



# Towards resilient city region food systems

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- City Region Food System programme of RUAF and FAO, supported by WLE aims to reinforce rural-urban linkages for more sustainable and resilient food systems
- Assessment PLUS evidence-based action planning
- Underscored by multistakeholder engagement and participation throughout



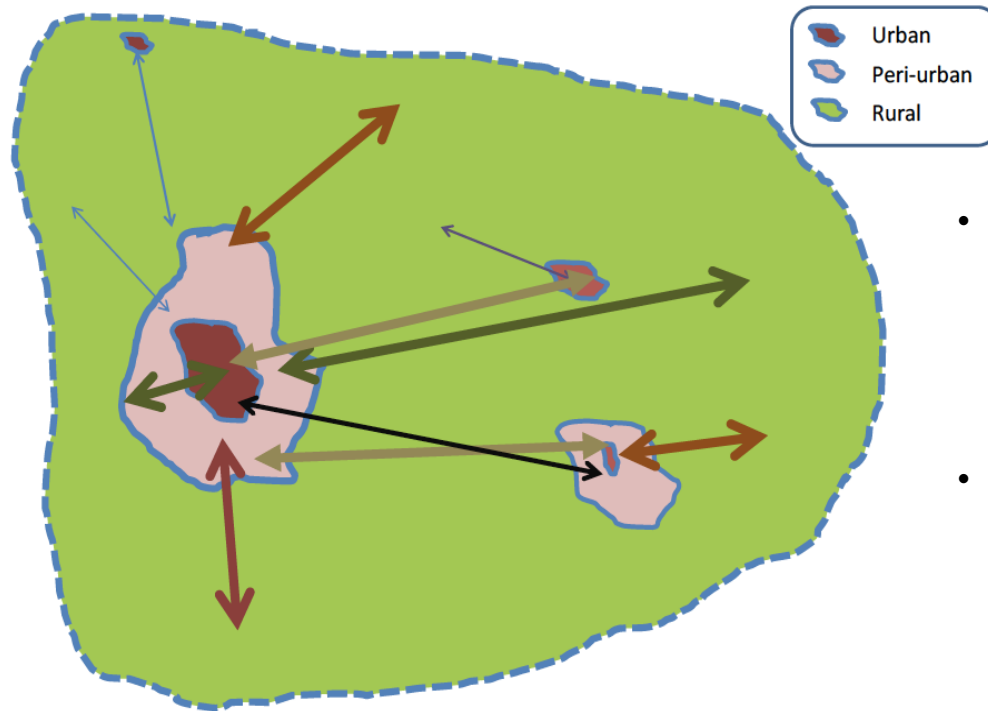
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## What is a city region?



- A larger urban centre – or conglomeration of smaller urban centres – and the surrounding and interspersed peri-urban and rural hinterland.
- An area in which flows of people, goods and ecosystem services operate across the rural-urban continuum

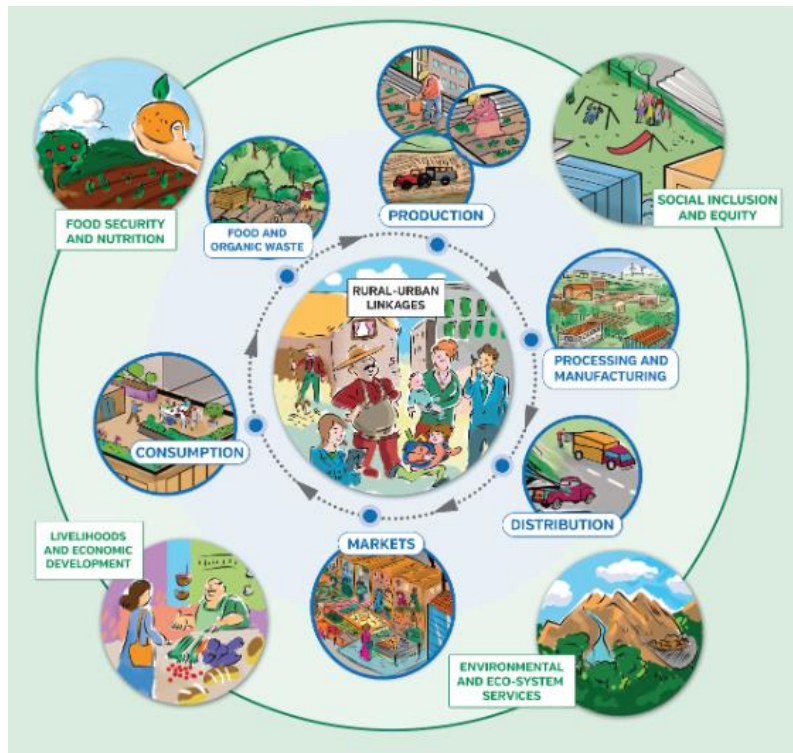
Different colors of arrows represent different functional relations between urban, peri-urban and rural; different weights of arrows point to different intensities of functional relations

Rodríguez-Pose A., *The Rise of the “City-region” Concept and its Development Policy Implications. The London School of Economics and Political Science. European Planning Studies, October 2008*

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## What is a city region food system?



- CRFS approach advocates strengthened connectivity between urban centres and surrounding areas
- Encompasses the complex network of actors, processes and relationships that are involved in food production, processing, marketing and consumption in a given city region.
- Includes the economic, societal, and environmental components that configure those actors, processes and relationships.

