



URBAN GROWTH IN ESA: OPPORTUNITIES AND THREATS FOR HORTICULTURE

TANZANIA POSITION

INTRODUCTION



- Horticultural industry in Tanzania is among the fastest growing agriculture subsector
- The industry earns the country more than USD 340 million per annum with the growth rate of 8% per year.
- FDI has increased by 61% since 2003
- Tanzania horticulture participates well in the regional trade through export and imports of vegetables, fruits and flowers to neighbouring countries.

URBAN GROWTH



- Tanzania's estimated total population – 45, 040, 000
- Estimated Urban population – 11, 883, 000
- Annual urban growth rate btw 2005 to 2010 is 4.6% compared to only 2.29% of annual rural growth
- Second highest in EAC states compared to Burundi's 5.75%

URBAN GROWTH



- Annual Urban growth expected to increase to 4.75% btw 2010 & 2015
- Urban towns & Cities include Dar es Salaam, Arusha, Dodoma, Mwanza, Iringa, Morogoro & Mbeya
- Dar es Salaam is biggest; more than 3m inhabitants and accounts for 1/3 of total urban population
- Dar es Salaam growth rate is 8%

URBAN AGRICULTURE



- Includes livestock keeping & leafy vegetable farming which are the most prominent
- Crops include mangoes, coconut, cassava, amaranths, mushroom and herbal plants
- Farm sizes: peri – urban areas up to 2ha, open spaces in urban areas 750-900m & home gardens 100m
- 2/3 of urban farmers are women

NATIONAL INITIATIVES



- Government involvement at the Municipal levels through programs like the District Agricultural Development Plans
- Inclusion of agricultural strategies through the towns & city plans e.g the master plans defining agricultural areas & activities
- NGOs & donor projects; Urban Vegetable Promotion project (GTZ 2000), TAPP, Gatsby Trust, Promotion by TAHA

CHALLENGES



- Rising population growth in the urban area hence, competition for land
- Very minimal allocation of resources at the municipalities to support urban agriculture
- Competition for water is very high in the urban areas
- Increasing cases of MRL and environmental compliance issues due to high levels of pollution by industrial wastes

OPPORTUNITIES



- Rising population growth leading to rising demand for fruits and vegetables
- Urban farmers have a better infrastructural facility compared to their rural counterparts
- The AVRDC has tailored kits for vegetable production for Urban farmers
- The existence of TAHA and the inclusion of urban farmers in the TAPP project



THANK YOU!



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