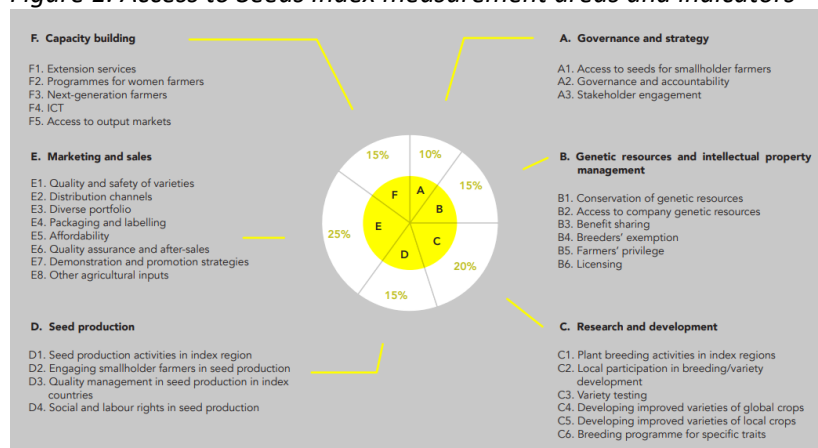


2021 Access to Seeds Index – Scoring guidelines

This document outlines the scoring guidelines for the 2021 Access to Seeds Index indicators. It includes guidelines for all indicators in the index measurement areas of governance and strategy, genetic resources and intellectual property management, research and development, seed production, marketing and sales and capacity building, as outlined in the [Methodology for the Access to Seeds Index](#), published in February 2021. Figure 1 shows weightings per measurement area and corresponding indicators in each measurement area.

Figure 1: Access to Seeds Index measurement areas and indicators



Scoring approach:

Range: Scoring takes place at the indicator level. The index has used a 3-layer scale (0, 1, 2) or a 5-layer scale (0, 0.5, 1, 1.5, 2). In each case, a score of 0 typically reflects no relevant disclosure and a score of 2 reflects leading performance.

Weighting: A company's total score is the weighted sum of scores per measurement area. This approach results in an overall score for each company (up to 100) as well as a score per measurement area. Governance and strategy accounts for 10%, genetic resources and intellectual property management for 15%, research and development for 20%, seed production for 15%, marketing and sales for 25% and capacity building for 15%.

Data: A company survey was developed on the basis of the methodology and its indicators. This survey was pre-filled on the basis of publicly disclosed corporate information. Companies were given the opportunity to review and add additional data, during an eight-week data collection process in April-May 2021. All data used for the index is already public or could be made public. The 2021 index includes corporate data from 2018–20.



A. Governance and strategy

Indicator	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
A1. Access to seeds for smallholder farmers	The company does not disclose information regarding its access to seeds strategy, its objectives, and targets, nor its identification and prioritisation process.	The company has set objectives for ensuring access to seeds for smallholder farmers in index countries and discloses progress.	The company has a strategy for ensuring access to seeds for smallholder farmers in index countries, which includes an approach to identifying and prioritising at least three measurement areas.	The company has a strategy for ensuring access to seeds for smallholder farmers in index countries which includes an approach to identifying and prioritising at least three measurement areas AND the company discloses time-bound targets for its most relevant access to seeds topic.	The company has a strategy for ensuring access to seeds for smallholder farmers in index countries that include the company's approach, for example, for the conservation of genetic resources and intellectual property rights management, research and development, seed production, marketing and sales and capacity building AND the company discloses time-bound targets for its most relevant access to seeds topic AND periodically reviews the strategy, objectives, and targets.
A2. Governance and accountability	The company does not disclose information regarding its governance and accountability structures linked to the implementation of its access to seeds strategy for smallholder farmers.	The company has persons, teams or committees within the company responsible for the implementation of its access to seeds strategy for smallholder farmers.	The company's accountability and oversight for its access to seeds strategy for smallholder farmers lies with the highest governance body.	The company discloses its decision-making process and oversight responsibilities of its highest governance body, as well as its management/executive-level OR highest governance body remuneration policy regarding its access to seeds strategy.	The company discloses its management/executive-level AND highest governance body remuneration policy regarding its access to seeds strategy, covering at least three measurement areas.
A3. Stakeholder engagement	The company does not disclose information on how it engages with its stakeholders.	The company undertakes stakeholder engagement activities and provides an overview of the issues raised via these activities.	The company's stakeholder engagement includes one of the criteria and it provides examples or evidence.	The company's stakeholder engagement includes two of the criteria and it provides examples or evidence.	The company a) discloses its process for identifying and engaging with stakeholders; b) discloses the outcomes of its stakeholder engagement and its integration into its access to seeds strategy; and c) discloses that its stakeholder engagement covers access to seeds topics across at least three measurement areas and provides examples or evidence.



