

Home Gardening Training Training



**Eat More Vegetables
Grow Your Own Vegetables
Sell Vegetables Every Day
Make More Money**

An ATSP "Agriculture Productivity" Services Opportunity

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Services Overview

The basis of this service is home gardening training based on the well developed Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Farmer Field School (FFS) model promoted across Cambodia and Asia, lasting the entire home gardening season (dry or monsoon season) with a group of up to 30 farmers meeting on a weekly basis. The objective of increasing overall vegetable production in the home area, based mainly on organic methods, for consumption and sale. The training usually covers about three months, often in the cool season when more vegetables are grown but is also offered for the monsoon season. This is a holistic training which focuses on growing a healthy crop. ATSA can tailor courses for specific needs of the client. Women participants are particularly encouraged.



Training Agenda Topics

- Physiology of vegetable plants
- Basic Cultivation Techniques
- Predator and Parasitic Insects
- Major Garden Pest Insects and Diseases
- Agro-ecosystem Analysis
- Soil ecology and development
- Field Ecology Studies
- Organic fertilizer production

ATSA Training Personnel

Services are provided by a network of more than 500 District-based expert trainers with many years experience supported by more than 1500 community-based expert farmer trainers lead this powerful course. They are provided technical and training backup by central ATSA staff with International experience in IPM and FFS who help tailor and update course content.

Cost per season long 2-4 month FFS is \$650 for 30- 40 farmers. Courses can be adjusted to fit local budget and time considerations.

Expected Outputs

1. 50-300% increase in vegetable production
2. Reduction in costs
3. Improved understanding of field ecology
4. Better independent decision-making skills
5. Group cohesion and cooperation
6. Application of skills to additional problems and crops

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