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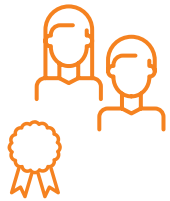
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HORTICULTURE IN GHANA FOR A BRIGHTER FUTURE

Horticulture - Ghana, Kumasi

Institutions composing the project consortium: Delft University of Technology (The Netherlands), Kwadaso Agricultural College (Ghana), Holland Green Tech (The Netherlands) and Kumasi Business Incubator.



400

young people are to be trained, including 300 through the dual vocational training approach and 100 in entrepreneurship



90

business managers are to be trained in work-based learning



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training provider and

business support organisations (BSOs) are to be mobilised, trained and strengthened to provide new TVET services



60

local trainers are to be trained

5

new relevant training services are to be developed and offered by local BSOs

The horticulture sector in Ghana is growing fast and offers many exciting job opportunities. However, the trainings needs assessment that was done at the start of the project clearly showed a gap between the current educational offer and the practical knowledge and skills that are needed to become a successful employee or entrepreneur.

Therefore, the Kwadaso Agricultural College of Kumasi and the TU Delft joined forces and teamed up with a strong private sector partner, Holland Green Tech, to develop a training programme that is hands-on and entrepreneurial. Parallel to developing this training module it was vital to also get the private sector in Kumasi involved and trained so that the entire horticulture sector gets a boost. Therefore, the project takes a comprehensive approach and also trains the so-called 'lead farmers.' These are farmers that have considerable scale and can show concrete improvements relatively quick. These farmers function as role models in the programme as well as offer internship opportunities and job positions. It is this public-private cooperation that ensures the educational offer of Kwadaso fits well with the labour market needs and offers real job perspectives.

The project developed 7 demo-plots, elaborated a 4-month training course, trained the trainers of Kwadaso whose students have since to follow the newly developed courses which became part of their existing curriculum.

The lead farmers have made considerably more profit and some of them are even exporting their vegetables to neighboring countries like Burkina Faso. The training programme has become fully institutionalized at Kwadaso and also the cooperation between Kwadaso and Holland Greentech has been formalized by an MoU.



Joseph Sarpong (trainee of the first batch): *“I really didn't know the good tips and tricks to make farming into a profitable business. Now I can really make my farm profitable”*



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