

## 1. URBAN AGRICULTURE: A FAD OR A REALITY?

While urban agriculture abounds in western cities, is becoming more and more important in the debate on agriculture and involves more and more people in its functioning, it is still strongly criticised as a western fad and is accused of being very anecdotal in terms of yield compared to food needs.

However, despite these strong criticisms, urban agriculture is no longer to be proven. In terms of the yield it produces : The FAO confirms that urban agriculture provides potentially 15 times the productivity of farms in rural areas. 20 kilos of food can also be provided by an area of only 1 m<sup>2</sup> over a year.

Beyond the food yield, urban agriculture has multiple impacts, both economically through job creation, training, and socially with many social programmes built around the creation of this urban agriculture. In environmental terms, once again, the effectiveness of urban agriculture has been widely proven. It effectively preserves green spaces, promotes biodiversity, plant cover and water infiltration in urban areas.

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