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Cultivating Food, Connecting Minds, Harvesting Hope



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FAO fights hunger by helping farmers grow food



- tools
- training
- access to information

- Field projects in 140 countries
- Offices in 90 countries

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A unique project.



Producing the highest quality vegetables at the doorstep.

A low cost practical solution to hunger and poverty.



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Key Partners and Collaborators



American Horticultural Society USA

AMERICAN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



Development Assistance to School Farms Ghana



University of Maryland, College Park



Cornell University USA



United States Committee for FAO, USA



Office of the Mayor, Baltimore, Maryland



The ecological foundation of the music group Maná Mexico



Rotary Club, International



UC Davis, Corporate Extension



University of Illinois USA



Garfield Park Conservatory, USA



Rhode Island Preservation Society



University of Guadalajara Mexico

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In The Growing Connection...



Food production can flourish in urban and peri-urban environments

Communities around the world are connected together in a solution to hunger, malnutrition, obesity and diabetes.

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The Growing Connection combines...



The most efficient use
of water and space

Growth

+

Access to information and
advice about growing food

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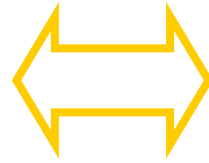
Choice



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Learning key vocational skills

- Improved nutrition
- Fresh produce for income-generation
- Garden-based learning



Simple and water-efficient,
highly adaptable food-growing
technology:

The EarthBox

Information is key to choice

- What to grow
- Pests, disease & weather
- Entrepreneurial opportunities



Modern IT connectivity

Information network



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Cultivando alimentos, Conectando mentes, Cosechando esperanzas



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Through information and communication technology

Youth around the world are in direct contact as they:

- grow high-quality produce
- become entrepreneurs
- find practical solutions to malnutrition, obesity & hunger
- exchange experiences, become friends



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Gardens have been established in....



Ghana



Kenya



Senegal



Ethiopia



Nicaragua



US Virgin Islands



Trinidad & Tobago



USA



Mexico



Jamaica



Dominican Republic

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Growing High Quality Produce – Locally.

Making Connections – Globally.

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Intensive local food production in urban & rural environments:



Innovative and empowering community involvement:



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A scalable education & nutrition project:

In the United States, The Growing Connection is up and running in schools, after-school programs and community centers in 11 countries.

For Example...

New York, NY, USA:

- Partnership with the Cornell University Extension
- Active at 22 sites

Nicaragua:

- Partnership with Fabretto Foundation
- Active at 34 schools

Do It Yourself:

- TGC is a DIY solution to hunger, malnutrition and poverty; the results begin in months, not years....



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✓ Easily set-up & highly adaptable

- Greening Offices, Parks, Schools, Restaurants, Empty Lots



✓ Many applications

- Community Gardens, Local Produce Supply, Employee Involvement, Earth Day



✓ Many opportunities for participation

- Horticulture, Technology, Curriculum Development, International Friendships



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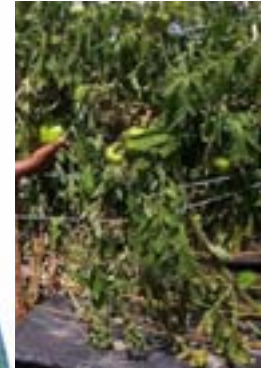
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Obesity/Diabetes



Education



Food/ Hunger



Refugees & Displaced



Animals



Urban Barrios

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