



Introductory Remarks

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USAID BHA: Lifesaving Assistance for Those Who Need it Most



Save
Lives



Alleviate
Human Suffering



Reduce the impact
of humanitarian crises

Importance of SEED for BHA

- FY 21: 185 agriculture applications including 121 applications with seeds and seedlings components totaling \$234.7m
- BHA among the largest donors globally in emergency seed aid.
- Seed AID in terms of total value and # of countries is increasing.



Common Seed Issues in BHA Applications

1. Limited seed system / seed need's assessments to diagnose the seed issue - Access? Availability? Quality?
2. Seed quantities request assume farmers have no other seed sources and cannot produce seed.
3. Direct Seed Distribution is the dominant response modality proposed by partners.
4. Partners assume that all seed procured with BHA funding must be certified / low recognition of informal seed sources.
5. Low access to new and improved varieties beyond DSD (i.e. - demos, PVS, small packs).

Why is BHA funding an RTB capacity building program?

RTB crops are 'under-invested' in humanitarian agriculture due to crop characteristics and BHA partner knowledge & capacity (i.e. - managing RTB planting material in humanitarian contexts).

BHA humanitarian partners are interested to improve their knowledge and capacity to design and implement RTB activities in humanitarian contexts.

Competent technical RTB entities (CIP, IITA and national research partners) can train and support humanitarian partners and improve their capacity to work with RTB crops.

Tools4SeedSystems: Working Towards Resilience in Humanitarian Settings

STRENGTHEN seed need diagnosis for the design of RTB activities and due diligence on seed quality assurance processes in procurement of RTB planting materials.

INCREASE the timely availability of quality seed of farmer preferred and improved varieties in RTB activities funded by BHA.

IMPROVE coordination among seed system actors (formal/informal, public/private) to implement RTB activities in humanitarian contexts.

Thank You!

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