



Seed potato production in Burundi: strategies for improvement.


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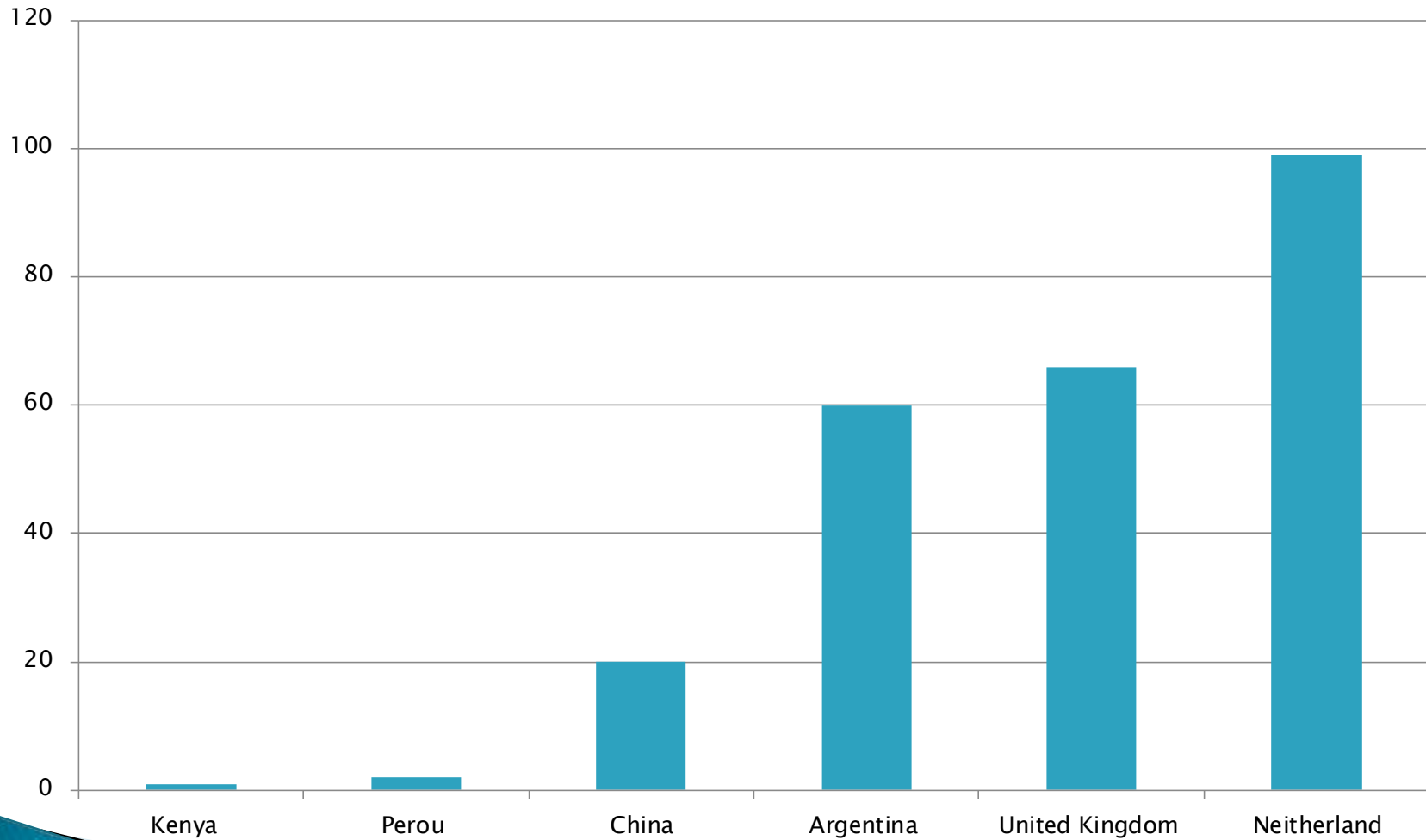
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1. Background

- Potato production in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) has more than doubled since 1994, with 70% growth in eastern Africa (FAO and CFC 2010).
- Despite these gains, on-farm potato yields in the region still short compared to their potential.
- Mostly due to a combination of inadequate supplies of high-quality seed and smallholders' limited awareness of better seed management practices.
- Greater involvement by the private sector including smallholder farmers in seed potato value chains offers means to unlock this yield gap by overcoming the supply bottleneck that is limiting the provision of quality seed

