Seed security for food security

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‘Farmers’ dependence on agro-companies for agricultural inputs has been growing in east and southern Africa and beyond. At the same time, local and indigenous knowledge about seed selection, saving and multiplying has been lost in each generation.’

This manual for development workers outlines traditional and current methods of saving seed.

It begins with some basic ground rules for working with communities. The second section gives a comprehensive guide to different ways of propagating plants and saving seed from a full range of common crops and trees.

Finally, the third part offers a brief outline of the background history and the current issues and views surrounding seed — nationally, regionally and internationally.