



Community Gardens, Urban Farmers Collectives and Community Kitchens in Brazil

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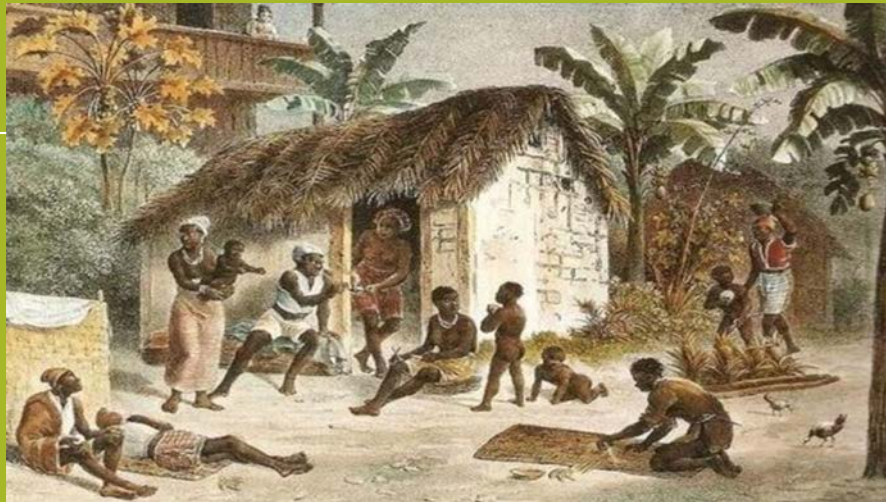
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Beyond community gardens and the 'best practices'. The historical roots and a socio-political background of urban agricultures in Brazil

- The fight for the right to the city has existed since the colonial period and remains as major struggle to achieve social justice and human dignity in Brazil



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3.Urban Favelas and Quilombos Museum

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Mrs. Dalva
lettuce harvest

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Some legacies of the colonialism

- Environmental and social impacts of land monopolization;
- large-scale deforestation and land speculation;
- legislative manipulation and land owners influential power;
- land - grabbing and peasant resistances (urban and rural territories);
- structural racism;
- systemic genocide of indigenous and black people.

How are collective urban farmers and urban agriculture facing the historical and structural social problems?



The example of urban quilombos and resistances until today: agriculture as a form of cultural struggle and insurgent citizenship



Jorge. From Quilombo da Vargem Grande. Feira da Roça da Vargem Grande.



A Quilombola's family. Rio de Janeiro Metropolitan Area. 2021



Children from Quilombo Cafundá Astrogilda. Environmental workshop. 2021.

The convergences of a diversity of agents/stakeholders from different sectors and cultural, environmental, economic, social and political strategies; citizen's and social movements, universities and academic institutions, trade unions, researchers, NGO's, parliamentary representatives, social networks...



1.community mapping workshop for different generations. Quilombo Cafundá Astrogilda **2.**exchange of agroecological seeds and seedlings **3.** Implementation of community management of organic waste and composting yard with university's support

Different social and political scales and urban agriculture's concepts according to the territories, social/ecological/political/economic... functions and people who are involved in.



Dandara "rururbana" community. Belo Horizonte.
3. Urban farmer Jandira. Magé, RJ



2. Emporio da Chay



The fight for social rights and public policies; some important legal frameworks of Brazilian's young democracy and the convergences of urban agriculture issues

- The 1988 Constitution and the social rights: food sovereignty and security as one of the main constitutional social rights;
- The environment as a subject of rights;
- The citizen participation as a social right;
- The City Statute of Brazil (Federal Law number 10.257):
 - The Statute seeks to bring together, in a single text, a series of key themes related to democratic government, urban justice and environmental equilibrium in cities. It also highlights the gravity of the urban question, ensuring that urban issues occupy a prominent position on the national political agenda of Brazil - now a predominantly urbanised country that was essentially rural until relatively recent times. The central theme of the law is the “social function of property”.



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The community kitchens and it's multiple responses that go beyond food safety.

