

The Rural Agro-Processors and Trainers Association (RAPTA)



Experiences of Peri-Urban Farming

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Introduction

About RAPTA

- Rural Agro-Processors and Trainers Association Iganga
- 23 active groups with a total membership of 537 (220m 317f)



Activities

- Crop production
- Bee Keeping
- Vegetable growing
- Bulking of cereal crops
- Value Addition & marketing



Iganga status

- 5 Districts curved out
- Sugarcane dominated
- 6 out of the 10 sub counties are urban and peri-urban



Specific Activities for the peri-urban farmer's Activities

- Crop production
- Bee Keeping
- Vegetable growing
- Bulking of cereal crops
- Value Addition & marketing



Shocks & Disruptions for the Urban and peri-urban farmers in Iganga

- No farmer gatherings to access information
- Access to market cut off
- Inter district and export through borders cut off
- Access to technical advisory services interrupted
- Distant access to input supplies



Adopted Strategies for Urban and Peri Urban Farmers

- Maximise food production by making most of the small plots
- Practice intercropping and mixed farming (crops, animals, bees)
- Commercial backyard farming
- Integrate ICT and agribusiness practices
- Value addition, processing & marketing



Opportunities For urban and Peri Urban Farmers

- High population growth
- Easy access to high end markets
- Easily managed due to land sizes
- Low transportation costs



Recommendations for Urban and Peri Urban farmers

- Training of farmers on use of available resources (waste, water harvested, etc.)
- Training farmers on agronomic and marketing aspects
- Target economically viable crops
- Commercialise farming

