

Contribution of Integrated Urban Agriculture to Household Income: A Case of Kinondoni Municipality, Tanzania

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ABSTRACT

Purpose: Urban farmers make efficient utilization of resources by integrating crop-livestock-fish subsectors to maximize accrued benefits. However, types of integration practices adopted and associated income outcome are still undocumented. Thus this study specifically assessed the types of integrated urban agriculture (IUA) mostly practiced by farmers, types of livelihood strategies adopted simultaneously with IUA and its contribution to total household income.

Research Method: The study adopted cross-sectional research design. Both quantitative and qualitative data were collected from 132 respondents. Descriptive statistics employed to assess livelihood strategies prioritised by integrated urban farmers. Multiple linear regression technique was adopted to model factors influencing IUA annual income.

Findings: The results show that integrated urban agriculture is the most prioritised livelihood strategy to urban farmers. Majority of urban farmers (98.5%) practising integrated farming concentrated on crop-livestock, while fish-livestock and crop livestock-fish integration adopted only by 0.75% each. This implies that, majority of urban farmers did not practice fish sub-sector. Integrated urban agriculture gives average annual income of 2 295 288 TSH (equivalent to 1093\$); which was sufficient for household of six members being above monetary food poverty line per year.

Research Limitation: This study focuses on income livelihood indicator; however, farmers can also, benefit from integrated agriculture through food security, social inclusion and ecology to mention some.

Originality/Value: This study provides an comprehensive layout adopted by integrated urban farmers to benefit from the sub-sectors and what is missing for improvement of the enterprises for improved livelihood outcome in Tanzania

Keywords: Integrated Urban Agriculture, Livelihood Strategy, Income, Household

INTRODUCTION

Increasing global urbanization and environmental threats increase the challenge of ensuring food security for city residents specifically in developing countries (Poulsen, *et al* 2015). This is attributed to the fact that large share of urban poor income goes to food expenditure. For example, the continuous increases in food prices in Tanzania has a significant effect on Tanzania's growing population of urban poor as their food budget share amounts to 67 per cent (Tasciotti, and Wagner 2015). The efforts to ensure increased productivity to feed the

growing population and improving livelihood in general, have been in place. Urban and peri-urban agriculture (UPA) are increasingly being

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promoted as a multi-focal strategy for enhancing urban food security and advancing climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts in cities (Padgham *et al.*, 2015). Urban agriculture can have many different expressions, varying from plant/crop production, poultry and livestock to aquaculture farming (De Bon *et al.*, 2010; Drechsel, and Dongus, 2010). Urban farming can be practiced through the monoculture system or integrating farming where farmers can involve crop-livestock integration, crop-fish integration livestock-fish integration or crop-fish-livestock integration (Ugwumba *et al.*, 2010). Despite different ways of integration, majority of the urban farmers practice mostly monoculture farming which has been criticised for not being able optimally benefit farmers. Given the limitations of monoculture farming approach, current emphasize is given on practising integrated urban agriculture (Miccoliet *et al.*, 2015). It can be argued that, integrated urban agriculture besides increasing productivity many-fold, also removes all the farming constraints (e.g. high cost of inputs and environmental pollution). In addition to that, Integrated urban agriculture (IUA) helps in solving most of the existing economic and ecological problems; it also provides needed means of production such as fuel, fertilizer and feed (Ugwumba *et al.*, 2010).

A number of studies have been done on urban and peri-urban agriculture among others include integrating land planning in agriculture (Halloran and Magid, 2013), technical efficiency of urban agriculture (Mwajombe and Mlozi, 2015) and governance of urban agriculture (Mkwela, 2014). However, there is dearth of information on contribution of integrated urban farming to households' income. Given the importance of integrated urban agriculture as one way of the enhancing resources used efficiently and existence of a number of farmers in urban areas practicing integrated urban agriculture as their livelihood strategy; thus, it was important to understand the contribution of integrated urban agriculture on household annual income and its influencing factors. Specifically, the paper assessed types of integration adopted

by farmers in Dar es Salaam, types of other livelihood strategies adopted by urban farmers simultaneously with integrated urban farming and share of the income from integrated urban agriculture farming income into the total households' income. The information generated from this study enriches the existing body of knowledge on integrated urban farming and inform the policies promoting integrated urban farming on the benefit of the sector in households' income and the ways to improve farmers to engage into full integration.

METHODOLOGY

The study was conducted in Kinondoni Municipality which is located at 6° 47' 0", south and 39° 16' 0" East of Dar es Salaam city. Due to close proximity to the equator and the warm Indian Ocean, the city experiences a tropical climatic condition that is favourable for agricultural activities. Kinondoni was chosen to be a study area because it was the leading municipal in pursuing agricultural activities compared to other two municipals within the region (Mlozi *et al.*, 2014). The study adopted a cross-sectional research design.