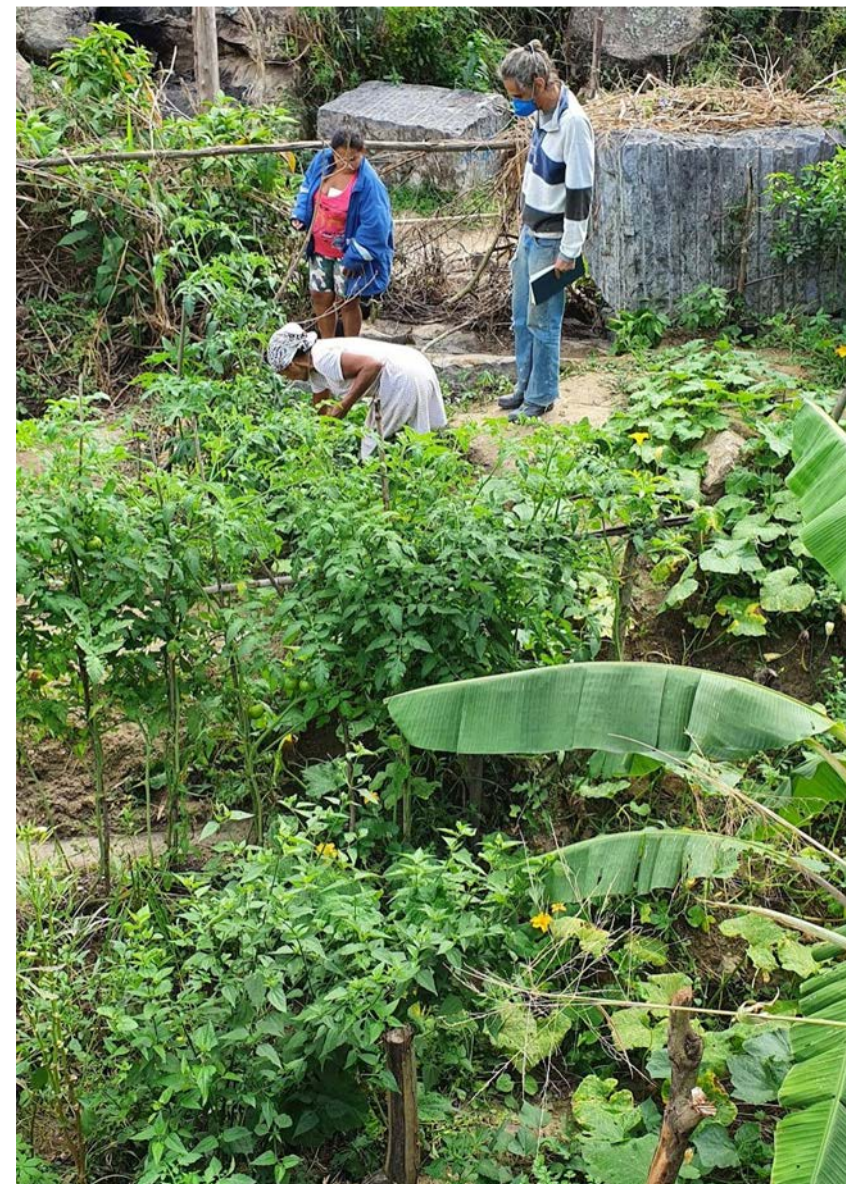
Also an important collective tool for fighting against gender and domestic violence.





**Productive
backyards promotes
socialization, care
for the territory and
quality food.**

**Food and seedlings as
tools to promote
discussion and reflections
about access to real food
/ agroecology / food
sovereignty / health and
wellness / popular
communication / local
economy / belongingness
/ visibility / access to
public policies**



Addressing the project questions and reflecting on it together

- What defines “community garden” in the county context?
- What are the wider social issues connected to the experiences of “community gardens” in each country?
- What can be learned from these experiences in relation to:
 - food security
 - community mobilisation
 - Educational practices
 - Environmental awareness and change
 - Influencing and changing behaviour
 - The impact of Covid-19 pandemic.



Urban Farmer Alzeni. Univerd Collective Farmers. 2021

Our expectations with the project

- Go beyond the project;
- Build collective fundraising strategies;
- Strengthen international networks and links by valuing the multiple possibilities of urban agriculture in times of local and global challenges;
- Work together on proposing ideas that can influence public policies and struggles for social rights and human dignity in different contexts and territories through urban agriculture...



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