

RUAF: Rooted in cities

Over 20 years in urban agriculture and urban food systems

Put agriculture on the urban agenda

RUAF is founded in response to demand from international donors to respond to increased urbanisation of poverty and food insecurity.

1999

Support local action and policy

With its *Cities Farming for the Future* programme, RUAF, now an independent Foundation, supports local action in over 20 cities with 100+ local partners, and influences local policies.

2005 - 2008



Align strategy with local government interest

RUAF's network is converted into a true network and renamed as *RUAF - Global Partnership on Sustainable Urban Agriculture and Food Systems*.

2014



Leverage international change

RUAF supports the City of Milan in drafting the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP), signed by 225 cities by the summer 2022.

2015

City to City Exchange

ICLEI and RUAF launch the CITYFOOD Network to accelerate local and regional government action on sustainable and resilient city-region food systems.

2017



RUAF identifies key themes for future attention in the urban food systems field, which are explained in UAM 38, and develops new programmes.

2022

2000

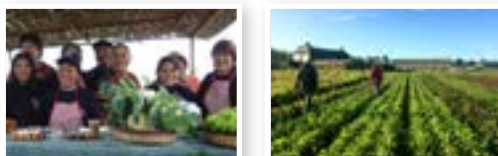
Create knowledge resources

RUAF launches Urban Agriculture Magazine to exchange policy views, practical experiences, and research results on urban agriculture and urban food systems.

2009 - 2011

Develop value chains

With the *From Seed to Table* programme, RUAF and partners strengthen urban farmer organisations through training in farming systems innovation, micro-entrepreneurship and value chain development in 17 cities and 7 regions.



2015 - 2018

Build an evidence base

RUAF grows its portfolio on climate change, city region food systems, indicators and tools, and circularity, to support strategy and action planning for more resilient food systems.



2016

New Urban Agenda

RUAF supports successful efforts for the inclusion of urban food security and urban agriculture in the *New Urban Agenda*, the guiding document on sustainable urbanisation for the next 20 years.

2019 - 2022

The RUAF Secretariat is hosted by Hivos. RUAF supports a systemic approach to feeding cities by promoting the need to integrate food and agriculture in our cities of today and tomorrow on the urban development agenda. RUAF is involved in events surrounding the UN Food Systems Summit and follow up activities, including the Urban Food Systems Working Group convened by FAO and GAIN.