B. Genetic resources and intellectual property management

Indicator	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
B1. Conservation of genetic resources	The company does not disclose information on programmes or activities to conserve and use a diverse set of crops and genetic resources.	The company has a programme in place related to the conservation of genetic resources with no link to one of the criteria.	The company has a programme that includes one of the criteria and provides examples or evidence.	The company has a programme that includes two of the criteria and provides examples or evidence.	The company has programme(s) aimed to conserve a diverse set of crops and genetic resources that includes a) activities to conserve the genetic diversity of crops in local seed systems and/or in situ conservation of local agrobiodiversity in index countries; b) the conservation of its own genetic material or of local companies it acquires; and c) assistance to public (international/regional/national) genebanks to conserve germplasm of crops grown in index countries and provides examples or evidence.
B2. Access to company genetic resources	The company does not disclose information on how it makes its genetic resources available to others.	The company gives access to its genetic resources but with no link to one of the criteria.	The company gives access to its genetic resources addressing one of the criteria and provides examples or evidence.	The company gives access to its genetic resources addressing two criteria and provides examples or evidence.	The company gives access to its own genetic resources to breed crops tailored to the needs of smallholder farmers in index countries by a) making old varieties and/or other germplasm available without restrictive conditions to public genebanks, NGO's or other entities for the benefit of smallholder farmers in index countries; b) contributing its own germplasm to collaborative projects aimed at developing varieties useful to smallholder farmers and c) placing such materials under the Multilateral System of the ITPGRFA and provides examples or evidence.



B3. Benefit sharing	<p>The company does not disclose information on whether it has made any contributions within the ABS framework.</p>	<p>The company made monetary or non-monetary contributions within the ABS framework but does not specify amounts or contributions.</p>	<p>The company participated in collective voluntary monetary contributions within the ABS framework.</p>	<p>The company made individual non-monetary contributions within the ABS framework and specifies these.</p>	<p>The company made individual voluntary monetary contributions within the ABS framework AND specifies amounts or contributions.</p>
B4. Breeders' exemption	<p>The company does not refrain from using contractual clauses or other provisions to prohibit the use of commercial genetic material for further breeding in index countries OR The company does not disclose information on its position on Breeders exemption.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>The company uses contractual clauses or other provisions to prohibit use of commercial genetic material for further breeding with the exclusion of programmes for index countries OR The company refrains from using contractual clauses or other provisions to prohibit the use of commercial genetic material for further breeding in index countries but does not elaborate its position.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>The company refrains from using contractual clauses or other provisions to prohibit the use of commercial genetic material for further breeding in index countries and elaborates its position.</p>
B5. Farmers' privilege	<p>The company uses contracts or other mechanisms to prevent all forms of application of farm-saved seeds by smallholder farmers in index countries OR The company does not disclose information on its position on farm saved seeds.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>The company allows a) saving and use of farm saved seed and b) exchange farm-saved seeds but uses contracts or other mechanisms to prevent c) community level sale of farm saved by smallholder farmers in index countries OR The company refrains from using contracts or other mechanisms to prevent a) saving and use, b) exchange and c) community level non-branded sale of farm saved seeds by</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>The company refrains from using contracts or other mechanisms to prevent a) saving and use, b) exchange and c) community level non-branded sale of farm saved seeds by smallholder farmers in index countries and elaborates its position.</p>



