

# CassQual: Cassava Seed Quality Management system

Enhancing cassava productivity through healthy planting material

This system combines regulatory oversight, digital tools, and community engagement to ensure cassava seed quality. Certification bodies inspect seed at higher levels, while local producers use Quality Declared Seed (QDS) approaches. Tools like PlantVillage Nuru and Seed Tracker support diagnostics, tracking, and transparency.



Commodities

Cassava

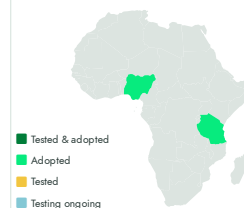
Sustainable Development Goals



Categories

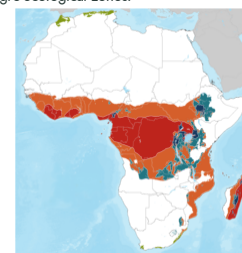
Pre-production, Practices,  
Pest control (excluding weeds), Seed system

Tested/adopted in



Where it can be used

This technology can be used in the colored agro-ecological zones.



Target groups

Breeder, Seed companies,  
Advisory and Extension Services,  
Seed Regulators

This technology is **pre-validated**.

Scaling readiness: idea maturity 9/9; level of use 9/9

Inclusion assessment 2

Climate impact 3

## Problem

- Lack of scalable and sustainable seed quality models for cassava
- Limited access for smallholders to improved planting material
- High post-harvest and planting losses impacting food security
- Exclusion of youth and women from formal seed systems

## Solution

- Scalable certification frameworks that promote clean seed access
- Digital tools that enhance disease detection and reduce losses
- Improved income opportunities through structured seed markets
- Empowerment of women and youth as decentralized seed entrepreneurs
- Protocol for self-certification by QDS or community level seed producers

## Key points to design your program

This scalable, impact-driven system ensures smallholder access to certified, disease-free cassava seed while promoting gender inclusion and climate resilience.

- It aligns with SDGs 1 and 2 and supports national transformation agendas.
- Integration requires stakeholder engagement, training, policy support, and deployment of digital and monitoring tools.
- Supporting CSEs at QDS or community level to self-certify using Seed Tracker will increase the coverage and cost-efficiency of seed quality management

**251,400 USD**

To set up the system

**916 %**

ROI calculated for a scenario involving 300 seed producers

**60,000 USD**

Annual monitoring cost

**25,000 USD**

Annual certification costs

**135 %**

Yield increased



Open source / open access



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