



## FAO Standard

### Seed Security Assessment : Seed Aid Actors

#### Note

a. Text highlighted in YELLOW to be modified or replaced after adapting the questionnaire to local context.

**Target: Key Government, FAO and NGOs Officials e.g.** Government agriculture officers ; FAO Field officer; NGO Programme Officers/Coordinators – at regional/zonal, county, district or lower levels

**Introduction:** We are **XX** and **YY**. We work for the **United Nations' FAO/Other**. We want to understand how seed system works in this area and therefore are interested to know the interventions your organization has done related to any kind of seed aid / assistance in the past or coming seasons. I would therefore like to request for you time if possible.

## 1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 For how long have you been providing seed to the community in this state/County?.....years

1.2 Who were your seed beneficiaries in **2013** ?

Vulnerable host

IDPs

Returnees

Refugees

1.3 How many households did you distribute seed to in the past five years? Where did you source your seed from?

Year	# Beneficiaries HH	Quantity (kg)	Seed source	Donor	Project value
<b>2014 (Target)</b>					
<b>2013</b>					
<b>2012</b>					
<b>2011</b>					
<b>2010</b>					

**Seed Source:** Local famers; 2= seed growers from within; 3= local traders; 4=registered seed traders; 5=seed company from within; 6= seed company from outside the county; 7=Another NGO/FAO/Government;

1.4 Which crop/varieties did you distribute to the beneficiaries last year (2013) and what is your plan for this year (2014)

Year	Crop	Variety	Quantity (kg)
2013			
2014			

1.5. Where/when did you distribute to the beneficiaries last year (2013), and what is your plan for this year (2014)

	County	When (month)	Distribution approach
2013			
2014			

Mode of distribution: 1= DirectSeedDistribution; 2=Fairs and Voucher; 3=Vouchers only;

1.6 What do you normally do to ensure that **quality seed** and **right varieties** are provided **on time** to the famers?  
Quality:

Right Varieties:

On time:

## 2.0 REFLECTING ON FAMERS RESPONSE (HH) ON SEED AID FROM THE SSCF POINT OF VIEW

Introduce the parameter by stating that ‘farmers responded in our individual interviews that there was a problem with ‘x’. We would like to follow up with those problems with you at this time.

Timing (seed arrived late)

- Why did farmers receive the seed late?
- What can be done to ensure farmers have timely access to seed?

#### Proximity (farmers had to travel long distances)

- How can seed be made accessible closer to farmers in the future?

#### Quantity (farmers received a fraction of the seed requirement)

- How did you decide on the quantity of seed per crop per farmer?

#### Transaction and Price (the seed was too expensive)

- If farmers were required to pay for seed, why was this decided?
- How was the price established?
- How did farmers pay back - in cash or in kind?
- What was the rate of repayment?

#### Physical Seed Quality (the seed was not clean)

- What was the cause of poor physical quality?
- What procedures were in place to ensure clean seed?

#### Seed Viability (the seed did not germinate well)

- do you test the seed before distributing it to the famers? What tests do you normally do?
- What do you think could have been the cause of the poor viability?
- What procedures were in place to ensure high germination is maintained?

#### Preferred Varieties (the varieties were not known to farmers)

- Were you aware that you were providing varieties that we not farmer preferred?
- If so, why did you make this decision?

#### Adapted Varieties (the varieties did not perform well)

- Why did you believe that the varieties distributed were adapted and would do well under farmer management?

#### **Strengths in your seed aid activity**

What went particularly well in your activity and why was this?

#### **Closing Questions**

1. Were you satisfied with the seed aid activity you implemented?
2. What did you learn from this experience?
3. What will you do differently next time?