



## **Sustainable Agriculture with Gender Inclusion and Participation in Quito Ecuador**

### **Summary**

In Quito, Ecuador, nature and sustainability are treated as an integral component of development rather than as an afterthought. Green infrastructure and nature-based solutions are key to the City's mitigation and adaptation strategies for securing the provision of ecosystem services.

One such solution is the project Sustainable Agriculture with Gender Inclusion and Participation in Quito, which is run by the city to improve food security, urban agro-ecology, climate change adaptation, and nutrition.

The program has been working together with women and female-headed households for over a decade to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable people of the Metropolitan District of Quito.

Thanks to training courses, technical assistance, and support resources, the program has helped thousands of residents to start their own urban gardens and apply sustainable practices to make positive changes in their lives. Furthermore, it contributes to carbon emission reductions, is an adaptation response to climate change, as well as generating citizen participation and solidarity within local economic development.

### **Key facts**

- 352,600 people benefit from the program; comprising 56,000 urban farmers, 85.71% of which are women, and 170,000 consumers;
- Women represent 85.71% of the participants;
- Since the start of the project, 16,700 participants have been trained, 2,500 urban gardens opened, and 110 urban agriculture startups promoted with 105 different food products.

## **More information**

Digital assets are available for download at:

<http://unfccc.thirdlight.com/a.tlx?l=9ffm9IJi>

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