According to the meeting held between the Centre for Coordination of Agricultural Research and Development for Southern Africa (CCARDESA) project team and Kinondoni Municipal executive office on March 2017, the district has only 205 farmers integrating more than one agricultural subsector; however, the number increased up to 15,000 farmers when considering monoculture (Schmidt, 2012). From the details given by Kinondoni municipal executive office a purposive sampling technique was employed to select six wards. In each ward, a random sampling technique was deployed to get total of 134 integrated urban farmers from a sampling frame that was prepared by listing all integrated urban farmers in each ward. The formula developed by Krejcie and Morgan (1970) was used to get a sample size of 134 respondents; out of which 22.3 (equivalent to 22) respondents

were interviewed in each ward. The sampling unit was made of households where household's head, or any adult aged above 18 years involved in integrated urban agriculture was interviewed.

The formula states that Samples $n = N (1+Ne^2)^{-1}$
 Where: n = the sample size; N = the population size; e = the level of precision; thus $n = 205(1+205 \times 0.05^2)^{-1} = 134$

However, due to various field challenges including availability of respondents, 132 households' heads were interviewed.

Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) were organised in each ward to collect in-depth information to verify the data collected through the survey. Each FGD comprised of 6-8 participants as recommended by Kumar and Kalyani (2011). Further information were collected from key informants who were mostly extension officers from wards (both livestock and crop officers) and one agricultural officer from the district to make a total of 12 key informants.

Qualitative data analysis was done using content analysis while quantitative data were analysed using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). Ms excel was used to compute the percentage contribution of IUA to the total household annual income. In relation to this, a multiple linear regression technique was used to evaluate effects of off-farm income, education level, association membership, age of household head and extension visit on total IUA annual income.

The multiple regression model was as follows: -
 $Y = \beta_0 + \beta_1 X_1 + \beta_2 X_2 + \dots + \beta_5 X_5 + e$

Where by:

Y – Integrated Urban Agriculture Income

β_0 – Equation Interception

β_{1-5} – Coefficient of regression

X_1 – Household off-farm income (Annual income in TSH)

X_2 – Farmers' association membership (0=No, 1=Yes)

X_3 – Extension services (in frequency of extension visit per annum)

X_4 – Years of schooling (in number of years)

X_5 – Age of household head (in year)

ϵ - Error term

In addition, descriptive statistics (frequencies and percentage) were used to assess types of integration adopted by farmers and income share of each livelihood strategy among integrated urban farmers' households income.

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Socio-demographic characteristics

Majority of integrated urban farmers were aged between 18 to 56 years. This is the active working age; participation by this age group might be influenced by the profit of the subsector or considering the sub sector as an alternate for earning household income. According to Ugwumbaet *al.*, (2010) active participation in any economic activity influenced by others, and age, since majority of participants in integrated urban agriculture are in productive age; hence even performance of the sub sector is likely to be better than their counter parts (aged 60+). Table 1 also shows that majority of the respondents' household were headed by male. The small number of female headed household in comparison with the number of male headed household might be contributed to the presence of few female headed households; this correlate with Jongwe (2014) findings which hold that; participation on agriculture in urban area was dominated by the household headed by males. Moreover, Majority of the respondents' households had 4-7 members. This might be due to the factor that in Tanzania the average household size is five members per household. Moreover, the household with a higher number of members can have enough labour power for integrated urban agriculture. According to Gallaher *et al.*, (2013) most of the participant in integrated urban agriculture are households with many household members.

Table 01: Socio-demographic characteristics

		Frequency	Percentage
Sex of Household Head	Female	24	18.2
	Male	108	81.8
Livestock Keeping	Men	53	40.2
	Women	79	59.8
Fish Farming	Men	2	100
Horticultural Production	Men	41	31.1
	Women	91	68.9
Marital Status	Single	7	5.3
	Married	118	89.4
	Divorced	4	3.1
	Widow/Widower	3	2.3
Education Level	No Formal Education	2	1.5
	Primary	80	60.6
	Secondary	31	23.5
	University/College	19	14.4
Household head Age	18-30	18	13.6
	31-43	48	36.4
	44-56	45	34.1
	57-69	17	12.9
	70 and Above	4	3
Household size	01-3	25	18.9
	04-7	83	62.9
	08-11	14	10.6
	12-15	7	5.3
	16-19	3	2.3

Source: Field Data May 2017

Type of Integrated Urban Agriculture Practiced by farmers

Findings in Table 2 show that there were three types of integration practiced in the study area; these were crop-livestock integration, livestock-fish integration and crop, fish and livestock integration. Majority of farmers (98.5%) concentrated on crop-livestock integration while only few integrate livestock and fish or crop livestock and fish keeping.

