



Scaling Seed Systems in Tanzania through Enhancement of Policy and Regulatory Reforms & Implementation

Project Duration

Oct 2019 – July 2024

Budget

\$2.5 million (\$1.5 million Ukraine Supplemental Funds)

Geographic Focus Areas

Nationwide

Implementer

Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)

Partners

Ministry of Agriculture, Tanzania Seed Trade Association (TASTA), Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor of Tanzania (SAGCOT), Ruvuma Commercialization and Diversification of Agriculture (RUCODIA), Quince Wood Limited, Tanzania Official Seed Certification Institute (TOSCI), Agricultural Seed Agency (ASA)

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PROJECT OVERVIEW

Despite strengthened and expanded up-stream supply of seeds, challenges remain. Although there are notable recent increases in the use of improved seeds for certain crops, with the expectation of hybrid maize, the informal seed system, approximately 75% of the seed market, still dominates. Consequently, average productivity remains well below their potential. In addition, multiple government agencies exercise overlapping and sometimes conflicting mandates over the seed industry, so streamlining regulatory burden will lower compliance costs and increase incentives for agri-businesses investment.

OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE ACTIVITY

To address the challenge above, the activity seeks to increase access to quality seed for selected value chains by Tanzania smallholder farmers. The focus is to support the government and private seed companies to improve quality and increase quantity of certified seed for priority value chains in Tanzania; strengthen the seed distribution system for improved access to certified seeds; scale out farmer awareness and knowledge on use of quality seed and support the government in developing policies that promote increased production and supply of certified seeds.

KEY INTERVENTIONS

The activity utilizes four types of approaches to deliver the objectives of the activity:

- 1) Partner with local organizations to support and coordinate reforms of problem policies and regulations. AGRA will support work to enhance policy and regulatory environment for seed agribusinesses, particularly in the local government authorities, and creation of an Information and Communication Technology (ICT) platform that will bring together actors in the seed distribution value chain to increase efficiency in the delivery of agro-inputs, particularly seeds.
- 2) Generate research that will be used to quantify the worth and merit of proposed reforms: Under this component, AGRA will assess barriers to implementation of seed policies and regulations within the local government authority.
- 3) Create an ecosystem that provides a platform for coordination, transaction, and finance for sunflower and wheat market actors and other stakeholders, and
- 4) Strengthen the local seed industry by increasing the availability, access, affordability, and adoption of high yielding and high-quality sunflower and wheat seed.

