



## FSS and EETWG General Gardening Guidelines for the Refugee Camps | March 2020

- Avoid the plantation sites of 2018 and 19 while going for new site selection for cultivation
- Partner NGO's should have program to sensitized beneficiaries (on plantation and homestead gardening) before going for any intervention and distribution of MGK (Micro Gardening Kits)
- Consider vertical gardening rather than horizontal expansion and carefully distribute the planting Items (Seeds, seedlings) which would not support large area expansion and to avoid duplication of MGK support. – Duplication/overlap in sets
- Not to plant on steep slope vulnerable to erosion and landslides (< 10 degree is prescribed for gardening)
- Consider the vegetable species that requires less or zero tillage.
- Keep close monitoring system as RRRC office is very concern about the Plantation and environment.
- Advise to practice agroforestry if anybody goes for gardening in plantation area.
- Verify the gardening space collect geo coordinate before handover the MGK or during beneficiary selection.
- Focus on homestead agriculture/garden with multilevel and mixed vegetation that bring sustainable benefits to the household with various harvest models.
- Pest control measures should be implemented, taking into account the toxicity of many pesticides and insecticides, - over the longer term, non-chemical pest-control (Integrated Pest Management-IPM) methods should be instituted, to the extent possible.
- Discourage use of synthetic fertilizer and give emphasis on using green manure or vermi compost.
- Ensure water availability for the garden beds and use efficient irrigation system.
- Women should be given priority for such activities and supported by training in simple garden management techniques.