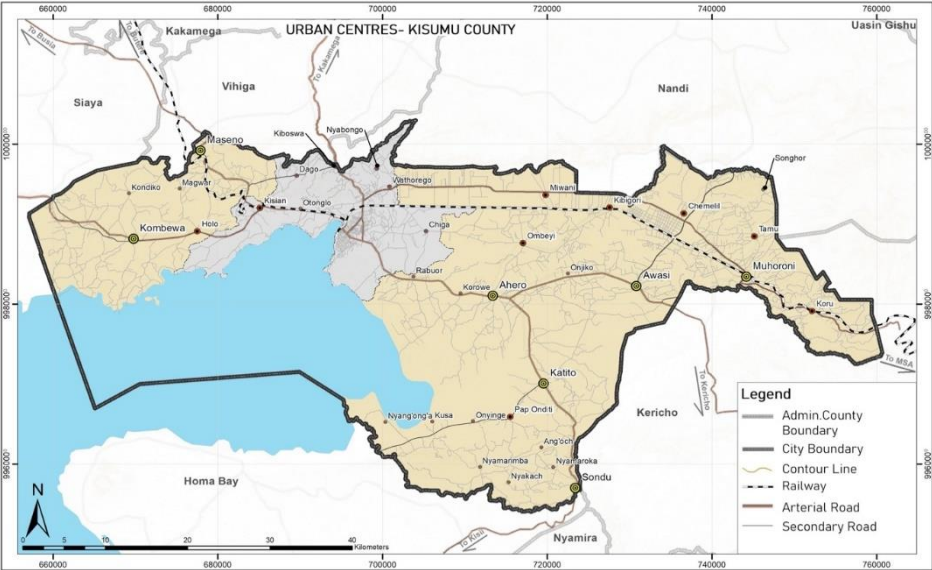




# Mainstreaming food systems into local policies

## Kisumu integrated approach

A Food Systems Assessment for Kisumu urban areas to give evidence on the existing urban-rural linkages.



The FLAG



A multi-stakeholder group for promoting dialogue and engagement on the food system in Kisumu & Key Actions to strengthen the urban-rural linkages

# Action at the Global Level

## The Urban Food Systems Coalition



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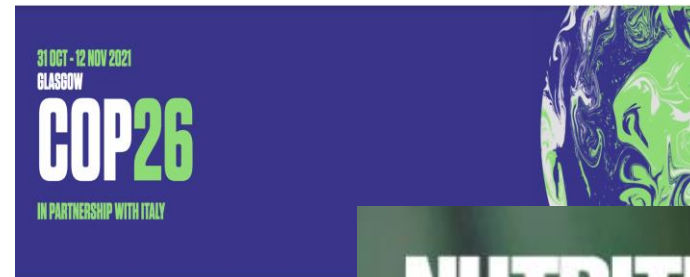


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# Key Highlights

Intermediary Cities

key players for promoting food systems transformation, reduce poverty and promote sustainable agriculture

Policy Action

to promote multi-sectorial, multi-level and multi-actor coordination

Food Governance Mechanisms

to link cities and operate along the rural-urban continuum

National to Local Governments Gap

addressed through urban food policy frameworks

Thank you