

# The prospects of urban agriculture to address nutrition insecurity in Dhaka, Bangladesh

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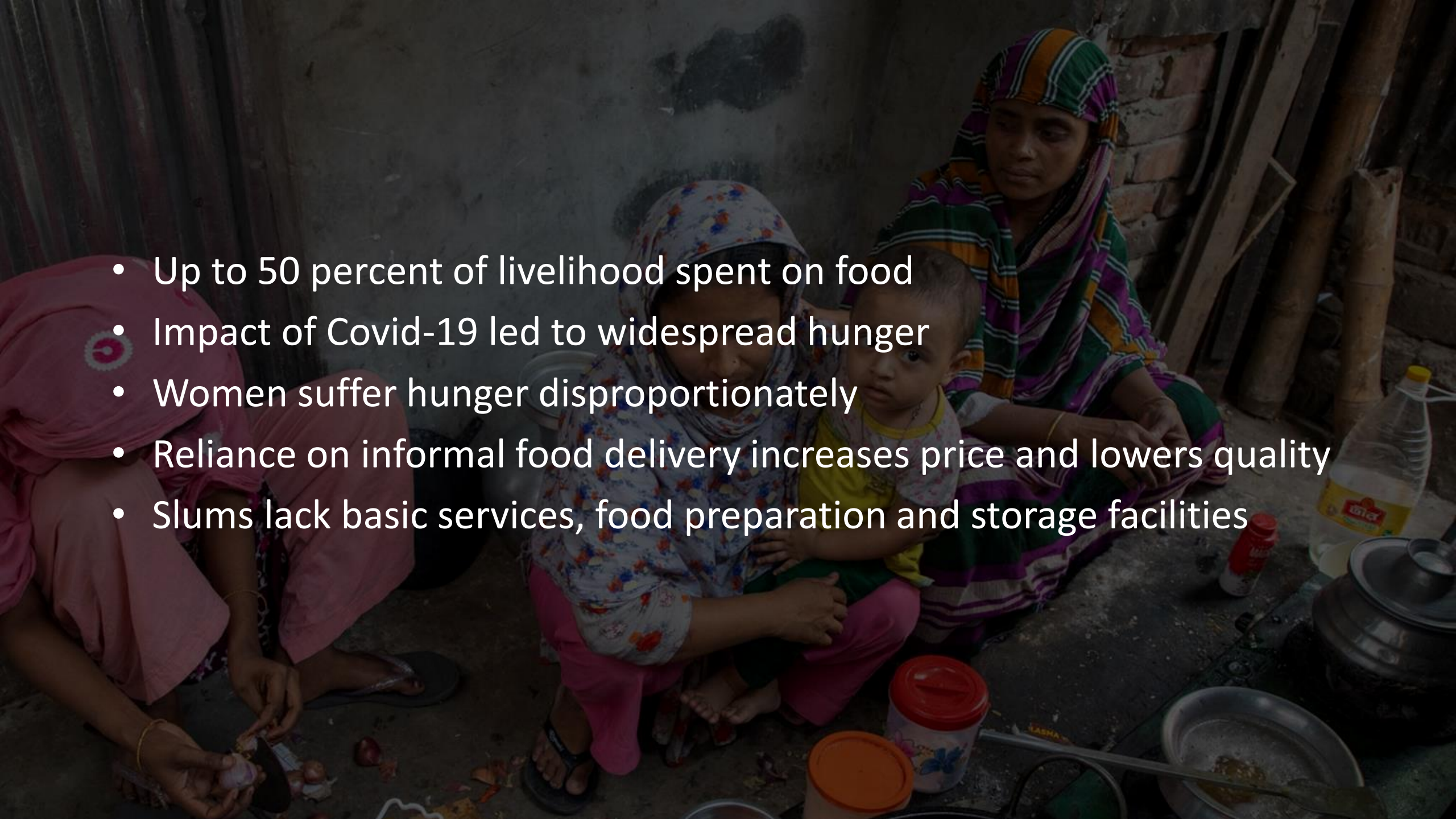
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# Food and nutrition insecurity of the urban poor in Dhaka



