



# HUNGRY CITIES PARTNERSHIP

Over the next 30 years, almost all the anticipated 3 billion increase in the human population will occur in cities of the South. By 2030 these cities will absorb 95% of global urban growth, becoming home to 80% of the world's urban population. Accompanying this urban transition is a growing crisis of food insecurity in cities and city-regions. Even in countries experiencing economic growth, food insecurity is a major challenge.

The Hungry Cities Partnership was formed to address the links between three of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals:

No. 1: No Poverty

No. 2: Zero Hunger

No. 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

The Hungry Cities Partnership
(HCP) is an international network
of cities and city-based partner
organizations that focuses on
the relationships between rapid
urbanization, informality, inclusive
growth and urban food systems in
the Global South.

The HCP conducts collaborative research, training and advocacy with the aim of providing innovative solutions to the challenge of building sustainable cities, and policies and programmes that promote food security in these cities.



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The Hungry Cities Partnership at Wilfrid Laurier University, the University of Waterloo and the Balsillie School of International Affairs in Canada, together with partners in Cameroon, China, India, Jamaica, Kenya, Malawi, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia and South Africa, is building institutional capacity and new global scholars and leaders with expertise in urbanization, urban food systems, urban governance and informality. For more information on this exchange program for doctoral students, post-doctoral fellows and early career scholars, see http://hungrycities.net/qesscholars/apply/

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## THE HCP'S MAIN OBJECTIVES

- Examine the levels and determinants of all four dimensions of food security — availability, access, utilization and stability — in a range of cities across the Global South and the relationships between food insecurity, poverty and urban food systems
- Generate a significant body of comparative, interdisciplinary knowledge on the organization, structure and potential for inclusive growth in the informal food economy and implications for food security in cities of the Global South
- Analyze the implications of supermarket competition for entrepreneurship, innovation, job creation and inclusive growth in the urban informal food economy
- Critically assess opportunities for women and youth to be incorporated into urban food systems as entrepreneurs and employees with decent jobs
- Assess national, regional and municipal policies that affect enterprise development, entrepreneurship and innovation in the informal food economy
- Build the institutional capacity of research organizations and networks to conduct collaborative, policy-oriented research on urban food systems
- Mentor and train graduate students and post-doctoral researchers to conduct rigorous, high-impact research on urban food security and inclusive growth
- Build a policy-oriented knowledge platform to positively impact on the regulatory environment governing urban food systems in partner cities as well as influence the emerging global development agendas on urbanization, food security and poverty alleviation

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