LOCAL CHALLENGE PROJECT 2020: Accelerating the SDGs
THE ICA FLEXI-SHELF : KATANGA
KAMPALA, UGANDA

SEPTEMBER 2020
We held the first seminar with the residents of Katanga.
Our main goal was to ascertain whether the community would be interested in taking up urban agriculture as an integral part of their way of life.
We got positive feedback, with most of the members in attendance showing interest in starting their own garden.
Some of the concerns raised included spatial considerations, security and how to access resources.
Together, we brainstormed on how these challenges could be addressed, the main motivations being the creation of a demonstration garden.

NOVEMBER 2020
In collaboration with the Ghadeer Research Labs and the Botanic club of Kampala North, we held the second seminar with the residents of Katanga.
The purpose of this seminar was to acquire skills and knowledge in sustainable urban agricultural practices.
The training was conducted by the Ghadeer Research Labs team, who currently promote urban agriculture in small spaces in an abandoned exterior area within the city.
The training started with an excursion around Katanga in search of good soils, stones, and trees which would serve as supports required to start our garden.
We were trained on how to choose soils with the aid, how to correctly assemble the shed and how to plant and water the seedlings.
Our orchard garden was then placed in an open space where community members would be able to maintain and tend to it.

FOLLOW UP VISIT 1.
DECEMBER 2020
We made our first follow-up visit after three weeks and found that the garden had been a success thus far.
Some of the community members had already started to plant various vegetables such as lettuce and tomato plants.
A group of the community members had also planted Irish potatoes in a new rhizome garden next to the first one.
However, we also found that some community members who had participated in the seminars had not returned to tend to the gardens, partly because of the lockdown but also due to other factors.
We are considering the planting of another demonstration garden in a more accessible and public space so that more community members can interact with it and be motivated to grow such gardens in their homes.