**Seed Producer/Company**

**Key Informant Interview**

Rapid Seed System Security Assessment

**Foreward**

* Respondents should be selected among individual commercial seed producers, seed producer groups, Quality Declared Seed groups, and seed companies serving the intervention zone.
* If administered by phone, respondent’s attention is shorter versus face-to-face interviews; therefore, a phone survey should last around 20 minutes, and no more than 30 minutes.
* Initially introduce oneself as an employee of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ undertaking a survey to understand the seed situation in the community. Tell the individual that the survey will last around 30 minutes. Ask if they would be willing to cooperate. Tell them that all responses are confidential and have no bearing on who may or may not receive project benefits in the future. Thank them for their participation.
* The survey is intended to be administered prior to planting for the upcoming season.

**Basic Information**

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| Date of interview: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **Enumerator Information** |
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| Gender (select one): □ Male □ Female  |
| Organization: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **Respondent Information** |
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| Gender (select one): □ Male □ Female Age: □ Age < 29 □ >29 |
| Person with disability status (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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| **Location** |
| Admin 1: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Admin 2: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Name of village: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Questions

1. **Characteristics of Seed Producer/Company:**

a. Individual/Group/Other (explain)

b. Registered with government (Yes/No)

c. Number of growers

1. **What crops seed/varieties do you produce/handle?**
2. **What class(es) of seed do you produce? (certified/QDS). What institution certifies your seed?**

a. Has the certification process changed from last year? If so, how?

1. **What crops seed/varieties are typically your largest in terms of volume?**
2. **What was the volume of your production for these crops last season?**
3. **Will you be producing more/less/the same this upcoming season?**

 □ More □ Less □ The same

a. If more or less, estimate the % change

b. Why the change?

1. **Will your sales price for seed increase/decrease/stay the same change since the same time last year?**

 □ Increase □ Decrease □ Stay the same

If so, estimate the % change by crop

Why the change?

1. **[For seed companies] How do you produce your certified seed (company land, individual farmers, farmer groups, other)?**
2. **Who are your main clients? Approximately, what percentage of your seed is sold/distributed to each group?**

a. Individual farmers (also % male/ female, youth/adult/ disabled)

b. Own members

b. Institutions (Government/NGOs)

c. Agrodealers

d. Seed companies

1. **Have the number and type of your clients changed since last year?**

a. If so, How? Any changes in sex or age groups of clients?

□ Yes □No

b. Why the changes?

1. **Where do you procure your basic seed?**
2. **Will you be sourcing more/less/the same from these sources this upcoming season?**

 □ Yes □No

a. If more or less, estimate the % change

b. Why the change?

1. **[If applicable] Have prices of basic seed increased/decreased or remained unchanged since the same time last year?**

a. If the price has changed, estimate the % change by crop

 □ Yes □No

b. Why the change?

1. **What crop varieties do farmers prefer? Is there a preference difference by male and female farmers, youth/ adult, those with disabilities? If so, what are those differences?**
2. **Will you be using your inputs (fertilizer, labor, pesticides, machinery) at the same rate as last year?**

 □ Yes □No

a. If not, which ones will you use at a different rate and why? (e.g., limited availability, high price…)

1. **What are the main constraints that your business is facing (e.g., services / regulation affecting them, credit, staffing, supply and distribution chain, challenges of predicting demand)? Are any of these constraints related to the current crisis? If so, which ones?**

1. **Have you received any support from the local authorities, NGOs or other institutions NGOs recently?**

 □ Yes □No

a. If so, what kind of support from what organization?

1. **What could be done to improve small farmer access to quality seed (either through formal or informal channels) [prompt for any differences in their recommendation if the smallholder farmer is male vs female, older vs youth, disabled]**