

IHS Market

[Africa Seed Profiles 2021¹](#) – The emphasis is on vegetable seeds. Requires a subscription to access the data. Captures data on vegetable seed production, import, and sales.

Key takeaways from datasets

- Seed systems datasets are weak and should be centralized to help a wide range of actors. It is notable that FAOSTAT does not report seed production nor seed export data.
- It is only TASA that offers data on country seed systems.
- There is a clear lack of harmonization of seed data collection within and across countries, a fact that limits investments in the seed sector due to poor understanding of seed gaps by crop.

CESSA shall prioritize data collection in African countries by designing and socializing a standard template with national governments to capture key seed production metrics by crop. These data can inform insights and actions for policy development and investment. Digital tools to be hosted on CESSA can support data collection, curation and sharing.

CESSA targets to promote real-time data collection, curation and reporting as well as incentivize open data and sharing through its grants and explore mechanisms to aggregate company seed production to obtain accurate estimates of total seed production by crop for each country.

Let us know if there are topics not covered in the RTB Toolkit that one would like AGRA to develop to support your seed enterprise by contacting us on: <https://cessa.agra.org/contacts/>²

¹ <https://cdn.ihsmarket.com/www/prot/pdf/0322/IHSMarket-Crop-Science-Africa-Seed-Profiles-2021-MARKETING.pdf>

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