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Global Seed Companies

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East-West Seed

Smallholder farmers in Tanzania receive agronomic training through the Knowledge Transfer Foundation of East-West Seed. One of the practices explained is optimal plant spacing to get the most out of the company's seeds. East-West Seed aims to reach 100,000 farmers through its Foundation's programs that focus explicitly on pre-commercial smallholder farmers.

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Bayer

A farmer in Guatemala is harvesting cauliflower after receiving training through Bayer's Food Chain Partnership. The initiative is a global program that seeks to implement best agricultural practices in food value chains and is active in ten index countries. Through certification support and field demonstrations the program aims to ensure that smallholder farmers meet consumer requirements regarding food quality, safety and traceability.

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Measurement area A

Farmers in Mali are taught by East-West Seed to use plastic mulch in order to maintain soil moisture and control weeds.

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Measurement area B

Donations by seed companies to the Access and Benefit Sharing Fund are used to support the conservation of genetic resources, such as in ICRISAT's Genebank Seed Laboratory in Hyderabad, India.

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Measurement area C

Corteva Agriscience collaborates with research institutes in Kenya and Nigeria to develop micro-nutrient rich and drought-resistant sorghum varieties, as evaluated here by farmers in Nigeria.

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Measurement area D

Developing squash varieties that meet local preferences is one of the objectives of Limagrain's breeding program in India. It also includes a broad range of local crops in its portfolio.

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Measurement area E

Smallholders checking one of Syngenta's seed production fields for white maize in Zambia, a staple crop for the region. Engaging smallholders in seed production can help advance the local seed sector.

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Measurement area F

Advanta seed varieties and UPL crop protection products are on display during a field day in Nairobi, Kenya. Field days are used by seed companies to familiarize smallholders with new varieties throughout the sowing season.

Photo credit: H. Sudhakar, Advanta

Measurement area G

A small-scale grower in Guatemala is trained as part of Bayer's Food Chain Partnership. The worldwide initiative teaches farmers to produce high-quality vegetables consistently and safely to meet consumer requirements.

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