

Homestead Vegetable Kitchen Gardens

Our State is depending heavily on its neighboring states like Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh for meeting the vegetable requirement. The annual vegetable production of our State is only 7 Lakhs MT, (i.e.) 40% of the total requirement of 18 lakhs MT. Efforts are to be made for increasing Vegetable production in the State through massive social movement by starting Kitchen garden in all the households. As part of improving production system, it is decided to distribute vegetable seed kits to all households of the project area to promote & popularize vegetable cultivation in homesteads, with a view to increase vegetable production and to make available pesticide free, good quality vegetable to the people of the project area.



Objectives

1. To increase production of vegetable in the project area.
2. Promote cultivation of vegetable in homesteads to attain self sufficiency
3. Increase the availability of good quality, non – toxic vegetables
4. Awareness creation among public regarding the importance of organic vegetable cultivation.
5. Participation of the society as a whole like Kudumbasree, Janasree, Resident Association, School Students and NGOs in vegetable cultivation.

Programme

As part of the programme, 20,000 vegetable seed kits will be distributed to homesteads. PIA/WC will procure vegetable seeds of good quality from the departmental farms & VFPCCK and prepare vegetable seed kits containing seeds of 4-5 types of vegetable commonly cultivated like Bhindi, Amaranthus, Cowpea, Chilly, Bitter gourd, Snake gourd etc. in homesteads, costing Rs. 10/- including packing. The seed packets should be super scribed “IWMP Vamanapuram - Homestead Vegetable Gardens”. The Agricultural Officer of the Krishi Bhavans will select, finalize the beneficiary list in consultation with the NHGs and distribute the seed kits, free of cost. Training programmes will to be conducted as part of comprehensive vegetable development programme and ATMA Programmes for creating awareness and vegetable production skill among the people. Necessary technical Support for setting up homestead vegetable gardens will be given by Krishi Bhavan officials. Field visits will be conducted by Krishi Bhavan staff to address field problems. The launching of the programme will be arranged in a campaign mode involving local leadership.

It is proposed to implement the project with the technical assistance of VFPCCK, Government of Kerala and MGNREGS