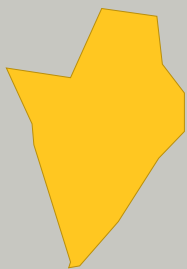


Burundi



Region
Eastern and Southern Africa

UPOV membership status
No

Participation in OECD Seed Schemes
No

ISTA accredited member laboratories
No

GM crop approval for cultivation (domestic or non-domestic use)
No

Law on Plant Variety Protection
No

The seed sector in Burundi

Although development began in 1985 with the draft of a national seed program, which was introduced in 1987, the presence of a commercial seed sector remains limited in Burundi. The first decree on seed production and trade was promulgated in 1993 and emphasized four main components: developing a national catalog of crops and varieties; improving the production, import and commercialization of certified seeds; developing a seed control and certification system; and identifying the roles of all partners in the seed value chain. In 1999, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock signed a series of ordinances applying measures to the above decree, but these have not entered into force. Following national legislation, the National Seed Quality Control and Certification is active, and private seed producers can operate as associations or individuals.

Observations

Eight index companies operate in Burundi, four of which are regionally based and four that are globally active. With both testing and seed production locations, Seed Co is the only company with seed activities beyond sales. The company reports that it has been concentrating on product evaluation and promotion in Burundi, where last year it registered and released four maize and three soybean varieties, as well as selling several vegetable crops through agro-dealers. East African Seed is the only company that carries out extension services in the country.

Company activities identified in Burundi

Company Companies selected for the Access to Seeds Index	Crops in Portfolio		Company activities in country					
	Field crops	Vegetables	Breeding location	Testing location	Seed production	Processing location	Sales	Extension services
Corteva Agriscience	●						●	
East African Seed	●	●					●	●
Kenya Highland Seed		●					●	
Pop Vriend Seeds		●					●	
Sakata		●					●	
Seed Co	●	●		●	●		●	
Syngenta	●	●					●	

Other index companies are also active in the country. However, country-specific information for these companies is not available or was provided under a non-disclosure agreement.

Other companies identified in the regional landscaping study and their activities

Company Companies selected for the Access to Seeds Index	Crops in Portfolio		Company activities in country		
	Field crops	Vegetables	Breeding location	Testing location	Sales
COPROSEBU	●			●	●
ISABU	●	●			●
SRDI	●			●	●
AVET	●	●			●
UHACOM		●			●

