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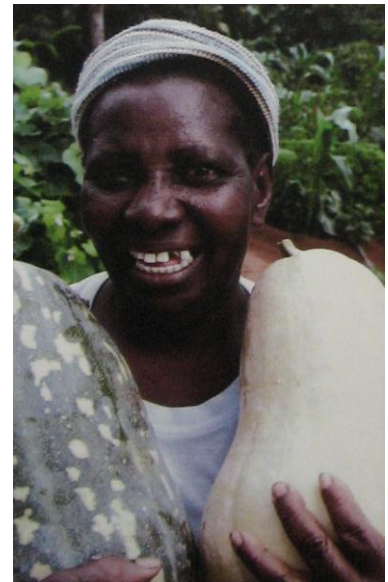
Intensive Family Food

Production

and

Rainwater

Harvesting



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These Guidelines are meant as a tool in the next step of that “War on Hunger” – to help poor rural women catch water where it falls, and use it to send strong healthy children into a bright future of learning and fulfilment.

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Acronyms

ALE	Approved Legal Entity
BK	Bookkeeper
DoA	Department of Agriculture
DWAF	Department of Water Affairs and Forestry
EoI	Expression of Interest
FFP	(Intensive) Family Food Production
FFP-A	FFP Assistant
FFP-F	FFP Facilitator
FFP-M	FFP Manager
IRR	Internal Rate of Return
ISD	Institutional and Social Development
ISD-F	ISD Facilitator
ISD-M	ISD Manager
LN-SI	Large Number-Small Infrastructure projects
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
MM	Mind Mobilisation
PSC	Project Steering Committee , consisting of elected community members
PVC pipes	Poly-Vinyl-Chloride pipes
QA	Quality Assessor
QAA	Quality Assessor Assistant
RIA	Registered Implementing Agent
RWH	Rainwater Harvesting
SK	Storekeeper
TECH staff	Technical and construction staff
TO	Technical Officer
VIP toilet	Ventilated Improved Pit toilet