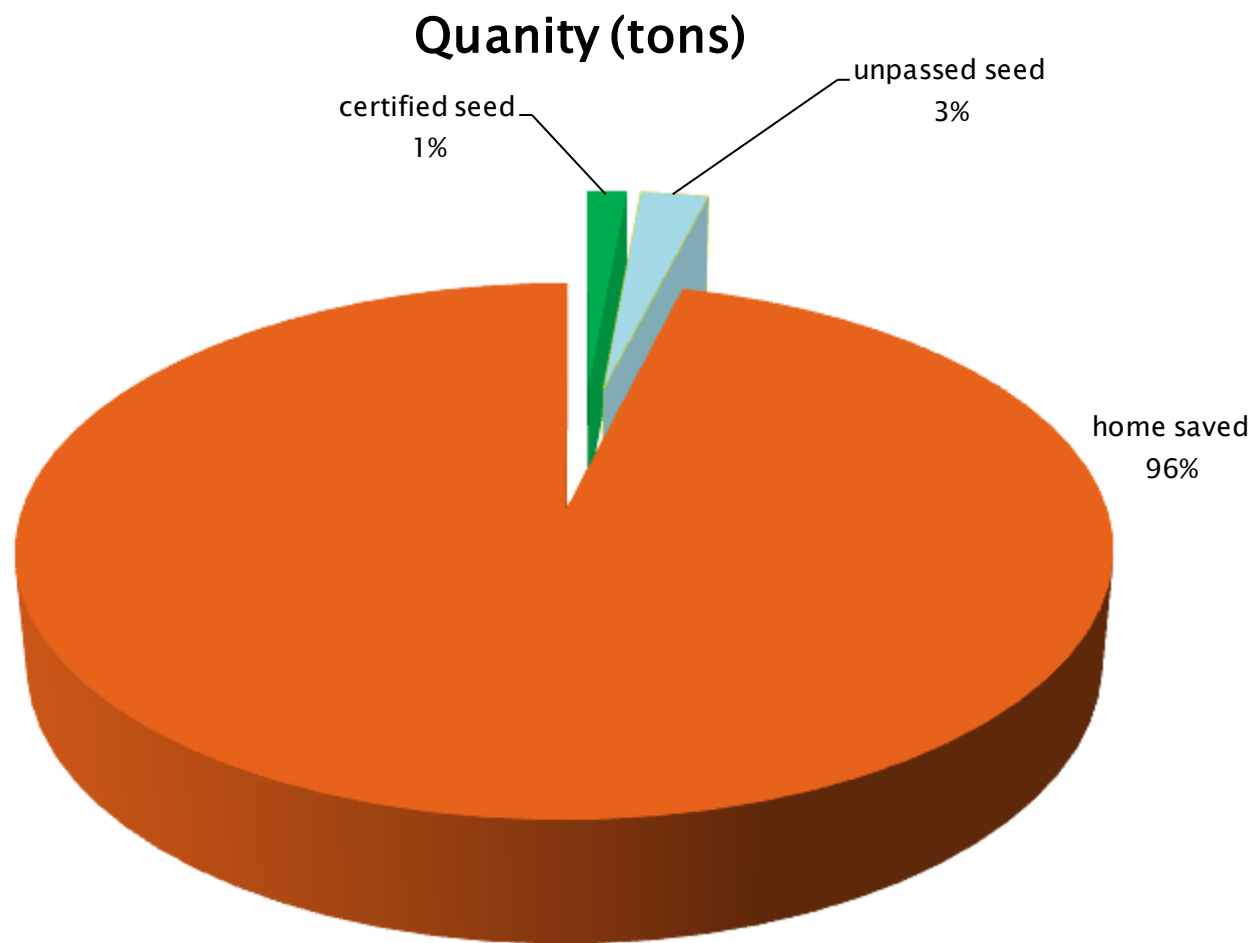
Picture of quality seed worldwide

Availability of Certified seed



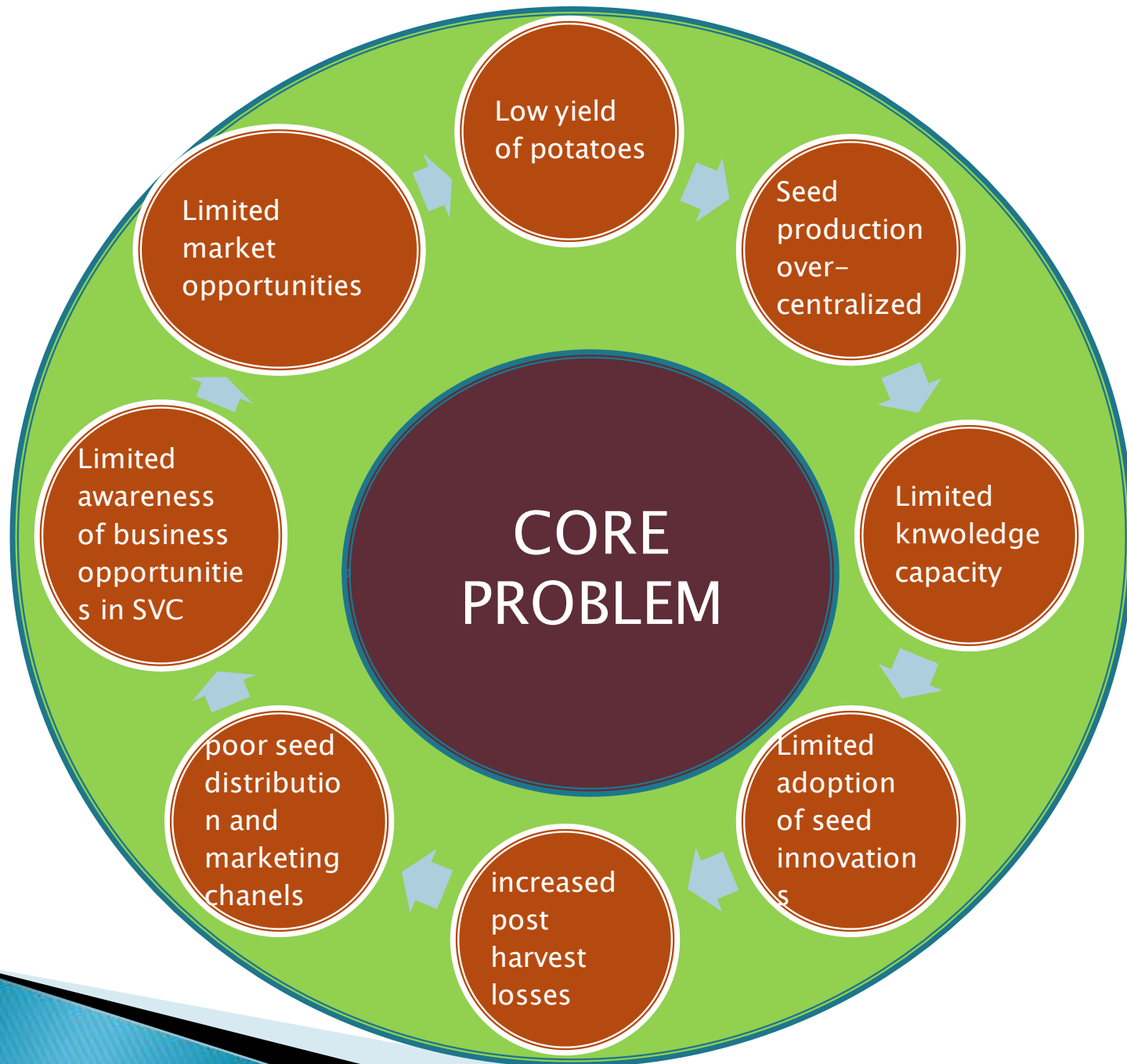
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Seed quality Availability status in Burundi (IN TONS), 2013 B







