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New Resources

S34D is pleased to present a variety of new resources from across the full spectrum of seed systems.

Seed Policy

Consultant Service Requests (CSRs) and the New Markets Lab (NML) collaborated on the Development and Comparison of Seed Regulatory Systems Maps in Ethiopia. This technical report provides input on the legal and regulatory system for seed in Ethiopia, following the passage in February 2020 and proposed revision to the Seed Proclamation (Federal Proclamation No. 1125/2019). The report identifies gaps and opportunities in Ethiopia’s revised set of Seed Regulatory Systems Maps (S34D, 2022). These maps identify the laws and procedures in Ethiopia’s seed value chain, the impact of the new seed proclamation, and the role private sector play in providing quality seed. The report concludes with recommendations on how to close these gaps and opportunities and suggests interventions to help enable more effective access to quality seed for farmers by private sector companies. S34D is seeking a consultant for an activity to support system assessments as a step towards seed system Strengthening. S34D has an open call for consultants.

Seed Financing

Opportunities & Constraints in Regulated Finance for Ethiopia’s Formal and Informal Seed Sector in Uganda, Rwanda, and Tanzania. This study is based on a literature review and consultation with various stakeholders. The philosophy is to contribute to more robust and comprehensive approaches to financing in seed and other agricultural inputs by providing a technical road map on what the next steps could be to strengthen access to seed and other agricultural inputs at the local level. A future study on the Ugandan refugee context, the response from the Ugandan government and international non-governmental organizations (INGOs), and the shift from food in-kind towards a market development approach within the humanitarian sector and the role financial service providers are playing in the seed and agricultural input market is being developed based on extensive consultations with national public and private stakeholders and validated with stakeholders (November 2021) and disseminated to seed sector partners (January 2022).

Emergency, Humanitarian Aid and Resilience

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Financial and Informal Seed Systems

S34D consortium partner Purdue University implemented a formal and informal seed systems assessment in Ethiopia’s Amhara and Oromia regions to assess the present system, and ongoing and future challenges. This study evaluates how the DiNER Fair approach improves participatory research methods employed to forecast demand, with the goal to lay out the recommendations for a technical roadmap. Ethiopia is one of the few countries in sub-Saharan Africa to have a working system and process that forecasts demand for seed and other agricultural inputs. This study lays out the recommendations for a technical roadmap.

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S34D is seeking a consultant in solidarity with Research to identify pathways to put farmers and pastoralists centers of the OneCGIAR Strategy. The purpose of this consultancy is to design a new study to implement and approach that involves farmers in the entire breeding process, from setting goals to selecting materials to develop seed production initiatives. The closing date for submissions is February 17th. Full announcement and details are available here (Word Doc).

Stay safe and be well,
S34D team

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