

Concept Note 4: Capacity Building of selected Seed Companies on FS production, Out-growerson CS production, and Agro-dealers on Quality Seed handling techniques

1. Title (Full name)	Capacity Building of selected Seed Companies on FS production, Out-growerson CS production, and Agro-dealers on Quality Seed handling techniques									
2. Project Location	Six (6) Geopolitical Zone									
3. Implementing Agencies	NCRI									
4. Beneficiaries	Seed companies, Out-growers, Seed farmers, Agro dealers									
5. Target Group	Rice farmers									
6. Type of project	1. Grant, 2. R&D, 3. Technical Coop./Assistance, 4. National budget, 5. Private sector (Select as appropriate) 1, 3 & 4									
7. Field of support	1. Policy, 2. R & D, 3. Extension & Training, 4. Production, 5. Marketing 6. Post-harvest, 7. Quality Control, 8. Credit, 9. Capacity Building, 10. Infrastructure 11. Other (specify below) (Select as appropriate) 3 & 9									
8. Suggested Funding sources	JICA, KOICA, AGRA, USAID, BMGF, WB, FAO, FNG, DFID (FCAO), CBN									
9. Budget (USD)	\$128,010.20									
10. Duration of the project	Two (2) Years									
11. Background/Justification										
12. Goal and objective	<p>Overall objective: To Enhance the skills of selected seed companies, Seed out-growers, on quality Seed production and Agro Dealers on good Seed handling practices.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Specific Objectives</th> <th>Output</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1. To Improve the Knowledge base and Skills of Seed production officers of selected Foundation Seed Producing Companies</td> <td>1-1. Knowledge and skills of seed Production officers of six (6) selected Foundation Seed Companies enhanced. 1-2. Quality of CS available in the market improved</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2. To Improve the Knowledge base and Skills of out growers of Selected Seed Companies on Good Agronomic practices</td> <td>2-1. Capacity and Skillsof 120 Nos out growers strengthened</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3. To Improve the Knowledge base and Skills of selected Agro-Input Dealers on Good Seed handling techniques</td> <td>3-1. Capacity of 180 Nos Agro - Input Dealers on good Seed handling techniquesstrengthened</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		Specific Objectives	Output	1. To Improve the Knowledge base and Skills of Seed production officers of selected Foundation Seed Producing Companies	1-1. Knowledge and skills of seed Production officers of six (6) selected Foundation Seed Companies enhanced. 1-2. Quality of CS available in the market improved	2. To Improve the Knowledge base and Skills of out growers of Selected Seed Companies on Good Agronomic practices	2-1. Capacity and Skillsof 120 Nos out growers strengthened	3. To Improve the Knowledge base and Skills of selected Agro-Input Dealers on Good Seed handling techniques	3-1. Capacity of 180 Nos Agro - Input Dealers on good Seed handling techniquesstrengthened
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13. Activities	<p>Specific Objective 1(Outputs 1-1 & 1-2) To Improve the Knowledge base and Skills of Seed production officers of selected Foundation Seed Producing Companies. 1-1-1: Define Selection criteria 1-1-2: Conduct training need assessment of the Seed Production officers of Selected Seed Companies</p>									

	<p>1-1-3: Select officers to be trained</p> <p>1-1-4: Identify training institution</p> <p>1-1-5: Develop training materials</p> <p>1-1-6: Conduct training</p> <p>1-1-7: Conduct training impact assessment</p> <p>Quality of CS available in the market improved</p> <p>1-2-1: Draw samples for quality assessment</p> <p>Specific Objective 2(Output 2-1)</p> <p>To Improve the Knowledge base and Skills of out growers of Selected Seed Companies on Good Agronomic practices</p> <p>2-1-1: Company to conduct training needs assessment for their out-growers</p> <p>2-1-2: Select 20 out-growers each from six (6) companies</p> <p>2-1-3: Recruit a gap (Good Agronomic practices) expert</p> <p>2-1-4: Prepare training manuals for the training</p> <p>2-1-5: Conduct training</p> <p>2-1-6: Carry out training impact assessment</p> <p>Specific Objective 3 (Output 3-1)</p> <p>To Improve the Knowledge base and Skills of selected Agro-Input Dealers on Good Seed handling techniques</p> <p>3-1-1: Define and outline the Selection criteria</p> <p>3-1-2: Conduct training need assessment</p> <p>3-1-3: Identify training institution/Expert</p> <p>3-1-4: Develop training Manual</p> <p>3-1-5: Conduct training for 180</p> <p>3-1-6: Nos Agro - Input Dealers on good</p> <p>3-1-7: Seed handling technique</p> <p>3-1-8: Conduct training Impact Assessment</p>
14. Expected Impact	Availability of High Quality and Quantity of CS to small holder rice farmers
15. Potential Collaborators	Seed Entrepreneurs Association of Nigeria (SEEDAN)