

SUITABILITY CHECKLIST:

1) Does your beneficiary partner want a vegetable garden?

2) Do they have prior experience with a garden?

Do they have an existing garden? Have they ever had a garden? How big was it? Who looked after it? What happened to it?

3) What is the intended purpose of this new garden?

- Entrepreneurial – To make money selling vegetables

- Supplement Feeding Programmes – To produce food for consumption

- Educational – To teach learners about food production

- Other

4) How much space do they have for a new garden?

Educational Gardens can be small but gardens used for entrepreneurial or feeding purposes should not be smaller than 50m².

This does not have to be in one location but rather can be made up of a few little spaces. Measure metre x metre.

5) Is the location of the future garden suitable?

a) Does it receive at least 6 hours of direct sunlight a day? Look at the surrounding trees and buildings to see how much shade they will cast over the garden.

b) Is the soil full of rocks and/or large tree roots?

c) Is there a sewage drain nearby?

d) Is the area protected from children or free-roaming animals?

e) Is there easy and regular access to water?

f) What does the soil look like?

6) Who is going to care for the garden on an ongoing basis? Remember that looking after a large garden is hard work. It isn't something that a few people can do in their spare time. They will need to create a dedicated team, with an agreed upon schedule to care for the garden adequately.

a) Has this project been discussed with the selected garden carers?

b) What arrangement has been made with the garden carers? E.g. The school ground staff will care for the garden during the week and a local community member will water the garden during weekends and school holidays.

c) Has a work schedule been created amongst the team of garden carers?

7) Where will the produce go? Right at the start of the project everyone needs to agree how the vegetables will be distributed. Ensure that all stakeholders are aware of this arrangement and are in agreement.

