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Under current COVID guidance, S34D continues to implement seed systems work in a dozen countries and would like to share in this newsletter some consultants opportunities and a new report on potential Last Mile Delivery Models.

Call for national consultants

Global Feed the Future Supporting Seed Systems for Development (S34D) is seeking two **Ugandan national consultants** and two **Mozambican national consultants** to help facilitate a Participatory Impact Assessment of emergency seed interventions in Uganda. They will work alongside the other international and national field team members to undertake participatory impact assessments of selected emergency seed interventions to address the question of how these interventions may have impacted the livelihoods of the male and female smallholder farmers and male and female seed suppliers involved; and collect data to contribute towards understanding the impacts of the interventions on the informal and formal seed systems (including seed markets) in the local area. Deadline is August 26th for Uganda, September 1 for Mozambique.

New Resources

S34D consortium member International Fertilizer Development Center has produced a report on **Existing and Potential Business Models on Last Mile Delivery of Seeds**. This report builds on insights developed from the review of existing models of seed delivery systems available in sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) that serve most smallholder farmers. While no one model will be able to deliver on all the needs of rural small-scale male and female farmers, the study recommends proposing potential models that can be adopted and providing basic guidelines to account for scalability, sustainability, quality standards, incorporation of technological advancements, and the creation of a local ecosystem around the solution considering of inclusivity nature i.e., considering gender, age and disability of the population involved. Through experimentation with different approaches, we will eventually produce models that are able to drive more quality seed and related inputs sustainably to most small-scale male and female farmers in rural SSA.

New S34D webpage

The Supporting Seed Systems for Development **webpage** has undergone a makeover! In addition to the new look, we've made it easier to find and download resources, which now include new reports, publications, webinars and archived S34D emails. Bookmark the site today to help facilitate your work.

December is S34D month on Agrilinks!

We are very excited to be partnering with Agrilinks to focus on S34D in the month of December. In addition to planning a series of webinars and blogs, we are seeking your seed input. If you are a USAID Implementing Partner and would like to share your seed systems work with a broader audience through **Agrilinks** in the month of December, please reach out to **S34D@crs.org** and we can work together to get your blog posted.

Stay safe and be well,
S34D team

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