Marketing Strategies

Sell Smart, Grow Fast

Marketing Strategies is a practical toolkit that helps cassava seed producers improve market access and visibility. It offers guidance on customer targeting, product positioning, and demand-driven marketing. By tackling issues like low awareness, weak customer ties, and poor pricing, it supports seed entrepreneurs, especially those working with vegetatively propagated crops, in building trusted, profitable, and resilient businesses.





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L This technology is pre-validated.	Scaling readiness: idea maturity	Commodities
•	V 9/9; level of use 9/9	Cassava
Gender assessment	Climate impact	Sustainable Development Goals
Problem	Solution	1 1 2 280 8 В
 Low farmer awareness of high-quality certified cassava seeds 	 Increase awareness through campaigns and demo plots. 	
 Preference for traditional planting materials, 		Categories
limiting demand for certified seeds	financing.	Production. Policies

- Weak market linkages between seed producers and buyers
- **High transport costs**, creating bottlenecks in seed distribution
- Limited access to affordable certified seeds, due to high prices and lack of financing
- Limited reach of traditional marketing channels, such as radio and extension services
- Underutilization of digital marketing tools, reducing visibility and customer engagement
- Barriers to business growth and seed adoption for producers of vegetatively propagated crops (VPCs) like cassava

- **Train seed producers** in marketing and customer engagement.
- Strengthen distribution via dealers, cooperatives, and direct delivery.
- Leverage digital tools (SMS, radio, marketplaces).
- **Build trust** with branding and certification.
- Support local marketers with low-cost promotion strategies.

Key points to design your program

The *Marketing Strategies* technology is designed to help development institutions enhance seed systems by promoting the adoption of high-quality, certified cassava seeds. This technology empowers seed producers and entrepreneurs with the tools needed to effectively market their products, increase customer engagement, and improve market access. Key activities include **training seed entrepreneurs**, **creating partnerships** with stakeholders, promoting traceability and seed quality, and leveraging data for market insights. By adopting this technology, development institutions can improve agricultural productivity, contribute to sustainable food systems, and support inclusive growth and climate resilience in the seed sector.

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

Target groups

Tested/adopted in

Tested & adopte
Adopted

Testing ongoing

Where it can be used

Tested

Farmers, Processors, Seed companies, Advisory and Extension Services



Cost of deploying the marketing strategy

Open source / open access



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