This might be due to the facts that fish sub sector is a new enterprise to majority of developing

countries including Tanzania. The study done by Ugwumbaet *al.*, (2010) in Nigeria also concluded that majority of integrated urban farmers in Nigeria focus more on crop livestock integration with minimal number engaging into other types of integration. More emphasis needed to help urban farmers in developing countries not underestimating the potential of integrated urban agriculture, extending their integration to include fish sub-sector, and accruing more benefits.

Table 02: Types of integration

	Frequency	Percentage
Crop and Livestock Production	130	98.5
Livestock and Fish Farming	1	0.75
Crop Production, Livestock and Fish Keeping	1	0.75

Source: Field Data May 2017

Findings in Table 3 show that, majority (87.9%) processed neither farm produce nor by-product; this is due to lack of enough knowledge of the enterprises and its additional benefits. Even though integrated urban farmers include livestock keepers the use of industrial fertilizer was still pervasive; it was a common trend in integrated urban farmers that they use both organic and inorganic fertilizers in their fields; this is a result of the lack of knowledge and skills about integration. Farmers believed that industrial fertilizer had immediate impact than organic fertilizer. Considering that, important elements of integration are not only limited to use of bio-fertilizer and crop residuals, but it goes further to the bio-gas and farm produce processing (Ugwumbaet *al.*, 2010); thus, partial integration lowers the benefits of integration (Manjunatha *et al.*, 2014). This imply that, farmers are not benefiting much from integration.

Livelihood Strategies of Integrated Urban Farmers

Farmers do not only depends on IUA as their livelihood strategy in urban areas, rather IUA goes along with other livelihood strategies. The paper shows that, integrated urban agriculture is the highly prioritised livelihood strategy among

integrated urban farmers (87.9%) followed by business activities (9.8%) and salaried job (5.3%) (See Table 4). The study findings show that, a total of five livelihood strategies including integrated urban agriculture, business, technician/formal employment, and artisan/handcraft are livelihood strategies carried out by integrated urban farmers. However, regardless of multiple livelihood strategies, 87.9% of all selected farmers ranked integrated urban agriculture to be the top livelihood strategy than other livelihood strategies; the rest are salaried employment, business and technicians based on their level of priorities (Table 4). Generally, literatures on agriculture show that, majority of farmers engages in off-farm activities to diversify their livelihood and accommodate fluctuation in agricultural production (Smaleet *al.*, 2016; Kassaet *al.*, 2017; Su *et al.*, 2015). However, in urban setting, the scenario is vice versa, people engage in agricultural activities for the purpose of diversifying their livelihood due to vulnerabilities/insecurity and insufficient income obtained from the formal employment. However, off-farm livelihood strategy remains crucial for farmers' households as it can contribute to higher farm production and larger expenses on purchased inputs, while it decreases the use of family labour (Babatunde, 2015).

Table 03: Elements of integration

	Practising	Not Practising
Farm Produce processing	16(12.1)	116(87.9)
By-Product Processing	29(22)	103(78)
Fertilizer Inorganic Uses	78(59.1)	54(40.9)
Organic Fertilizer Uses	96(72.7)	36(27.3)

Source: Field Data May 2017 *(Values on brackets are percentage)

Table 04: Livelihood strategies prioritization and ranking by farmers

Livelihood Strategies	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Integrated Urban Agriculture	116(87.9)	12(9.1)	2(1.5)	2(1.5)
Business	6(3.8)	13(9.8)	0(0.0)	0(0.0)
Technical activities/jobs	7(5.3)	3(2.3)	5(4.8)	0(0.0)
Natural Resources	0(0.0)	0(0.0)	1(0.8)	0(0.0)

Source: Field Data May 2017

Contribution of Integrated Urban Agriculture to income of respondents

Integrated urban farmers have various livelihood strategies to contribute to their household income. This makes the contribution of IUA to the total households' income to diverge. The study findings (Table.5) show that majority (81%) of respondents reported that integrated urban agriculture contributes around 81-100 percent to its total household income; they are the people whose primary livelihood strategy is agriculture; thus, they dedicate their capital onto it (Cabannes, 2012).

Despite the high level of contribution of IUA into total household income, the study finds the contribution from other livelihood strategies run simultaneous with IUA by farmers. Each livelihood strategy has its unique contribution to the household income; the income generated through those livelihood strategies are the one that determines total annual household income. Integrated urban agriculture also recorded higher income to the overall household income in comparison to other household incomes;

however, it was also among household strategies with least income contribution to some households. The reason for IUA to depict least annual income might be due to the fact that, there are some farmers who keep livestock and grow crops for domestic uses only (Maitra *et al.*, 2015), thus selling of produce is only optional. The standard deviation of the income generated through integrated urban agriculture was the highest when compared to others; reflect high income deviation among integrated urban farmers due to various factors such as farming size (number of livestock/fish and land size), technology employed (improved/high breeds, irrigation, greenhouse and animal feeds) and farm management (Bowman and Zilberman, 2013). Although the mean annual income accrued through was in third position after salary income and technical activity (2 295 288 TSH equivalent to 1093\$), it was sufficient for a family to be above monetary food poverty line in Tanzania based on monthly monetary value of 31,879 TSH (equivalent to 15.2\$) per adult equivalent. This signifies the importance of IUA income to the total household income.