			smallholder farmers in index countries but does not elaborate its position.		
B6. Licensing	The company does not disclose information on whether it offers royalty-free or lower price licensing for the benefit of smallholders in index countries.	The company offers guaranteed licensing of its material within a collective framework for the benefit of use in index countries.	The company offers royalty-free or lower price licensing of its material for the benefit of use in index countries.	The company offers royalty-free or lower price licensing of its material for the benefit of smallholder farmers in index countries.	The company offers royalty-free or lower price licensing of its material for the benefit of smallholder farmers in index countries and provides examples or evidence and discloses the conditions under which this takes place.



C. Research and development

Indicator	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
C1. Plant breeding activities in index regions	The company does not disclose information on its breeding activities in the index region.	The company has a collaborative breeding programme in the region.	The company has its own breeding programme in at least one country in the region.	The company has its own breeding programme in at least one country in the region AND it provides examples that it invests in the capacity building of local research staff in the region. OR The company has its own breeding programme in more than one country in the region.	The company has its own breeding programme in more than one country in the region AND it provides examples that it invests in the capacity building of local research staff in the region.
C2. Local participation in breeding/variety development	The company does disclose information on whether it has a system in place to inform its breeding programme with feedback from local farmers, consumers and other stakeholders in index countries.	The company informs its breeding programme with feedback from local consumers, traders and smallholder farmers but discloses limited information or only uses information collected during its marketing and sales activities.	The company informs its breeding programme with feedback from local consumers, traders and smallholder farmers but discloses limited information or only uses information collected during its marketing and sales activities AND gives specific attention to feedback from women farmers. OR The company informs its breeding programme with feedback from local consumers, traders and smallholder farmer in index countries beyond that collected during its marketing and sales activities	The company has a system in place that helps to inform its breeding programme with feedback from local farmers, consumers and other stakeholders in index countries.	The company has a system in place that helps to inform its breeding programmes with feedback from local farmers, consumers and other stakeholders in index countries AND gives specific attention to feedback from women farmers.



C3. Variety testing	<p>The company does not disclose information on whether it performs variety trials.</p>	<p>The company performs variety trials in up to 33% of the index countries where it is active, on crops from one of the two sources.</p>	<p>The company performs variety trials in up to 33% of the index countries where it is active on crops from both sources. OR The company performs variety trials in 34-66% of the index countries where it is active, on crops from one of the two sources.</p>	<p>The company performs variety trials in up to 34-66% of the index countries where it is active of crops from both sources. OR The company performs variety trials in 67-100% of the index countries where it is active on crops from one of the two sources.</p>	<p>The company performs variety trials in 67-100% of the index countries where it is active on crops from a) the company's own breeding programmes and portfolio, and b) other breeding programmes such as those of other companies and/or public research institutes.</p>
C4. Developing improved varieties of global crops	<p>The company does not disclose information on whether it has a breeding programme for the development of improved varieties of global crops suitable for smallholder farmers in index region.</p>	<p>The company has a collaborative breeding programme for the development of improved varieties of global crops suitable for smallholder farmers in the index region.</p>	<p>The company has its own breeding programme for the development of improved varieties of up to 33% of global crops suitable for smallholder farmers in the index region.</p>	<p>The company has its own breeding programme for the development of improved varieties of 34-66% of global crops suitable for smallholder farmers in the index region.</p>	<p>The company has its own breeding programme for the development of improved varieties of 67-100% of global crops suitable for smallholder farmers in the index region.</p>
C5. Developing improved varieties of local crops	<p>The company does not disclose information on whether it has a breeding programme for the development of improved varieties of local crops suitable for smallholder farmers in index region.</p>	<p>The company has a collaborative breeding programme for development of improved varieties of local crops suitable for smallholder farmers in the index region.</p>	<p>The company has its own breeding programme for the development of improved varieties of up to two local crops suitable for smallholder farmers in the index region.</p>	<p>The company has its own breeding programme for the development of improved varieties of three to five local crops suitable for smallholder farmers in the index region.</p>	<p>The company has its own breeding programme for the development improved varieties of more than five local crops suitable for smallholder farmers in the index region.</p>



