The Role of Seed Vouchers and Fairs in Promoting Seed Market Development: Opportunities and Limitations

Micro-Franchise Model for Last-Mile Seed Delivery in Kenya

In a pilot implemented by IFDC, S34D worked with a seed company, agrodealers, farmers and motorbike riders to test a Micro-Franchise Model for Last-Mile Seed Delivery in Kenya. This report summarizes difficulties during implementation, lessons learned and the way forward for the micro-franchising concept.

Review of Existing Last Mile Seed Delivery Models and Approaches

S34D partner IFDC reviewed existing literature focused on seed delivery models for non-maize crops that are important to rural small-scale farmers in Sub-Saharan Africa. The crops covered include grain legumes, roots and tuber crops, canoels (non-maize), vegetatively propagated and fodder crops. The review identifies the various seed systems as articulated in available literature as the formal, informal, and quality declared seed systems and then delves into how the different (ten!) delivery models are organized around these seed systems. No one model can be considered a panacea to solve all challenges faced by farmers in accessing quality seed. This review rather forms a foundation in understanding what investments and efforts have been made by actors in the seed systems, and identifies areas that benefit from innovation, and how best partners can approach future seed system development projects in the region.

S34D Partner Received OECD Certification: Congratulations to the Zambia Seed Control and Certification Institute (SCCI) on achieving Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) seed certification standards and acceptance! A major achievement for SSCI, Zambian seed traders, Feed the Future, USAID United Southern Africa, and the Feed the Future Southern Africa Seed Trade Project. Zambian seed companies will now be able to trade using the globally recognized OECD seed label for export. S34D is delighted to work with a team which is clearly leading the way in seed quality control in Zambia, the region and beyond. S34D and SSCI are about to launch an online e-learning training platform for public and private seed inspectors. Stay safe and be well, S34D learn.

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