Table 05: Contribution of integrated urban agriculture to household income

IUA Contribution to Household income (%)	Frequency	Percent
1-20.	3	2.3
21-40	5	3.8
41-60	8	6.0
61-80	9	6.8
81-100	107	81.1
Total	132	100.0

Source: Field Data May 2017

Table 06: Income contributed by each livelihood strategy

Livelihood Strategy	Mean	Count	Std. Deviation	Minimum	Maximum
IUA	3579624	132	4734812	200000	27995000
Business Activities	1729375	16	3636573	200000	15000000
Salaried Employment	4633333	6	4262237	1000000	10800000
Technical Activities	3671429	7	3293283	900000	9000000

Source: Field Data May 2017

Factors affecting integrated urban farmers annual household income

Findings in Table 7 present determinants of annual income of integrated urban agriculture annual income. Multiple regression models are used to assess factors influencing their annual income generated from integrated urban agriculture. The significant level is measured at 5%. The regressed variables R square were 0.459. This means that, the independent variables explained variation of dependent variables by 45.9%. The remaining 54.1% undoubtedly was due to other factors that are not included in the model and/or research errors (Ibitoye *et al.*, 2016; Mendenhall and Beaver, 1991). From five explanatory variables entered in a model, (Household off-farm Income, farmers' association membership, extension worker visits, year of schooling, and age of household head) frequency of extension visit two variables (year of schooling and association membership) were significant ($p < 0.05$) to household's income. Year of schooling was statistically significant with a negative influence to household income ($p=0.012$).

This implies that as household education increases the income accrued from integrated urban agriculture decreases since most of household members are engaged in professional employment based on their education level. This suggests that, as the people are educated the less income would be generated through agriculture because they generate more income from off-farm activities including formal employment (Smale *et al.*, 2016; Kassa *et al.*, 2017; Su *et al.*, 2015).

Participation in association was statistically significant with positive influence to household's income ($P=0.047$). This implies that as household member participates in association they are likely to benefit through trainings, credits and sharing of experience with their fellow farmers. The trainings, credits and knowledge obtained through participation in association increase farmers' abilities on efficient management of their farming activities thus increased increasing productivity as well as income.

Table 07: Factors affecting integrated urban agriculture income

	Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients		Sig.	95.0% Confidence Interval for B	
	B	Std. Error	Beta	t		Lower Bound	Upper Bound
(Constant)	6.62	1.036		6.39	0	4.471	8.768
Year of Schooling	-0.059	0.022	-0.489	-2.728	0.012	-0.105	-0.014
Association Membership	0.481	0.229	0.351	2.101	0.047	0.955	0.006
Extension Workers Visits	0.312	0.209	0.333	1.489	0.151	-0.122	0.746
Off Farm Income	0.125	0.133	0.173	0.945	0.355	-0.15	0.4
HH Head Age	-0.008	0.01	-0.188	-0.869	0.394	-0.028	0.011

Source: Field Data May 2017

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATION

The findings show that there is very limited livestock-fish integration, crop-livestock-fish integration; majority of farmer concentrated on crop-livestock integration. Thus, there is a need for government and development agents to strengthen farmers' ability on fish sub-sector. The paper concludes that integrated urban agriculture has significant contribution to household income; it contributes around 81-100 percent to total annual income for majority of households in the study area. Farmers in urban areas normally practice IUA along with other livelihood strategies such as professional employment, business and technical activities. However, the multiple linear regression showed that these off-farm livelihood strategies have a positive contribution to IUA income but not significant.

Thus, considering the important contribution of IUA to household income and environment, urban farmers should be encouraged to practice integration rather than monoculture. Since majority of farmers were practising partial integration with major focus on crop-livestock integration, sensitization is needed to help farmers practice full integration that involves

processing of farm produce and farm by-product.

In addition, farmers should be encouraged to integrate fish subsector with other sub-sectors such as crop and livestock since fish keeping is a newly growing enterprise.

Data availability statement

The data that support the findings of this study are available with Augustine Mwandya (PhD) (Email: - mwandya@sua.ac.tz or mwandya@yahoo.co.uk) however, restrictions apply to the availability of these data, which were used under license for the current study, and so are not publicly available. Data are however available from the authors upon reasonable request and with permission of with Augustine Mwandya (PhD).

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