This case study, conducted in Western Kenya, examines a niche market business model to deliver micronutrient rich bean varieties. Linking agrodealers to motorbike riders, creates great potential to improve last-mile seed delivery, access to new technologies, farmer productivity, and farmer resilience during times of crisis.

In markets around the world, seed rules and regulations determine who can produce and sell seeds under which circumstances, which varieties will be available in the market, the quality of seeds for sale, and where seed can be bought and sold. A new global study from S34D, Using Regulatory Flexibility to Address Market Informality in Seed Systems, examines the role of law and regulation in linking informal and formal seed sectors to create more inclusive and better governed seed systems. This report was published by Bhramar Dey and Katrin Kuhlmann in MDPI agronomy.

S34D has expanded into two new geographies, conducted global learning studies, and continued to develop tools and technologies to enhance farmers access to seed choices. The newly released Global Supporting Seed Systems for Development Activity FY21 Semi-Annual Report details S34D accomplishments which include fostering South-South learning, capacity-building activities in Sub-Saharan Africa, presenting gender-conscious learning across all activities, leading the global community’s efforts to develop rapid seed security assessments, and conducting evidence-based dialogues with partners.

We are interested in hearing about any types of emergency recovery or resilience projects that have linked any retailer, in-person or online, to a forwarder to ensure they have access to their products. If you have any questions, or you are interested in learning more by the survey, please e-mail njgrigory@email.co.uk.

U.S. GOVERNMENT GLOBAL FOOD SECURITY STRATEGY 2022-2026

The U.S. Government’s Global Food Security Strategy is an integrated whole-of-government approach that aims to end global hunger, poverty, and malnutrition through the Feed the Future initiative. The updated strategy, launched in the fall of 2021, builds from the previous five-year strategy that was developed under the Global Food Security Act of 2016. The full strategy can be found here and a summary of the strategy here.

Domestic Support

The U.S. Government's Global Food Security Strategy builds on the Feed the Future initiative to focus efforts on Feed the Future activities at home by using the Feed the Future domestic fund. The principles for domestic support are focused on increasing food and nutrition security, improving agricultural productivity, and empowering women and girls. The U.S. Government's Global Food Security Strategy also supports efforts to increase food and nutrition security in the United States, including by leveraging existing programs and increasing coordination with other Feed the Future investments.

New Resources

S34D has several new innovative resources available:

**Upcoming Activities**

In December S34D and AgriLinks host Seed Systems month on AgriLinks! Feed the Future Global Supporting Seed Systems for Development activity (S34D) is very excited to be partnering with AgriLinks to focus on Seed Systems in the month of December. If you are implementing seed systems work and would like to share your results with a broader audience, please reach out to S34D@crs.org or Michael Saltz @ MSaltz@qedgroupllc.com and we will work together to get your blog(s) posted. S34D is planning a webinar about S34D’s ‘analysis of the yellow bean corridor in Tanzania’, including DNA fingerprinting, another webinar about “Regulatory seed systems maps in Ethiopia” as well as numerous blogs.

Stay safe and be well,

S34D team

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