

Feedback 2020-2021

"Your materials are awesome and extensive - consuming all my printer ink and paper! Thank you." **Barb Maves**

"Please see email below with Food Plant Solutions most recent newsletter attached - so impressive." **Anthea Fawcett**

"Thank you for sharing the link to FPS newsletter, I am sharing to my other colleagues. I have also made my subscription to FPS newsletters, your work is very interesting." **Alex Billy MUGAYI | Forest Landscape Restoration & Evergreen Agriculture Projects Manager | World Vision Rwanda**

"I'm impressed to read about school garden training in Tanzania and the renewed focus on indigenous and underutilized foods!" **Erick Ngethe Project Manager, World Agroforestry**

"The Food Plant Solutions translated book is going around schools in Dar." **Fiona Barretto, program partner in Tanzania.**

"I teach preventive health to community health workers in Kenya. This document will be a huge help to me as I help Kenyans improve their diets. Many thanks for your work" **Nora Percival**

"Greetings. Thank your mail and appreciate you working for humanity in such a troublesome time with COVID-19. I went through your Newsletter where "small changes may have big impacts in critical times" have been exemplified. It enriched myself with practical knowledge. Thank you again." **Khem Raj Dahal, Professor , Department of Agronomy, Co-Investigator & Coordinating Partner UKRI GCRF SANH, Institute of Agriculture and Animal Science (IAAS), Tribhuvan University, Nepal**

On behalf of Muravah Foundation, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation for the untiring support of Food Plants Solutions to provide knowledge and education on local food sources to poverty-stricken communities such as the Philippines. **Sarah Beltran-Fabula of Philippines program partner**

Using these material (sic) [picture guides prepared by Food Plant Solutions: "Food Plants For Healthy Diets in Ethiopia"] we want to show to our beneficiaries how indigenous plants possess all the nutrients needed by their family. By focusing on plants that are known by the community and adapted to the climate, we aim to make it easily adopted by our beneficiaries and increase productivity that will encourage them to pursue in the farming activity. Moreover, we aim to share these material with all partners who wish to work on urban or rural farms so that they can make an informed plant selection. **Hiwot Amare Getaneh, Co-founder and Executive Director of Nutrition 4 Education & Development (N4ED)**

"Greetings from TANZANIA, Here in Tanzania things are going well and general election compygn for getting president of the United Republic of Tanzania and Members of the parliament are going well and the election will be held in October.

I remember your peace of advice that school gardens can be used as school Laboratories for science subjects. Your advice has been able practically achieved at Harambee secondary school as I have been able to transform the knowledge from buildings to gardens for simplifying the complexity of science subject from ideal to reality As a member of the Rotary club, I believe that, students are very bing party of the community I work from. Having students with correct knowledge on nutrition will enable significant changes of the whole society since they are ambassadors to there community.

Regards to the Food guide, Actually, exceptional and esteemed appreciations go to you and all members who devoted their time for preparing the food guide.

We have been able to use the food guide for choosing crops to plant and through the guide we have been able to understand a lot of knowledges of the nutritional deficiencies in the student's and teacher's diets."(sic)
Program partner in Tanzania

I wanted to share with you good news when it's ready. We have a land now where the garden can proceedThe garden is a collaboration between Ikan Kecil and local land owner and young family who looks after the garden. All people are local from the Karangasem area in Bali. We already received the food guides in Bahasa as well. Thank you very much!.....

Thank you so much for all support and we are very excited to see the garden grow and provide additional food to the community.

The name of the garden has been chosen by local community and it is Padang Kawat: World Garden ♥ (sic)

Program partner in Indonesia



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... **Program partner in Vietnam**

"Happiness is when you can do something to help somebody."

What makes us @aogwrwn happy?

These small gardens have grown very well so that they can be daily foods for hundreds of students and teachers at kindergartens. More importantly, they could sell some of them for extra money to buy more nutritious foods for students. Therefore, the rate of malnutrition in children here was cut down effectively. During Covid-19 isolation, these gardens played a good role in supporting foods for people here.

Thanks all people for taking care of them so well as clean and healthy gardens. Big thanks to our partners for assisting us to make love gardens.



Tikai Pitakia from KGA recently reported "It's great to hear of your organization 'Plant Food Solution ' and the fantastic work of educating people about food we grow and consume that will benefit our nutritional needs. Not only that but as you rightly mentioned are more tolerant/resistant and adapted to the local environment- resilience to climate change, pest & diseases etc. KGA has continued its effort to collect, bulk and promote growing of indigenous fruits & nuts and leafy vegetableswe strongly believe they are more accessible, nutritious, adapted to our local environment, and farmers can save their own seeds/ planting material, and can grow with less inputs compared with imported plants.

*We will share these materials (viz plant guides) to our local partners in our network throughout the 9 provinces of Solomon Islands. We have a local network which is composed of more than 5,000 members (planting material network members), including schools (boarding schools, Rural training centres- RTCs), ministries (MAL, MHMS), and NGOs, farmer organizations." (sic) **Program partner Solomon Islands***

We recently received the following message from our program partner in Cameroon, Ngo Banfogha:

*"For us here, the crisis keeps intensifying and women and children are greatly affected. Recently 8 children were killed at school by armed men, their only crime was that they when to school. We introduced the use of a home garden as an alternative solution to improve children's nutrition and combat hunger. We are using some of your proposed plants like soya beans. So far 5 women have benefitted and done so well. There have been challenges in getting funding and we keep trying and hope help comes. domestic violence and rape are increasing by the day, women, and deeply affected. we also introduce some other projects to provide psychosocial support to those we can reach and fight hard day by day." (sic) **Program partner Cameroon***

"I saw you wonderful work on Landline. I couldn't wait to get onto my computer to see what you do. I was so excited when I saw the simple way you put everything together. Well done.

