



Community Gardening Impact Measurement in Accra's Urban Food Security Initiatives: A Scholarly Review of 2005 Literature Context

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Abstract

Urban food security initiatives in Accra, Ghana have been a focus of scholarly interest for their potential to address malnutrition and improve community well-being. A thematic analysis was employed to synthesize existing studies, focusing on methodologies used in measuring programme impacts. While varied methods were reported, a notable theme emerged regarding the mixed results and challenges in accurately gauging the impact of community gardening on urban food security indicators such as vegetable consumption rates among participants. Despite methodological inconsistencies, this review underscores the importance of empirical data for understanding the effectiveness of urban agricultural interventions. Future research should prioritise standardisation and robust methodologies to enhance comparability and reliability of impact measurement studies.

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