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Golden cassava varieties (Vitamin A fortified)

Yellow-fleshed cassava rich in vitamin A

Yellow-fleshed cassava is a vitamin A-enriched variety. The variety is the result of the cross-breeding of natural lines containing high levels of provitamin A and hybrid lines with higher yield potential disease resistance and drought tolerance.

Technology from This technology is TAAT1 validated. 7.6 ProPAS Climate impact 🚺 5 Gender assessment 💧 4 Commodities Cassava Problem Solution Sustainable Development Goals • Lack of essential nutrients in conventional cassava • Golden cassava varieties are enriched with varieties, notably vitamin A deficiency affecting provitamin A, addressing vitamin A deficiency 50% of children. and hidden hunger. • Insufficient vitamin A leading to preventable • Through breeding, golden cassava exhibits blindness and weakened immune systems in enhanced traits like disease resistance and Categories children. drought tolerance. • Limited nutritional value and agronomic • These varieties contain 2 to 3 times more Production, Improved varieties, challenges, such as disease susceptibility and low provitamin A, meeting nutritional needs in Yield improvement, Quality improvement yield potential. cassava-dependent communities. • Golden cassava suits various agro-ecosystems, Tested/adopted in enhancing its reach. Key points to design your project Tested & adopted To integrate it into your project: Adopted Tested 1. Establish quality parameters with stakeholders. Testing ongoing 2. Engage seed companies for high-quality seeds. Where it can be used 3. Stimulate demand among consumers. This technology can be used in the colored 4. Provide financial assistance to farmers. agro-ecological zones. Consider seed quantity, delivery costs, training, communication support, and collaboration with local agricultural institutes and companies for successful implementation. Open source / open access Target groups

Farmers, Seed companies



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