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PRESS RELEASE

Twenty-four leading seed companies are selected for the Access to Seeds Index New initiative benchmarks seed companies on support for smallholder farmers and the SDGs

A new study by the Access to Seeds Index evaluated 70 seed companies across 13 countries in South and Southeast Asia. This resulted in the selection of 24 companies best positioned to support the productivity of smallholder farmers. End of 2018 the Access to Seeds Index will announce the leading seed company in Asia.

Amsterdam, The Netherlands, 26 April 2018 – The Access to Seeds Index, an initiative funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the government of the Netherlands, aims to encourage seed companies to step up their efforts to support smallholder farmer productivity. “By benchmarking seed companies, the index gives credit to companies that show leadership and encourages others to follow their example,” says Ido Verhagen, executive director of the Access to Seeds Index. “It also provides valuable information for governments, research institutes and donors interested in building partnerships with seed companies.”

Supporting smallholder farmers to grow more food is seen as key to feeding the region’s growing population. In 2016, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Agency (FAO) warned that, particularly in Asia, efforts to achieve zero hunger by 2030 could fall short.

“Smallholder farmers need to not only produce more food, but at the same time adapt their agricultural practices to changing weather conditions caused by climate change. By improving access to quality seeds, seed companies can make a vital contribution in supporting smallholder farmers with overcoming this challenge,” says Mr. Verhagen.

By the end of 2018, the first Access to Seeds Index for South and Southeast Asia will be published. It will show which seed company can be named ‘leading in supporting smallholders in Asia’. Twenty-four seed companies have been nominated; the selection was based on company business models, track record and regional presence.

Improving the productivity of smallholder farmers is one of the main targets on the United Nations’ Sustainable Development Goals agenda (SDGs). By measuring the seed industry’s performance, the Access to Seeds Index aims to contribute to achieving these goals.

Note for editors

Background information about the Access to Seeds Index:

- Link to the [Methodology for the 2019 Access to Seeds Index](#) including an animation with an introduction to the Access to Seeds Index
- Link to the [Landscaping study for the Regional Access to Seeds Index for South & Southeast Asia](#)
- Below you will find an overview of the identified leading seed companies per country

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Overview of identified leading seed companies per country

- Companies selected for the 2019 Access to Seeds Index
- Companies that did not meet the selection criteria

- 1. Afghanistan**
- Helal Group
 - Noor Agro Group

- 2. Pakistan**
- Monsanto
 - Jullundur Seed
 - Syngenta (ChemChina)
 - Punjab Seed Corporation
 - ICI Pakistan
 - DowDuPont
 - Ali Akbar Group
 - Four Brothers Group
 - Auriga Seeds

- 3. India**
- Nuziveedu Seeds
 - Kaveri Seeds
 - National Seeds Corporation
 - DowDuPont
 - Mahyco
 - Monsanto
 - Bioseed
 - Acsen HyVeg
 - Rallis/Metahelix
 - JK Agri Genetics
 - VNR Seeds
 - Advanta
 - Namdhari Seeds
 - Kalash Seeds
 - Groupe Limagrain

- 4. Nepal**
- National Seed Company
 - National Seed Company Private Limited
 - Lumbini Seed
 - Unique Seed
 - Annapurna Seeds

- 8. Thailand**
- Monsanto
 - Charoen Pokphandi
 - Syngenta (ChemChina)
 - Advanta
 - DowDuPont
 - East-West Seed
 - Known-You Seed

- 12. Indonesia**
- Charoen Pokphand
 - DowDuPont
 - East-West Seed
 - Monsanto
 - Advanta
 - Nongwoo Bio
 - Bioseed

- 5. Sri Lanka**
- Troseeds
 - Best Seeds
 - CIC Agri Business
 - Hayleys Agriculture
 - Lankem Ceylon Plc-Agro

- 6. Bangladesh**
- BRAC
 - Lal Teer Seed
 - Advanced Chemical Industries (ACI)
 - Supreme Seed
 - Syngenta (ChemChina)
 - Bangladesh Agricultural Development Corporation (BADC)

- 7. Myanmar**
- East-West Seed
 - Charoen Pokphand
 - Known-You Seed
 - Bayer
 - Myanma Awba
 - Dagon Agricultural Group

- 9. Laos**
- Syngenta (ChemChina)
 - Known-You Seed
 - Advanta
 - Vinaseed
 - Green Seeds

- 10. Cambodia**
- CARDI
 - AQIP Seed Company
 - East-West Seed

- 11. Vietnam**
- Vinaseed
 - Charoen Pokphand
 - Southern Seed
 - Bioseed
 - Monsanto
 - Syngenta (ChemChina)
 - East-West Seed
 - Trang Nong Seeds
 - Thai Binh Seeds

- 13. Philippines**
- DowDuPont
 - Syngenta (ChemChina)
 - Monsanto
 - Bioseed
 - Evogene Seeds
 - East-West Seed
 - Ramgo International
 - Vigour Seeds
 - Kaneko Seeds
 - S L Agritech
 - Harvest Agribusiness