C6. Breeding programme for specific traits	<p>The company does not disclose information on whether its breeding programme includes the development of traits particularly useful to smallholder farmers in the index region OR The company does not have its own breeding programme targeting the index region.</p>	<p>The company's breeding programme includes the development of at least 2 of the traits.</p>	<p>The company's breeding programme includes the development of at least 4 of the traits.</p>	<p>The company's breeding programme includes the development of at least 6 of the traits.</p>	<p>The company's breeding programme includes the development of traits particularly useful to smallholder farmers, such as a) early maturing varieties to avoid drought b) resistance/tolerance to biotic stresses; c) resistance/tolerance to abiotic stresses; d) improved nutritional value, e) shelf life, f) local tastes and cultural preferences and g) a breeding programme for resistance/tolerance to regionally important pests and diseases and specifies the latter.</p>
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D. Seed production

Indicator	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
D1. Seed production activities in index region	<p>The company does not disclose information on its seed production activities in index countries.</p>	<p>The company has seed production activities in at least one country in the region.</p>	<p>The company has seed production activities in at least one country in the region AND it involves local players in these activities OR The company has seed production activities in more than one country in the region.</p>	<p>The company has seed production activities in more than one country in the region AND it involves local players in these countries.</p>	<p>The company has seed production activities in more than one country in the region AND it involves local players in these countries and provides examples or evidence.</p>
D2. Engaging smallholder farmers in seed production	<p>The company does not disclose information on whether it involves smallholder farmers in its seed production activities. OR The company does not have seed production locations in the index region, and therefore the involvement of smallholder farmers and contractual</p>	<p>The company involves smallholder farmers in its seed production activities, but it does not specify if it offers these farmers formal contracts, either directly or through intermediates.</p>	<p>The company involves smallholder farmers in its seed production activities and offers these farmers formal contracts, either directly or through intermediates.</p>	<p>The company involves smallholder farmers in its seed production activities and offers these farmers formal contracts that include arrangements on product prices OR sharing of profits and risks which are favourable for smallholder farmers in index countries and provides examples or evidence.</p>	<p>The company involves smallholder farmers in its seed production activities and offers these farmers formal contracts that include arrangements on product prices AND sharing of profits and risks which are favourable for smallholder farmers in index countries and provides examples or evidence.</p>



	arrangements cannot be evaluated for the company.				
D3. Quality management in seed production in index countries	<p>The company does not disclose information on whether it has a quality management system in place to ensure the quality of seeds during production in index countries</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The company does not have seed production locations in the index region, and therefore the quality management in seed production cannot be evaluated for the company</p>	<p>The company has internal and/or external quality management system to ensure quality of seeds during production in index countries.</p>	<p>The company has an externally certified quality management system (such as ISO 9000) to ensure quality covering up to 50% of its seed production and provides examples or evidence.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The company has an internal management system to ensure quality, covering up to 90% of its seed production in index countries and provides examples or evidence.</p>	<p>The company has an externally certified quality management system (such as ISO 9000) to ensure quality covering up to 90% of its seed production and provides examples or evidence.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The company has an internal management system to ensure quality, covering 100% of its seed production in index countries and provides examples or evidence.</p>	<p>The company has an externally certified quality management system (such as ISO 9000) to ensure quality covering 100% of its seed production in index countries and provides examples or evidence.</p>
D4. Social and labour rights in seed production	<p>The company does not disclose information related to respecting of social and labour rights of workers in its seed production in index countries.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The company does not have seed production locations in the index region and therefore the position on respecting social and labour rights in seed production cannot be evaluated for the company.</p>	<p>The company indicates to respecting the social and labour rights of workers when seed production is carried out by the company itself in index countries.</p>	<p>The company indicates to respecting the social and labour rights of workers for one issue AND discloses evidence of how it monitors compliance in accordance to international social and labour standards both when seed production is carried out by the company itself and through an intermediate.</p>	<p>The company indicates to respecting the social and labour rights of workers for two issues AND discloses evidence of how it monitors compliance in accordance to international social and labour standards both when seed production is carried out by the company itself and through an intermediate.</p>	<p>The company indicates to respecting the social and labour rights of workers for a) child labour, b) forced labour c) health and safety AND discloses evidence of how it monitors compliance in accordance to international social and labour standards AND it ensures workers in its seed production activities are paid a living wage both when seed production is carried out by the company itself and through an intermediate.</p>