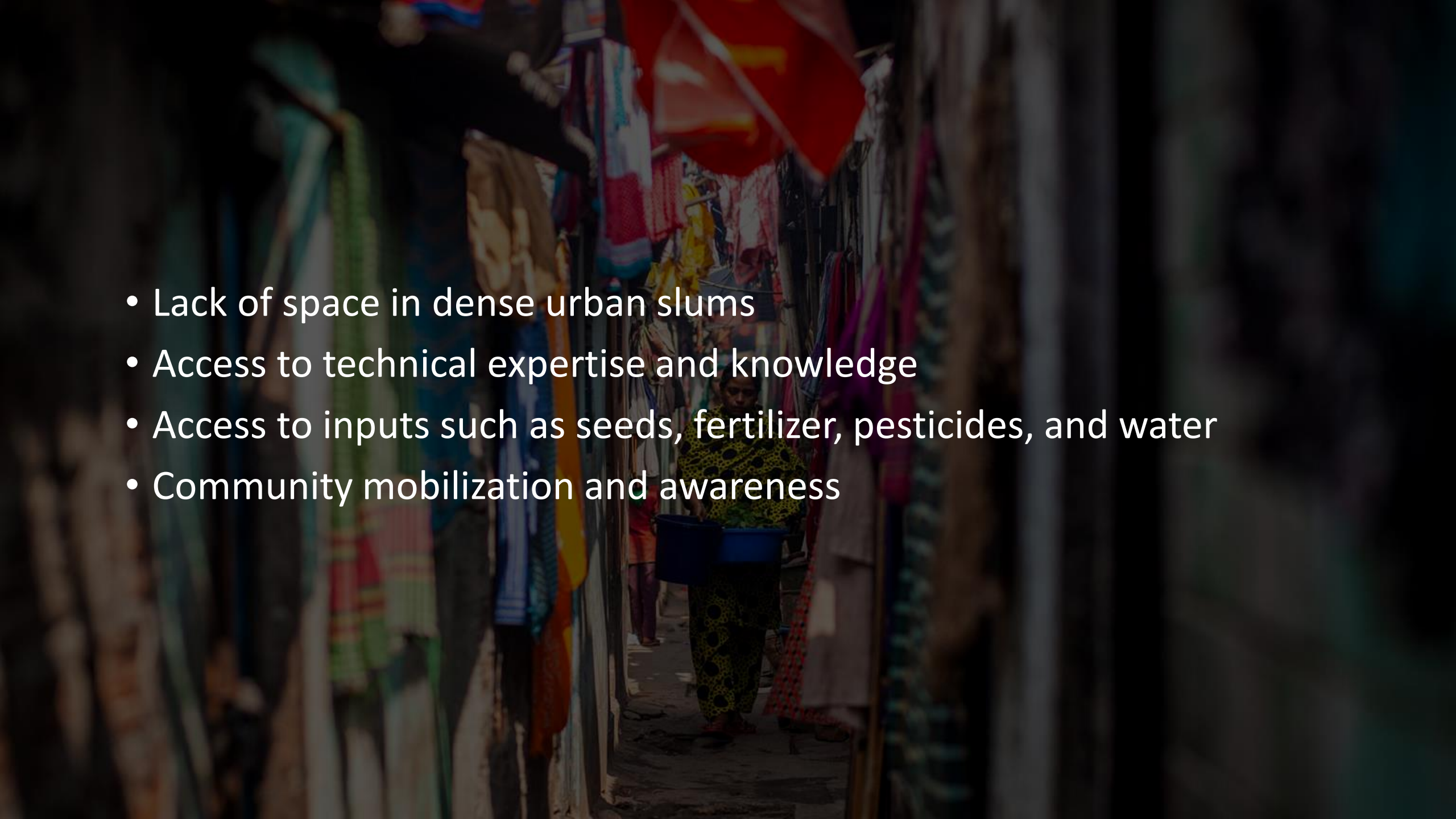
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- A photograph showing three women and a young child in a slum setting. The women are wearing colorful headscarves and saris. One woman is sitting on the floor, holding the child, while another woman is sitting next to her. A third woman is partially visible on the left, wearing a pink headscarf. The ground is dirt, and there are various items scattered around, including a plastic bottle, a metal pot, and some food. The background shows a brick wall and some wooden structures.
- Up to 50 percent of livelihood spent on food
  - Impact of Covid-19 led to widespread hunger
  - Women suffer hunger disproportionately
  - Reliance on informal food delivery increases price and lowers quality
  - Slums lack basic services, food preparation and storage facilities



# Key challenges for UPA enhancement and investment






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- A photograph of a narrow alleyway in a slum, with laundry hanging on lines. A woman in a patterned sari is walking down the alley, carrying a blue basket. The scene is dimly lit, and the laundry is colorful, including a prominent red cloth at the top.
- Lack of space in dense urban slums
  - Access to technical expertise and knowledge
  - Access to inputs such as seeds, fertilizer, pesticides, and water
  - Community mobilization and awareness

A woman wearing a teal sari is crouching in a rustic kitchen, washing yellow lentils in a white bowl. She is pouring water from a red plastic jug into the bowl. In the foreground, there is a large red plastic tub filled with water. To her left, a large red plastic bucket sits on the floor. The background shows a cluttered kitchen area with various pots and pans hanging on the wall, a red plastic chair, and a large black fan. The word "Opportunities" is overlaid in white text in the center of the image.

Opportunities



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- A woman wearing a pink patterned hijab and a matching dress is crouching in a field. She is reaching out to touch a bright yellow flower. The field is filled with large, dark green, heart-shaped leaves, likely from a squash or pumpkin plant. The background shows a vast, open field under a hazy sky, with some distant trees and structures visible on the horizon.
- Improved nutrition and diets
  - Community action and building
  - Stimulates coordination with City Government
  - Additional income for urban poor households



A woman wearing a red headscarf and a purple long-sleeved shirt is working in a garden. She is holding a wooden stick and appears to be tending to a plant with large green leaves. The background shows a rustic setting with a wooden fence and some foliage.

# Enabling environment

- Coordination among various actors
- Formal or informal land use arrangements
- Mutual support by urban poor community groups is needed
- Access to agricultural inputs





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# Thank you



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