



Mid Day Meal Scheme



**Ministry of Human Resource Development
Govt. of India**

**Kitchen Garden
Workshop Goa 6-7 November 2017**



Need of Kitchen Garden

- Fresh vegetables for MDM
- Exercise for children
- Education for Children
- Improves Landscape
- Nurtures soil & Air
- Conserves water
- Wildlife habitat



Kitchen Garden

States	No of Schools
Arunachal Pradesh	350
Assam	33892
Manipur	600
Haryana	600
Tripura	446
Uttarakhand	848
West Bengal	1994

Things to Consider...

- Location
- Soil types
- Types of crops
- Garden Layout
- Rotation of crops
- Planting Methods
- Weed Control
- Pest Control



Importance of Kitchen Gardens

- ❑ The vegetables grown in these kitchen gardens can be used in the preparation of MDM.
- ❑ Provides an opportunity to children to eat freshly grown vegetables containing vitamins and minerals which are essential for their physical and mental growth and development.



Beneficial for children

- ❑ Students learn focus and patience, cooperation, teamwork and social skills. Further, they gain self-confidence and a sense of "capableness" along with new skills and knowledge in food growing.
- ❑ Achievement scores may improve because learning is more relevant and hands-on.
- ❑ Students may become more fit and healthy as they spend more time active in the outdoors and start choosing healthy foods over junk food.



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- ❑ Kitchen garden may supply most of the non-staple foods that a school needs every day of the year, including roots and tubers, vegetables and fruits, legumes, herbs and spices.
- ❑ **Roots and tubers** are rich in energy and legumes are important sources of protein, fat, iron and vitamins.
- ❑ **Green leafy vegetables and yellow- or orange-colored** fruits provide essential vitamins and minerals; particularly folate, and vitamins A, E and C.
- ❑ **Vegetables and fruits** are a vital component of a healthy diet and should be eaten as part of every meal. Especially important for small children's diets to ensure normal growth and intellectual development.

Pest Control/Prevention/Precautions

- Dispose of crop residue (leftovers)
- Rotate Crops
- Use “treated” seeds
- Use “resistant” varieties
- School garden may be grown preferably organically, with no toxic pesticides or synthetic fertilizers



Strategy for Kitchen Garden

- **Preparation of Booklet**
- **Preparation of Audio/Video spots**
- **Convergence with KVKs**
- **Display of plants on school notice board**
- **Community support**
- **Inclusion of data of Kitchen gardens in AWP&B**

Resources to be tapped

- ❑ **There are 655 Krishi Vigyan Kendras working under ICAR (Indian Council of Agricultural Research)**
https://kvk.icar.gov.in/dashboard_KVK_selection.aspx
- ❑ ***State Agriculture Universities***
- ❑ **State/UTs may have a convergence with KVKs for the availability of seeds/seedlings, manures/compost etc on a reasonable cost based on the different agro climatic zones.**
- ❑ **Support of community may also be utilized**

A meal to a Child is an offering to the Divinity.



Thank you