



## Supporting Seed Systems for Development

# S34D Newsletter

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## New Resources

S34D recently held two webinars to discuss findings from two key activities. Read on for more information.



On Feb 17, Dr. Bert Visser (Oxfam Novib) and Dr. Bhramar Dey (CRS) presented the findings from the empirical research “High-Quality Seed Production by Smallholder Farmer Groups: A Global Case Study”. The countries in this global study are Guatemala, Niger, Uganda, Vietnam and Zambia. This activity was a collaboration between Oxfam Novib’s SD=HS (funded by the Sida) and S34D (funded by Feed the Future and USAID). Additional information about the work can be found in the blog posted on Agrilinks. [High-Quality Seed Production by Smallholder Farmer Groups: A Global Case Study](#)



On Feb 23, Dr. Karta Kalsa (EIAR) and Dr. Bhramar Dey (CRS) presented the findings from the study “Forage Seed System Performance in Ethiopia: An overview based on key indicators”. This study is led by Dr. Karta Kalsa (EIAR), Dr. Abebe Atilaw (EIAR) and Dr. Bhramar Dey (CRS). In Ethiopia, an inadequate supply of forage seed has been identified as the major constraint to increased forage production. The present study provides a framework to capture key information elements related to the forage seed system performance in Ethiopia. The study also identifies opportunities for development partners and practitioners and provides policy implications and recommendations for national stakeholders and decision-makers. Data on key indicators such as variety development and release, early generation seed availability, commercial seed production, forage seed promotion and marketing, and seed quality assurance are collected using a structured survey instrument. [Forage Seed System Performance in Ethiopia: An overview based on key indicators](#)

## Posts:

S34D continues the dialogue on seed systems with new blogs posts:

- S34D: [Can Informal Traders Drive Seed Security? A Case of Eastern DRC’s Bean and Cassava Business](#)
- CIAT: [Participatory Approaches and Demand-Led Research Making Bean Seed Accessible to Millions of Smallholders in Burundi](#)
- CIAT: [Empowering Zinduka Women’s Group in Tanzania to Produce Quality Bean Seed and Better Their Community’s Well-Being](#)

Stay safe and be well,  
S34D team

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*Header photo by Will Baxter/CRS*

*Deborah Ayak Maluk, 28, waters vegetables on the farm of a vegetable producer group in Malou village, Bor county, Jonglei State, South Sudan*



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