



# NEWSLETTER

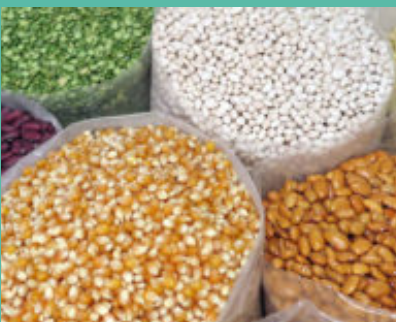
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## SEED BACKGROUND

The economy of Malawi is agro-based, Agriculture accounts for about 80% of export revenue.

Average land holding size in Malawi is about 1.2 hectares per individual. This means that there is need to improve crop yield per square area, hence introduction of improved seed. There are three classes of seed in Malawi

- ▶ Breeder seed- This is a particular generation of an inbred line
- ▶ Basic/Foundation seed- This is a class of seed produced from breeder seeds
- ▶ Certified seed- This is the type of seed produced from basic seed and higher class



## WHY STAM?

Seed Trade Association of Malawi was established on 24th September 2004. The mandate of the association is to strengthen the seed industry through contribution to relevant agricultural policies leading to economic development of Malawi in order to promote rural development

Three main objectives of STAM are: Enhance communication with The Ministry of Agriculture on matters affecting seed industry, Promote use of improved seed to achieve high productivity, Ensure reliability in supply of quality seed to farmers

## STAM BOARD



For effective running of the association STAM goes to polls once every three years to elect board. STAM board comprises of the following: Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary General, Vice secretary General, Treasure and two Executive members

## STAM WEB SITE

STAM encourages farmers to be frequently checking STAM website for important updates on the seed industry. On STAM website you can also find list of registered Agro-dealers

On STAM website you can also find warning about fraudsters who would

want to take advantages of certain vulnerability to destroy seed industry.

For more information check on the website: [www.seedtrademalawi.com](http://www.seedtrademalawi.com)

## CERTIFIED SEED

In Malawi, seed legislation is managed by Department of Agriculture Research Services (DARS). Seed Services Unit of DARS is responsible for seed certification and quality control and the operation of seed testing laboratories.

There are two main steps followed during seed certification process and these are: Field inspection and Laboratory seed Analysis.

Field inspection is done to make sure that the set standards are met and adhered to in the field for high quality seed production. The requirements for field inspection is: Registration, Seed sources, Land requirements, Isolation distance and field requirements.

Laboratory analysis ensures that farmers plant seed that will able to give them abundant yield. Some of the things looked at during laboratory analysis are as follows: sampling, moisture testing, purity analysis, evaluation of seed germination, and seed health testing.



## SEED VARIETIES



Malawi being an Agriculture nation, STAM focuses on varieties of seed to improve crop yield and the following are seed varieties: Maize, groundnuts, Soya, Beans, Pigeon Peas, Cow Peas, Sorghum, Rice.

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