

Timor-Leste's National Seed System for Released Varieties (NSSRV)

Providing the farming families of Timor-Leste with **secure access to good quality seed** and cuttings
 "Food security begins with seed security"



Quality planting materials of proven food crop varieties will be available to farming families in every aldeia of every suco at planting time

The Timor-Leste Government can save money by not having to buy, store and distribute imported seed

Farming families avoid having to use seed varieties not well suited to growing conditions in Timor-Leste

Seed classes	Breeder seed	Foundation seed	Certificate seed	Commercial seed	Community seed
Produce by	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	Supervised contract growers (CG)	Registered commercial seed producers (CSP)	Community seed production groups (CSPG)
Quality assurance	Controlled by MAF Seed Department	Controlled by MAF Seed Department	Controlled by MAF Seed Department	MAF supervision of Guidelines, seed testing, spot-checks.	MAF training in seed production Self-regulated.
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The NSSRV is servicing farmers with secure access to good seed of improved varieties because all elements of the national seed system are working well together:

1. Variety Identification & Development

MAF researchers identify, select and develop the most productive varieties for official release and produce breeder and then foundation seed under highly controlled conditions on research stations.

2. Source Seed & Quality Control

Contract growers multiply foundation seed of officially released varieties under close supervision by MAF Seed Department, which then produces high quality certified seed.

3. Commercial Seed Producers (CSP)

Registered CSP must use certified seed and follow NSSRV quality assurance Guidelines to produce large quantities of commercial seed that the Ministry, agricultural supply shops, NGOs, farmers and others can purchase with confidence in the quality assurance of Fini ba Moris brand name, now the brand of NSSRV.

4. Community Seed Production Groups

CSPG are farmer groups which use certified or commercial seed to locally produce and properly store community seed for their members and other families in the community to use next season.

Farmers can increase their production of food crops through cuttings of improved varieties

Maize: *Sele, Noi Mutin, Nai*

Rice: *Nakroma*

Peanut: *Utamua*

Sweet Potato: *Hohrae 1, 2 and 3*

Cassava: *Ailuka 1, 2 and 4*

MAF will soon release additional improved varieties of beans, rice and sweet potato.



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