



SEED AND INPUTS

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INTRODUCTION

To meet the nation's food security needs, it is important to make available to Fijian farmers a wide range of seeds of superior quality because good seed in a good field produces abundantly. Therefore we at Pacific Feeds emphasis on importing quality hybrid seeds so that issues such as climate change, food and nutrition security can be addressed.

CURRENT SITUATION

- Pacific Feeds Limited is currently importing F₁ hybrid vegetable seeds from R.K Seed Farms, a company in India with over 50 years service and experience.
- These seeds are available at all our 13 sales centers around the country.
- We are now establishing nursery's and working with nurserymen's whereby they can act as models.
- This enables people of the community to better understand the types of seeds we offer as well as visualize the yields of the plants.

PURPOSES OF NURSERY



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Plant
propagation



Marketing of
seeds and
seedlings



Demonstration
and Education

CHALLENGES

PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION

- Production and distribution of quality seeds are insufficient compared to the demand of the public as was announced during the launching of Seed Guidelines in June 2015

MEETING FARMER'S SPECIFICATIONS

- Farmers lodging complaints at the Fiji Crop and Livestock Council that they do not have access to the range of seeds that they feel would improve the quality of Fiji's produce and increase their income.

CONSTRAINTS

1. There are number of hybrid seeds available overseas but due to quarantine requirements, we cannot take advantage of this excellent opportunity to grow and diversify our crops.
2. Approval to import a new seed type takes up to three years.
3. Cyclone season affects seed production and sales.
4. Finding hybrid seeds that are suitable and that which thrives well in our climatic region.

POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

- Review the approval process if there is any possibility of attaining results in a shorter time frame
- Performing research, working together with relevant authorities seed exporters and business partners to better understand specifications as well as requirements.

- **Any questions or suggestions?**