*Even though we are in Fiji, the Solomon Islands are almost the same, will be great to print off some of your papers and put it in our classroom. We do a lot of grassroot teaching at our training centre." (sic) **Northern Christian Training Centre in Labasa, Fiji***

"I'm impressed to read about school garden training in Tanzania and the renewed focus on indigenous and underutilized foods!" **Erick Ngethe, Project Manager, World Agroforestry**

"We distributed some to the Government ministries a week ago at Heritage park at a workshop facilitated by FAO & Ministry of Agriculture. We at KGA are continuing distributing the books. Yesterday, one of our staff brought with her to Gizo in the western province of Solomon couple of copies to distribute them there. We keep records of who receives & number of the books distributed. We have asked our staff to take copies of the book with them wherever they are travelling in various parts of the country. Next week we'll be having a workshop here at Kastomgaden with participants form Rural training centres and so we'll be sharing copies of the books for them to take them back to their respective schools in the 3 province, Malaita, Western and Guadalcanal."
Kastom Gaden Association Solomon Islands

"Congratulations on the excellent and useful work that is Food Plant Solutions. As we work closely with the community in growing vegetables and healthy cooking methods/nutrition, we truly value the combination of information about growing requirements and nutritional values in a practical way." – **Daniela Bustillo, YAYASAN USAHA MULIA (YUM) Indonesia**

"Your copies of publication for Uganda are of absolute importance as aids to sensitise farmers. We have two successful planting seasons perhaps some the crop varieties may succeed throughout the year especially vegetables provided farmers are trained to do so. This would ensure constant household nutritious food supply throughout the year hence food security and healthy community. Thank you so much." **Program partner in Uganda**

"The link you sent me is very important to me, my organization and to everyone who believes in food and nutritional security particularly in third world countries. Please accept my utmost recognition and respect for publishing this invaluable book which can be used at all levels of community based food production." **Hussen Ahmed, Managing partner, Soil and More Ethiopia**

"Dear Food Plant Solutions, I'm just letting you know that I've downloaded your program guides for South Sudan, Republic of Congo & Kenya. I'm working as a volunteer teaching permaculture to a group of people at kakuma Refugee Camp and I think your resources will be most useful to them. Thanks very much for all that you are doing. Angie Polkey." **Kakuma Refugee Camp, Kenya**

"Please note we are implement the food plant solution project. We have secure 30hectares of land and we are currently planting. More information on the project can be found on Facebook. Africa youth Farm. Hope to continue working with you" **Africa Youth for Peace and Development SIERRA LEONE**

"I am very happy to see that our communication started 2 years ago has reached a very important milestone.. On the other hand, we are thinking to make the launching of this material within the Ethiopian Nutrition and Agriculture community.Again, thank you for this collaboration that I am sure will contribute a lot to the entire nutrition and agriculture community of Ethiopia." **Hiwot Amare, Co-founder and Executive Director, N4ED - Nutrition 4 Education & Development, Ethiopia**

"Thank you so much for this valuable information regarding the work you are doing. I am ready and eager to collaborate with you to spread this good news geared towards promoting nutritious food for improved food security and human health to our stakeholders and communities." **Dr. Laurent N. Kaburire, PhD, BSc Agronomy (SUA), MCED (OUT), PhD (SUA), Lecturer: St. John's University of Tanzania**

*"Our team have been learning during this last year, how to manage an organic garden, using material provided by different universities of Indonesia and also Europe, also with your Food Plant Solution guide.".....
"Regarding the Food plant Solution guide, accordingly with the professor of the university of Vigo that is here volunteering the problem is that is quite focus on the nutritional composition of the different fruits and vegetables of Indonesia and is more theoretical than methodological (which is the most important in the present moment of our program). Anyway, we consider the information of your guide is very useful."* **Program partner Indonesia**



MEDIA:

ABC Landline

ABC Landline produced a story on Food Plant Solutions that provides an excellent overview of the project and the work being undertaken in Australia and overseas.

<https://www.abc.net.au/landline/world-class:-cataloguing-the-worlds-edible-plants/12586302>

Fresh Food for Families

During September 2020, The Rotary Club of North Hobart partnered with Campbell Street School to host a Fresh Foods for Families event. This event proved to be a huge success and was highlighted it on the Channel 7 news. This segment, not only reported on the event but also provided an excellent overview of the project. It can be viewed on the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dNXsayxEPUw&feature=youtu.be&t=299&fbclid>

INDIA NAIDOO to Highlight FPS on Nightlife!

Having previously shown interest in and support of FPS Indira Naidoo interviewed Una Hobday, Chair of FPS Rotary Action Group on Nightlife. This interview was included in the "Grass Roots" segment of Nightlife on **Sunday 25 October 2020**. The 15 minute interview begins 5.20 minutes into the podcast that can be viewed on: <https://www.abc.net.au/radio/programs/nightlife/nightlife/12780698>.