



CIP
INTERNATIONAL
POTATO CENTER



CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SEED POTATO PRODUCTION

International Potato Center (CIP) in collaboration with Syngenta Foundation for Sustainable Agriculture (SFSA) is supporting development of a sustainable seed potato production system in Kenya. The aim is to increase production and seed supply of some selected climate-smart potato varieties among potato producers. To make quality seed of improved varieties available to potato producers in the country, there is need to scale up production of the released potato varieties. In an effort to scale up quality seed production, the CIP-led potato project would like to encourage the participation of private seed multipliers. Public-private partnership arrangement for seed potato multiplication will accelerate seed production and access to quality seed among farmers.

Interested individuals should write to CIP to express their interest and clearly detail out the following information:

1. The total land area available for seed potato multiplication as well the history of the land in terms of crops that have been grown on the land for the past 5 years.
2. Indicate the season of interest when seed will be grown whether rainy season or dry season with irrigation or both.
3. Indicate whether the land is close to water source for irrigation purposes.
4. Indicate the experience in farming especially potato crop.
5. Provide substantial evidence of financial capacity to purchase farm inputs and cater for other production/storage expenses like labor, seed store among other things.

The successful candidates will discuss with the CIP-led potato project and agree on partnership modalities. This project is producing initial starter seed that will be multiplied by the successful seed growers under the technical supervision of the project leader. Seed quality inspection and certification will be done by Kenya Plant Health Inspectorate Service (KEPHIS) to meet all the production standards. Therefore, the successful candidate should be conversant and able to comply with various clauses and conditions of the seed regulations by KEPHIS.

CIP was founded in 1971 as a research-for-development organization with a focus on potato, sweetpotato and andean roots and tubers. It delivers innovative science-based solutions to enhance access to affordable nutritious food, foster inclusive sustainable business and employment growth, and drive the climate resilience of root and tuber agri-food systems. Headquartered in Lima, Peru, CIP has a research presence in more than 20 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

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Interested persons should submit their application via email with the subject **"EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SEED POTATO PRODUCTION"** and addressed to: a.malome@cgiar.org and cc CIP-Procurement@cgiar.org. Screening of applications will start on **1st February, 2021** and will continue until the adequate number of qualified seed multipliers is obtained. Applications can still be submitted after **1st February, 2021**.

Learn more about CIP by accessing our web site at <http://www.cipotato.org>.

CIP does not charge a fee at any stage of the recruitment process (application, interview meeting, processing or training).

CIP also does not concern itself with information on applicants' bank accounts.