

Have we successfully  
tackled the sweetpotato  
seed system  
bottleneck?



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# Bottlenecks



Climate change & long dry season

Insufficient pre-basic, basic, initial seed; low capacity of NARIs

Limited number of varieties preferred by farmers

Farmer exchange contributing to pests and diseases, lack of seed standards

Farmers were not yet involved in buying OFSP seed, low WTP  
Seasonality of sweetpotato vine market;

Weak seed value chain; no advance contracts with seed buyers;  
market dominated by institutional buyers; No fixed price for cuttings;  
no standard unit

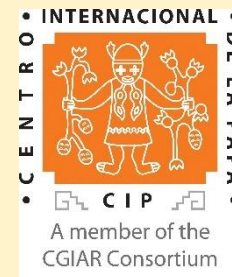
Limited skill base of multipliers, gender equity in seed enterprise

Lack of dry season vine conservation methods affordable to farmers





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