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Youth and Horticulture

“making the best match”



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Horticulture's Needs

Horticulture crops commonly:

- Need low amounts of land (in comparison to staple crops)
- Support supplemental food/consumption and are not normally linked to household food security
- Require intensive farming over a short period of time
- Include many post-harvest processing activities





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Understanding Youth and their Needs

Youth is a temporary identity

Limited Access and Control

- **Transitioning to access and control of assets**

- **Household contributors vs providers**

Need for Quick Returns

- **Need quick responses/feedback**

- **Transitional life events**



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the Matchmaker

Making the Match

Matches	Horticulture	Youth
Crop Cycles	Shorter and intensive crop cycles	Provides rapid feedback and quick financial returns
Household Control	Not linked to food security	Great access to decision-making and control
Land Needs	Requires lower amounts of land	Matches limited access to land
Value Addition	Additional processing	Enterprising opportunities





The First Fit

Youth, Horticulture, and PYD Programming can lead a positive future for youth in agriculture