E. Marketing and sales

Indicator	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
E1. Quality and safety of varieties	The company does not disclose information on whether it adheres to internationally accepted best practices. <i>(Note: For companies operating in countries with national laws or adhering to regional protocols on safeguarding quality and safety of varieties and seeds when launching new varieties, international best practice can be national and/or regional best practice.)</i>	-	The company adheres to internationally accepted best practices on safeguarding quality and safety of varieties OR seeds when launching new varieties in index countries. This includes adhering to biosafety protocols and codes for those companies that market GMOs. <i>(Note: For companies operating in countries with national laws or adhering to regional protocols on safeguarding quality and safety of varieties and seeds when launching new varieties, international best practice can be national and/or regional best practice.)</i>	-	The company adheres to internationally accepted best practices on safeguarding quality and safety of varieties AND seeds when launching new varieties in index countries. This includes adhering to biosafety protocols and codes for those companies that market GMOs. <i>(Note: For companies operating in countries with national laws or adhering to regional protocols on safeguarding quality and safety of varieties and seeds when launching new varieties, international best practice can be national and/or regional best practice.)</i>
E2. Distribution channels	The company does not disclose information on whether it has distribution channels servicing smallholder farmers in index countries in the region.	The company has distribution channels in up to 33% of index countries in the region and does not service remote areas OR services remote areas in up to 49% of index countries in which it has sales activities.	The company has distribution channels in 34-66% of index countries in the region and does not service remote areas OR services remote areas in up to 49% of index countries in which it has sales activities. OR The company has distribution channels in up to 33% of index countries and services remote areas in 50-100% of these countries.	The company has distribution channels in 67-100% of index countries in the region and does not service remote areas OR services remote areas in up to 49% of index countries in which it has sales activities. OR The company has distribution channels in 34-66% of index countries and services remote areas in 50-100% of these countries.	The company has distribution channels in 67-100% of index countries in the region and has established networks to service remote areas within 50-100% of these countries and provides examples or evidence.
E3. Diverse portfolio	The company has four or more varieties for less than 50% of crops in less than 50% of index countries in which it has sales activities with two or more seed	The company has four or more varieties for less than 50% of crops in less than 50% of index countries in which it has sales activities with two or more seed types in more	The company has four or more varieties for less than 50% of crops in more than 50% of index countries in which it has sales activities with two or more seed	The company has four or more varieties for more than 50% of crops in less than 50% of index countries in which it has sales activities with two or more	The company has four or more varieties for more than 50% crops in more than 50% of index countries in which it has sales activities with two or more seed



