

## ATEDSG

The Dry Season Gardening project is based in Lawra Municipal in Ghana and is supported by East Garston meeting.

As a result of climate change, the dry season in the region has become so long that food runs out before the rains come and the next crops can be grown. The project is working to train local farmers and give them equipment to use new rowing techniques in order to grow enough food year round to survive. The aim of the project is to improve year round income opportunities, improve crop yields, reduce food insecurity and improve household nutrition.

Blind and partially sighted farmers were involved in the pilot scheme and found that the success of their work encouraged community members to change their negative perception towards disability. Overall the pilot demonstrated that farmers are able to maintain their farm from one season to the next using savings they have generated from a successful harvest. Producing enough food to eat has put them and their families in a strong and sustainable position for the future with farmers in the pilot making sufficient profits to start saving and spending more money on education and health care, and re-investing in their gardens.

