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PROJECT PROPOSAL

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| PROJECT TITLE | Community Gardens and Urban Farming | | |
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| DATE SUBMITTED | | PROJECTED START DATE | |

PROJECT NAME AND DESCRIPTION

The **Community Gardens and Urban Farming project**'s objective is to engage young people in sustainable agriculture through the creation and maintenance of community gardens and urban farms. This initiative provides practical, hands-on experiences that promote environmental responsibility and community collaboration. By participating in this project, youth will develop essential green skills, including sustainable agriculture, horticulture, teamwork, and community engagement.



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PURPOSE / GOALS

Develop sustainable agriculture skills: Educate and train youth in sustainable agricultural practices, including soil management, composting, and organic farming techniques (such as biological pest control).

Improve horticultural skills: Teach practical skills in plant cultivation, garden maintenance, and crop rotation.

Foster teamwork: Foster collaboration among participants through group projects and shared garden management responsibilities.

Promote Community Involvement: Strengthen community ties by involving local residents in garden activities and promoting awareness of the benefits of urban agriculture.

ASSUMPTIONS

- There is sufficient community interest and support for the project.
- There is suitable and available land to develop a community garden and urban farm project.
- There is interest from youth and volunteers to participate in the project on an ongoing basis.
- Experienced gardeners, mentors, and educators are available to provide training and support.

MEASUREMENTS OF SUCCESS

Skills assessment: Assess participants' knowledge and skills through pre- and post-project evaluations.

Community involvement and participation: Track the number of community members who participate in events and activities.

Adoption of sustainability practices: Evaluate participants' adoption of sustainable practices in their personal lives and future projects.

RISK FACTORS

Funding limitations: Lack of or inadequate funding can affect the ability to purchase necessary tools, seeds, and other materials, making the project unviable.

Lack of space or land to garden: Finding suitable and sufficient space available for urban gardens can be a challenge in densely populated areas.

APPROACH

- **Stakeholders' analysis:** collect information about the people and communities that will be impacted by the project.
- **Alliances with other organizations:** Scout NGOs and other organizations already involved in urban gardening to assess opportunities for collaboration, such as identifying potential sites for community gardens and urban farms, soil testing, and other activities where specific expertise is needed, funding and resources.
- **Needs Assessment:** Prepare surveys, interviews and roundtables with the community to understand their needs, preferences, and potential level of involvement in the project.
- **Workshops and Training Sessions:** As part of the project workshops will be conducted on topics such as regular sustainable agriculture practices, horticulture, and garden management. Including sessions on biological pest control, composting, and water conservation.
- **Mentorship Program:** To increase the impact, youth participants will be paired with experienced gardeners and mentors to provide ongoing guidance and support.
- **Create a plan for maintenance and Harvesting:** A plan will be developed to involve youth in the regular upkeep of the gardens, including watering, weeding, pest control, and harvesting crops.

- **Community Events:** Organize events such as open garden days, community harvest festivals, and educational tours to involve the broader community and showcase the project's achievements.
- **Progress Tracking:** Regularly monitor the growth and health of the gardens, participant engagement, and community involvement. Use surveys and feedback sessions to gather input.
- **Impact Assessment:** Evaluate the project's impact on participants' knowledge and skills, community cohesion, and environmental sustainability. Adjust strategies based on findings to improve outcomes.

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TIMELINE / MILESTONES

OVERVIEW

The Community Gardens and Urban Farming project timeline outlines key phases from start to finish. It includes planning, securing resources, training participants, and setting up gardens. Each milestone ensures smooth progress and effective implementation, leading to successful and sustainable urban farming initiatives.

MILESTONE

DEADLINE

Land selection and soil testing

Month 1-2

Community engagement and alliance formation

Month 2-4

Garden planning and tools and materials acquisition

Month 3-4

Planting and initial cultivation

Month 4-6

First Harvest and Community Event

Month 6-8

PROJECT COST AND RESOURCE ESTIMATE

OVERVIEW

This section outlines the estimated annual costs associated with key components of the project, including human resources, materials, equipment, teaching materials, workshop tools, marketing efforts, and communication tools.

| NEEDS / INVESTMENT | COST |
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| Human resources: Project Manager, Volunteers, Trainers and Mentors, Community Manager | 110.000 |
| Materials and equipment: Materials for constructing raised garden beds and planters if required, gardening tools, compost, mulch, pest control product, products for the soil | 15.000 |
| Teaching and learning materials: Guides and instructional materials for training sessions. | 3.000 |
| Equipment and tools for workshops: Whiteboards, projectors, and other tools for conducting workshops and meetings. | 3.000 |
| Marketing material: Flyers, leaflets. | 2.000 |
| Communication Tools: Computers, phones, and internet access for coordination and outreach. | 2.000 |
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| ESTIMATE TOTAL | 135.000 |