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## Phase 1: 2015 – 2018

Sustainable and resilient city region food systems

- Colombo (Sri Lanka)
- Utrecht (The Netherlands)
- Quito (Ecuador)
- Kitwe (Zambia)
- Lusaka (Zambia)
- Medellin (Colombia)
- Toronto (Canada)



### Quito

2018: Signature of the Pacto Agroalimentario Quito

2020: Informed Covid-19 emergency food response

### Lusaka

2020: Establishment of the Food Policy Council.  
Part of Healthy Food Africa  
(with 10 other cities)

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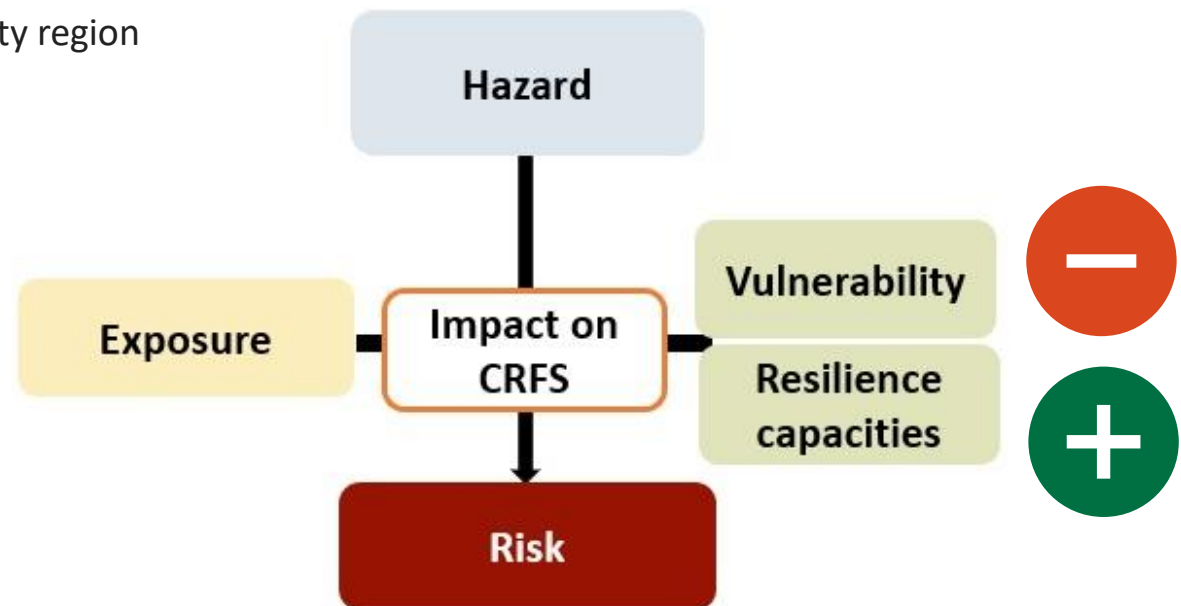


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## Phase 2: 2019 – 2021

Climate and pandemic resilient city region food systems

- Antananarivo (Madagascar)
- Colombo (Sri Lanka)
- Kigali (Rwanda)
- Melbourne (Australia)
- Tamale (Ghana)



Risk is the likelihood of damage or negative impacts or consequences

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## Kigali

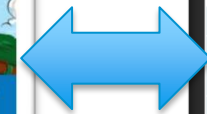
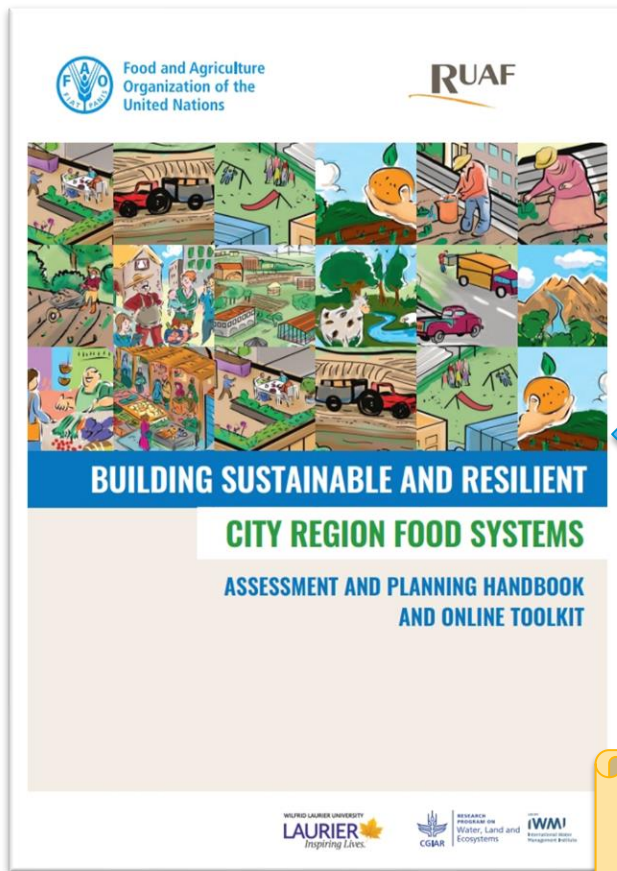
- Under-use of risk sensitive practices like mulching and terracing, due to expense, labour required, and lack of knowledge (poor extension services)
- Poor transport infrastructure in some areas far from Kigali markets, impassable roads after heavy rains, increases risk of post-harvest losses.



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Main products and future development with cities



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