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E4. Packaging and labelling	The company does not disclose information on how it packages its products appropriately to the needs of smallholder farmers in index countries. The company meets one criterion and offers these in up to 49% of the index countries in which it has sales activities. OR The company offers seed packages that have appropriate sizes for smallholder farmers in the region.	The company meets one criterion and offers these in up to 49% of the index countries in which it has sales activities. OR The company offers seed packages that have appropriate sizes for smallholder farmers in the region.	The company meets one criterion and offers these in up to 49% of the index countries in which it has sales activities AND the company offers seed packages that have appropriate sizes for smallholder farmers in the region. OR The company meets two criteria and offers these in up to 49% of the index countries in which it has sales activities, but the company does not offer seed packages that have appropriate sizes for smallholder farmers in the region. OR The company meets one criterion and offers these in up to 49% of the index countries in which it has sales activities AND the company meets one other criteria and offers these in 50-100% of the index countries in which it has sales activities but the company does not offer seed packages that have appropriate sizes for	The company meets two criteria and offers these up to 49% of the index countries in which it has sales activities AND the company offers seed packages that have appropriate sizes for smallholder farmers in the region. OR The company meets one criterion and offers these in up to 49% of the index countries in which it has sales activities AND the company meets one other criteria and offers these in 50-100% of the index countries in which it has sales activities AND the company offers seed packages that have appropriate	The company offers seed packages that a) include local language and/or pictograms and b) include track and trace systems/means to ensure traceability and provides evidence that these are offered in 50-100% of the index countries in which it has sales activities AND has seed packages in appropriate sizes for smallholder farmers in the region.



			<p>smallholder farmers in the region.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The company meets one criterion and offers these in 50-100% of the index countries in which it has sales activities but the company does not offer seed packages that have appropriate sizes for smallholder farmers in the region.</p>	<p>sizes for smallholder farmers in the region.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>The company meets two criteria and offers these in 50-100% of the index countries in which it has sales activities AND the company does not offer seed packages that have appropriate sizes for smallholder farmers in the region.</p>	
E5. Affordability	The company does not disclose information on whether it has programmes to promote the affordability of seeds for smallholder farmers.	The company has programmes in place that help make seeds more affordable to smallholder farmers.	The company has programmes in place that include at least one element, and provides examples or evidence.	The company has programmes in place that includes at least three elements, and provides examples or evidence.	The company has programmes that includes all following elements a) microfinance, b) insurance schemes, c) credits, d) tailored cost models and e) optional collective bargaining and purchasing for smallholder farmers in index region, and provides examples or evidence.
E6. Quality assurance and after-sales	The company does not disclose information on whether it has implemented management systems for seed quality assurance during distribution and sales activities.	The company has implemented management systems to ensure seed quality during distribution and sales activities that meet at least two elements and provides examples or evidence.	The company has implemented management systems to ensure seed quality during distribution and sales activities that meet three elements and provides examples or evidence.	The company has implemented management systems to ensure seed quality during distribution and sales activities that meet four elements and provides examples or evidence.	The company has implemented management systems to ensure seed quality during distribution and sales activities that include a) quality assurance systems to assure germination/vigour and seed health certified by or equal to international systems; b) monitoring of its distribution network; c) assurance that seeds are not sold beyond their shelf-life; d) programmes to prevent the distribution of counterfeit seeds; and e) after sales support programmes in place and provides examples or evidence.
E7. Demonstration	The company does not disclose information on whether it has programmes to promote the	The company has demonstration and/or promotion programmes in up	The company has demonstration and/or promotion programmes in 34-	The company has demonstration and/or promotion programmes in 67-	The company has demonstration and/or promotion programmes in 67-100% of the index countries in



<p>and promotion strategies</p>	<p>adoption of suitable improved varieties by smallholder farmers.</p>	<p>to 33% of the index countries in which it has sales activities to promote the adoption of new varieties by smallholder farmers but does not specifically target women smallholder farmers.</p>	<p>66% of the index countries in which it has sales activities to promote the adoption of new varieties by smallholder farmers but does not specifically target women smallholder farmers. OR The company has demonstration and/or promotion programmes in up to 33% of the index countries in which it has sales activities to promote the adoption of new varieties by smallholder farmers and specifically targets women smallholder farmers.</p>	<p>100% of the index countries in which it has sales activities to promote the adoption of new varieties by smallholder farmers but does not specifically target women smallholder farmers. OR The company has demonstration and/or promotion programmes in 34-66% of the index countries in which it has sales activities to promote the adoption of new varieties by smallholder farmers and specifically targets women smallholder farmers.</p>	<p>which it has sales activities to promote the adoption of new varieties by smallholder farmers and specifically targets women smallholder farmers and provides examples or evidence.</p>
<p>E8. Other agricultural inputs</p>	<p>The company makes other agricultural inputs available but does not disclose information on how it promotes the safe use of other agricultural inputs OR The company does not make other agricultural inputs available.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>The company makes other agricultural inputs available to smallholder farmers and provides examples or evidence that it promotes the use of other agricultural inputs such as fertilizers and pesticides meeting one criterion in the index region.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>The company makes other agricultural inputs available to smallholder farmers and provides examples or evidence that it promotes the use of other agricultural inputs such as fertilizers and pesticides a) in appropriate quantities and b) with instructions suitable to smallholder farmers for the sustainable use in the index region.</p>



