

# Aflasafe® Aflatoxin management

Aflatoxin-safe fields and crops for safer food in Africa

Aflasafe® is a biocontrol technology for aflatoxins management that uses harmless types of the fungus *Aspergillus flavus* which do not and cannot produce the toxins. The atoxigenic fungi are coated onto ordinary sorghum grain for transferring these innovative biocontrol agents to farmers' fields.



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✓ This technology is **TAAT1 validated**.

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Scaling readiness: idea maturity 8/9; level of use 9/9

Gender assessment 4

Climate impact 6

## Problem

- Widespread aflatoxin contamination in staple crops, animal feeds, and processed foods across Africa.
- Consumption of contaminated food leads to severe health issues such as liver cancer, weakened immunity, and organ damage.
- Aflatoxin contamination renders food unfit for consumption and trade, resulting in significant economic losses.

## Solution

- Prevents aflatoxin production using harmless strains of *Aspergillus flavus*.
- Affordable solution to reduce aflatoxin levels in food safely.
- Tailored to African conditions, utilizing native atoxigenic fungal strains.
- Selected through rigorous field testing.
- Halts aflatoxin contamination during transportation, storage, and processing.

Technology originally documented by

ProPAS

Commodities

Maize, Sorghum/Millet, Groundnut, Chili peppers, Sesame, Sunflower

Sustainable Development Goals



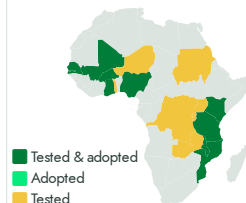
Categories

Production, Prevention & storage, Practices, Pest management, Post-harvest management

Best used with

- [Drought Tolerant Maize Varieties and Water Efficient Maize Varieties >](#)

Tested/adopted in



Where it can be used

This technology can be used in the colored agro-ecological zones.



## Key points to design your project

To use this technology in your project, plan these activities:

- Calculate the product quantity based on the cost (12 to 20 USD per Ha) and the requirement (10 kg per ha).
- Factor in the delivery, import, and duty costs from the supplier to the site.
- Budget for training and support from a team of trainers during installation.
- Develop communication materials (flyers, videos, radio, etc.) for the technology.
- Follow post-harvest practices (drying and storage) for the improved maize variety.
- Work with agricultural institutes and agro-dealers in your country.

Cost: \$\$\$ **12 - 20 USD**  
per Ha

ROI: \$\$\$ **16 %**  
Increase in income

**10 kg/ha**

Recommended dosage application

**4 kg/acre**

Recommended dosage application



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