



SEED SECTOR

Seed Sector Development Led by the Private Sector

LOCATION

A3-SEED: South Sudan

PARTNERS

» **KIT Royal Tropical Institute**

» The project also collaborates closely with two Netherlands-funded projects: the **Food and Nutrition Security Resilience Programme (FNS-REPRO)**, implemented by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations and Wageningen University & Research, and **Food Security through Agribusiness in South Sudan (FSABSS)**, implemented by Cordaid

RESOURCES

- » Baseline Report
- » Seed Value Chain Study
- » Gender and Youth Study
- » Political, Economic, and Conflict Analysis (PECA)
- » Soil Fertility Analysis Report in South Sudan
- » Seed Production Training Manual
- » Learning Event Report, Yambio
- » Video documentary: *Importance of Quality Seeds*

IN DEVELOPMENT

- » Video documentary: *Private Sector-Led Seed Systems Development: The Case of A3-SEED in South Sudan*

Seed sector development ensures the **availability of improved seed** down to the last-mile through promotion of agri-entrepreneurship and support to existing private sector seed companies to improve seed and input marketing, distribution, and production practices.

IFDC **supports the emergence of individual commercial seed producers**, who produce for the local market, serve as an outgrower for a seed company, or both. IFDC leverages its experience, recognizing that providing support to individual seed producers' **entrepreneurship is the backbone of seed sector development**. This private seed sector focus complements public sector strengthening and community-oriented sector seed efforts. A3-SEED is the only seed sector support project implemented by IFDC in South Sudan.

CURRENT PROJECT

Accelerating Agriculture and Agribusiness in South Sudan for Enhanced Economic Development (A3-SEED). The following are the four result areas of the project:

- » **Commercial quality seed production** focuses on assuring efficient, high-quality, and economically viable seed production, sales, and distribution tailored for market-oriented smallholder farmers.
- » **Quality seed use, good agricultural practices, and climate-resilient farming practices** among smallholder farmers results from tailored sales and distribution strategies provided by seed companies and commercial seed producers.
- » Quality seed, input, and output marketing and distribution emerge through the establishment of **last-mile input distribution** and effective seed, input, and output market relationships, which **improve local competitiveness** through agribusiness development, women's empowerment, and youth employment.
- » **Learning and capacity development** reinforce the above result areas with targeted research to address bottlenecks, support adaptive project management, and advance knowledge on seed sector development.