



FEED THE FUTURE

The U.S. Government's Global Hunger & Food Security Initiative

TRAINING PRIVATE SEED COMPANIES IN DIGITAL EXTENSION IN SOUTH SUDAN

What

The Feed the Future Developing Local Extension Capacity (DLEC), in partnership with Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA), is building the capacity of nine private seed sector companies in South Sudan in the use of community videos to train farmers on improved agronomic practices.

Why

Smallholder farmers in South Sudan have limited awareness and uptake of certified/hybrid seeds & fertilizers. AGRA under its Seed Sector Development for South Sudan (SSD4SS) project has been operating a Farm Inputs Promotion Services (FIPS) model which relies on in-person visits and trainings by village based advisors (VBAs) to promote uptake of new practices. AGRA requested that DLEC help cost effectively scale their reach by introducing digital extension approaches in South Sudan.

How

DLEC conducted farmer and stakeholder needs assessment and identified the need for improved training on use of hybrid seeds and fertilizers, and improved seed production practices such as roguing and gap filling for crops like maize,



sorghum, groundnuts and millet. DLEC is building the capacity of nine private local seed companies in the use of Digital Green's community video approach i.e. on how to develop & disseminate short videos, while also creating a system on collecting farmer feedback and tracking progress.

Anticipated Results

In addition to building the capacity of private seed companies who will then train farmers using videos, DLEC will influence other civil society organizations such as FAO to adopt digital extension approaches to train farmers on a wide variety of content including the control of fall armyworm.

Timeline

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Partners

- DLEC
- Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)

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