The School Garden Model

Lives Flourish in the Garden

Pamoja Tuwalishe is an innovative school meals program supporting 367 schools and communities operationalize the National School Feeding Guidelines. Implemented in support of the Government of Tanzania's priority to improve childhood nutrition, Pamoja Tuwalishe is funded by USDA McGovern-Dole, and Global Communities oversees the implementation of program activities in the schools and communities in Dodoma and Mara regions. Pamoja Tuwalishe equips and trains communities, local government, and schools to utilize replicable program models that guide activities to improve student attendance, attentiveness, and overall academic performance.

Pamoja Tuwalishe's School Garden Model operationalizes the NSFG and will be utilized in the 367 program-supported schools. This Model will be used to train and equip schools to nurture nutritious school gardens that will serve as learning sites for students to practice climate-smart agricultural practices while contributing healthy harvests for the students' meals at school. This model enables teachers, student garden clubs and parents to plan, cultivate, nurture, and reap the harvests from nutritious-dense gardens that can be replicated at home. Garden Teachers are invited to join the Community of Practice to share updates, best practices, encouragement, lessons learned.

Students' Benefits of School Gardens:

✓ Expands climate smart knowledge and skills through hands-on learning.
✓ Enriches understanding of the importance of healthy diets.
✓ Improves and diversifies meals served at schools.
✓ Instills a sense of responsibility and accountability
✓ Strengthens parent-student-school interaction.

Four Components of the Model

- Operations Manual is the "How to Guide" with Standard Operating Procedures, clarifying roles and responsibilities for all stakeholders involved.
- The Toolkit consisting of 13 tools, including data collection forms, templates, job aids, checklists.
- The Digital Information and Learning System is cloud-based, accessible anytime, and consists of the Toolkit, Dashboards, and training materials.
- The Training Curriculum is 10 self-led learning modules.

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