



## Supporting **Seed Systems** for Development

# **S34D Newsletter**

## S34D has entered the third quarter of its final year! In this issue, we share

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three S34D-penned blogs shared during Agrilinks' Seed Delivery Theme Month in February, along with details on a recently convened workshop hosted by S34D in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia focused on a Farmers' Variety Registration System and a new report about quality declared seed in Ethiopia. **Workshops & Conferences** 

USAID, and the Ethiopian government. S34D was honored to welcome distinguished guests Dr. Zemen Haddis, Feed the Future Coordinator and

Transformation Office, Ato Abera Mulat, Advisor to the State Minister within Ethiopia's Ministry of Agriculture, and Mr. Fiseha Teshome, Director of the Plant Variety Release, Protection, and Seed Quality Control Directorate

During the workshop, participants discussed a range of matters, including

Senior Policy Advisor from USAID Ethiopia's Economic Growth and

## S34D Farmers' Variety

### **Registration System** Workshop From March 28th to March 30th, S34D hosted a Farmers' Variety

Registration System workshop. Nearly 40 national and international seed experts were present, representing national research institutions, non-governmental organizations,

within the Ethiopian Agricultural Authority.



(1) regulatory flexibilities commonalities, challenges, opportunities and solutions, (2) the tenets of an ideal and practical FVRS, (3) seed certification and quality assurance for farmers' varieties and for formally released varieties, and (4) seed labeling, distribution, marketing for farmers' varieties, amongst other topics. To facilitate knowledge-sharing, international attendees exchanged information and experiences related to their respective country's process of establishing legal provisions for a farmers' variety registration system. S34D is in the process of culminating key findings from these fruitful exchanges, which will feed into a road map for the forthcoming implementation of a farmer variety registration system in Ethiopia.





### This S34D study investigated why Ethiopia adopted quality declared

#### seed (QDS) and how it is implemented considering the

political economy perspective of divergence and similarities of the different provisions indicated in the FAO guideline, the Ethiopian directive, and actual implementation practices. the seed supply by licensed seed companies – with the ultimate goal to fulfill



the ambitious seed production targets included in government development plans. The report unpacks practices and divergences of QDS in Ethiopia,

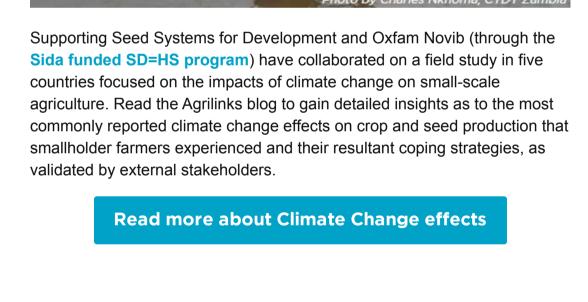
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highlights implications, and suggests a context-specific path forward.

on Small-Scale Agriculture

**Examining Climate Change Effects** 





What Are the Impacts of Emergency **Seed Interventions?** 

### explore the impacts of short-term seed interventions for disaster relief in emergency contexts, particularly focusing on outcomes for food security and livelihoods (FSL) and seed systems. Due to its ability to measure FSL

impacts in cases where baseline data is unavailable, a participatory impact assessment methodology was applied. Findings indicate that longer-term,

more strategic interventions may be more impactful, as they allow for

A recent S34D study in three areas of Central and Eastern Africa sought to

greater attention to varieties, seed systems, and the range of factors that influence crop production such as access to land, soil quality, drought, climate change and access to markets. Read the full Agrilinks blog to read more about specific findings, conclusions, and practical recommendations. **Read more about Seed Interventions Study Links Ethiopia Forage Diet with Emission Reductions** 

Photo by Daggy J. Al. Following a release in CABI Reviews and an S34D report, S34D has written

an Agrilinks blog that neatly summarizes its recent research that explored the economic benefits and role of cultivated forages. This information-

packed blog shares key findings, which underscore its primary message -

that forage-based feeding offers a triple win, with clear economic, social, and environmental gains, and is one of the more promising climate-smart feeding interventions at present. **Read more about Emissions Reductions** Stay safe and be well,

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