

# The micro - gardens in Djibouti's République or agricultural practice in a context of scarcity of land and water using domestic wastewater

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## Context

- ⇒ Arid Country with rainfall of 150 mm per year with drought in repetition
- ⇒ 69 600 ha of arable land representing 3 % of the territory to feed about 900 000 inhabitants
- ⇒ Chronic food insecurity and malnutrition, severe malnutrition for children especially

## Intervention area

- ⇒ Region of Dikhil (As-Eyla and Sissalou)
- ⇒ Region of Tadjourah (Adaïlou, Dafénaïtou, Guirori, Randa)
- ⇒ Region of Obock (Orobor, Assassan, Oulma)

- ⇒ Funding : European Union
- ⇒ Start date implementation of micro gardens: October 2015



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Project's name	Country	City	Start Date-End Date	Water Sources	Uses
Project to support non-state actors in Djibouti in the development of sustainable economic activities for food security and integrating the conservation of natural resources	Djibouti	⇒ Region of Dikhil (As-Eyla et Sissalou) ⇒ Region of Tadjourah (Adailou, Dafénaitou, Guirori, Rand ⇒ Obock (Orob Assassan, Oulma)	2015-2018	Domestic wastewater	Agriculture

## Sources

Origin	domestic
Water reused (m <sup>3</sup> /Y)	_1m3/year/square meter_

## Uses

Crops	Vegetables
Irrigated Area (Ha)	200 micro gardens of 5 square meter
Cost of the Cubic meter (€/m <sup>3</sup> )	0 €

## Water Reuse Chain

Treatment	No
Disinfection	No
Storage Capacity (m <sup>3</sup> )	Basin and can of 25 liters
Irrigation	Manual watering

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**Goals**

⇒ Contribute to improve food and nutrition security and poverty reduction in rural areas for the benefit of the most vulnerable households



**Projects outcomes**

⇒ 200 households  
⇒ 200 micro- gardens of 5 square meter  
⇒ Annually producing 6t of tomatoes, 22t of lettuces, 8t of cabbage, 7,5t of onions, 5,5t eggplants  
⇒ Monetary incomes of € 86,580

**What are the expected productions per household?**

⇒ Micro- gardens of 5 square meter/household  
⇒ i) about 200 tomatoes (30 kg) per year;  
⇒ ii) 36 lettuces every 60 days;  
⇒ iii) 10 cabbage every 90 days;  
⇒ iv) 100 onions every 120 days.



**What paradigm shift with regard to the context?**  
**Micro- garden in household as an alternative!**

Hydroponics using little space and supports made of recycled materials for the production of a wide variety of vegetables in concessions, **using grey water**



## Success factors

- ⇒ **Larges household size**: 11 people on average
- ⇒ **Large quantity of water** used for washing and hand washing ( muslim majority population): **27 liters per day** on average for households
- ⇒ **Modests water needs** of micro-gardens : 3l per day for 1 squater meter
- ⇒ Practices of **domestic livestock** in almost all households
- ⇒ **Valorisation** of household waste and animal feces in the constitution of **production substrates**



### Any device for collecting grey water?

- ⇒ Creating washing areas and ablution appointed within households by households themselves
- ⇒ Creating a grey water collection basin
- ⇒ Storage in the basin or directly in 20 liters cans



### Whats potentials risks the grey water uses?

- ⇒ Limited health risk due to the low fecal contact
- ⇒ Assimilation and utilization by plants of ions contained in these waters ( phosphates, calcium, magnesium)

### In what way is the method sustainable and vulgarisable ?

- ⇒ Few constraints for watering because of availability of irrigation water (27l per day per household used for washing hands)
- ⇒ Available substrates and enriched with animals feces
- ⇒ Use utensils and recovery material used for the production



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