F. Capacity building

Indicator	0	0.5	1	1.5	2
F1. Extension services	The company does not disclose information on whether it provides extension services to smallholder farmers in the index countries where it is active.	The company's extension services meet one criterion and extend to up to 49% of the index countries where it is active, but the company does not track the number of smallholder farmers reached in the region.	The company's extension services meet one criterion and extend to up to 49% of the index countries where it is active AND the company tracks the number of smallholder farmers reached in the region. OR The company's extension services meet two criteria and it offers these in up to 49% of the index countries where it is active but does not track the number of smallholder farmers reached in the region. OR The company's extension services meet one criterion and it offers these in 50-100% of the index countries where it is active but does not track the number of smallholder farmers reached in the region.	The company's extension services meet two criteria and it offers these in up to 49% of the index countries where it is active AND tracks the number of smallholder farmers reached in the region. OR The company's extension services meet one criterion and it offers these in 50-100% of the index countries where it is active AND tracks the number of smallholder farmers reached in the region. OR The company's extension services meet two criteria and it offers these in 50-100% of the index countries where it is active but does not track the number of smallholder farmers reached in the region.	The company has extension services that include a) specification of the aim of services provided including at least one of the three areas (i.e., agronomic advice and/or crop protection advice and/or weather data application) and b) a specification of whether activities are carried out alone or in partnership and it offers these in 50-100% of the index countries where it is active and provides examples AND tracks the number of smallholder farmers reached in the region
F2. Programmes for women farmers	The company does not disclose information on whether it has programmes that are targeted towards building the capacity of women farmers (specifically targeted at women or programmes in which more than 50% of the participants were women).	-	The company has activities aimed at engaging women farmers (specifically targeted at women or programmes in which more than 50% of the participants were women) in the index region and provides examples or evidence but does not track the number of women farmers reached.	-	The company has activities aimed at engaging women farmers (specifically targeted at women or programmes in which more than 50% of the participants were women) in the index region and provides examples or evidence and tracks the number of farmers reached.



F3. Next-generation farmers	The company does not disclose information on whether it has activities aimed at engaging next generation farmers into agriculture.	-	The company has activities aimed at engaging next generation farmers into agriculture in the index region and provides examples or evidence, but does not track number of next generation farmers reached.	-	The company has activities aimed at engaging next generation farmers into agriculture in the index region, provides examples or evidence, and tracks number of next-generation farmers reached.
F4. ICT	The company does not disclose information on whether it has programmes to advance the use of information and communication technology by smallholder farmers.	The company has programmes to advance the use of information and communication technology by smallholder farmers.	The company has programmes that meet at least one criterion in the region and provides examples or evidence.	The company has programmes that meet at least two criteria in the region and provides examples or evidence.	The company has ICT programmes that build the capacity of smallholder farmers by providing information on a) company products, such as seed prices b) farming practices, such as when and how to harvest; and c) weather, such as alerts on when to expect rain in the region and provides examples or evidence.
F5. Access to output markets	The company does not disclose information on whether it has programmes and activities to improve the access of smallholder farmers to output markets.	-	The company has programmes in place to improve the access of smallholder farmers to output markets directly OR through partnerships with partners in the food value chain and provides examples or evidence.	-	The company has programmes in place to improve the access of smallholder farmers to output markets directly AND through partnerships with partners in the food value chain and provides examples or evidence.