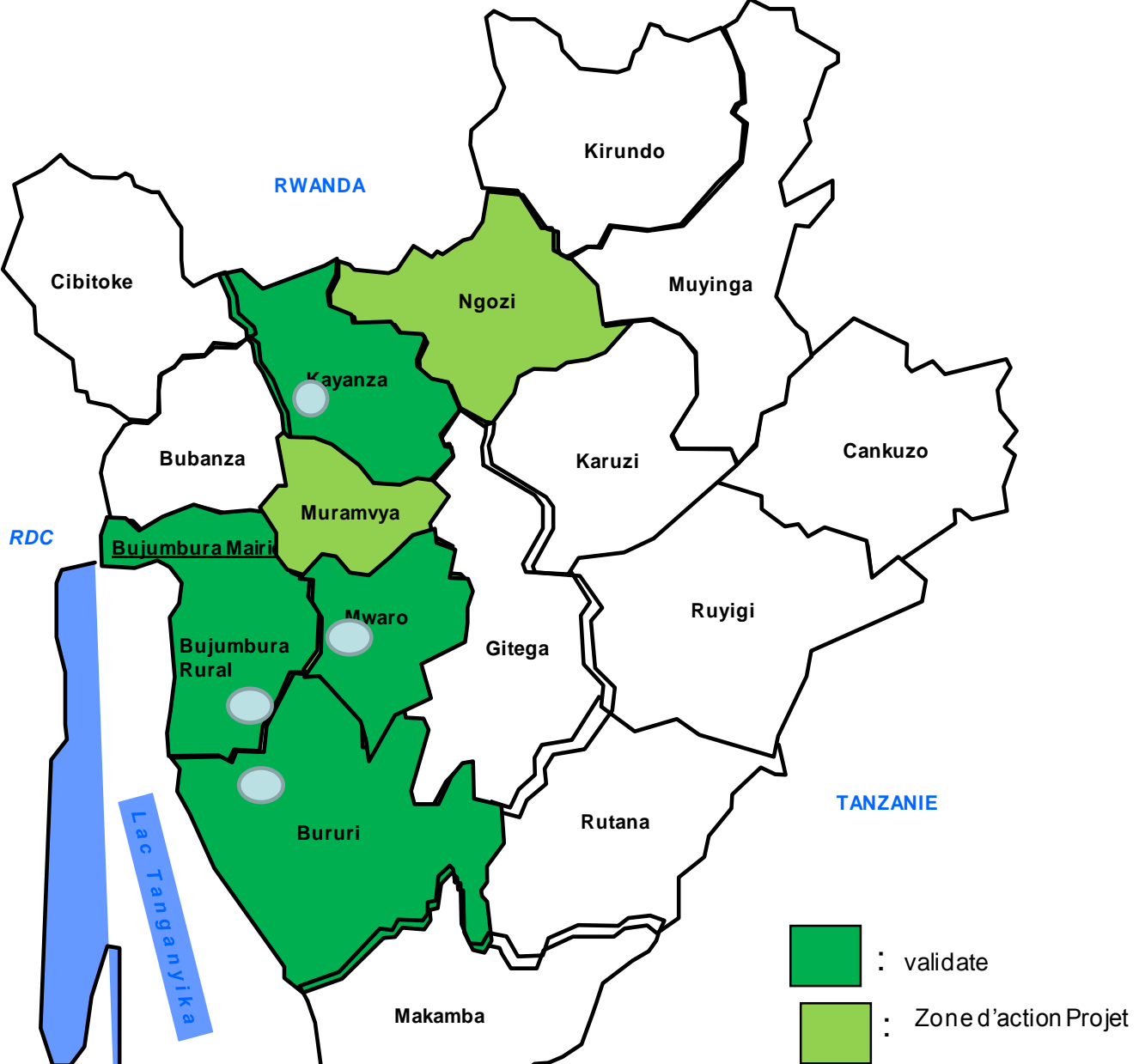


Seed system analyses

characteristic	farming household – farmer-saved	community-based	progressive farmers	humanitarian	public-private formal
general description	traditional for food, subsistence (informal)	development oriented and community-based (intermediary)	emerging group of farmers and entrepreneurs (intermediary)	Basically a distribution system dependent on other seed systems for production (intermediary)	project based structure that approach a public seed sector
type of varieties	Local and improved	improved and local	improved and local	improved and imported (Rwanda)	improved
type of seed quality	farmer-saved	commercial but non-controlled	commercial certified and non-certified	commercial no controlled	controlled and certified
type of distribution and marketing	farmer-saved, local exchange and markets	farmer-saved, local distribution and marketing	direct marketing, out grower schemes, contracts with humanitarian agencies	distribution followed by farmer-saved and local marketing	contracts and government distribution

3. ON-FARM RESEARCH SUPPORTED INNOVATIONS IN SEED QUALITY POTATO PRODUCTION AND MAINTENANCE

Project implementation sites





CONVENTIONAL SEED PRODUCTION SCHEME



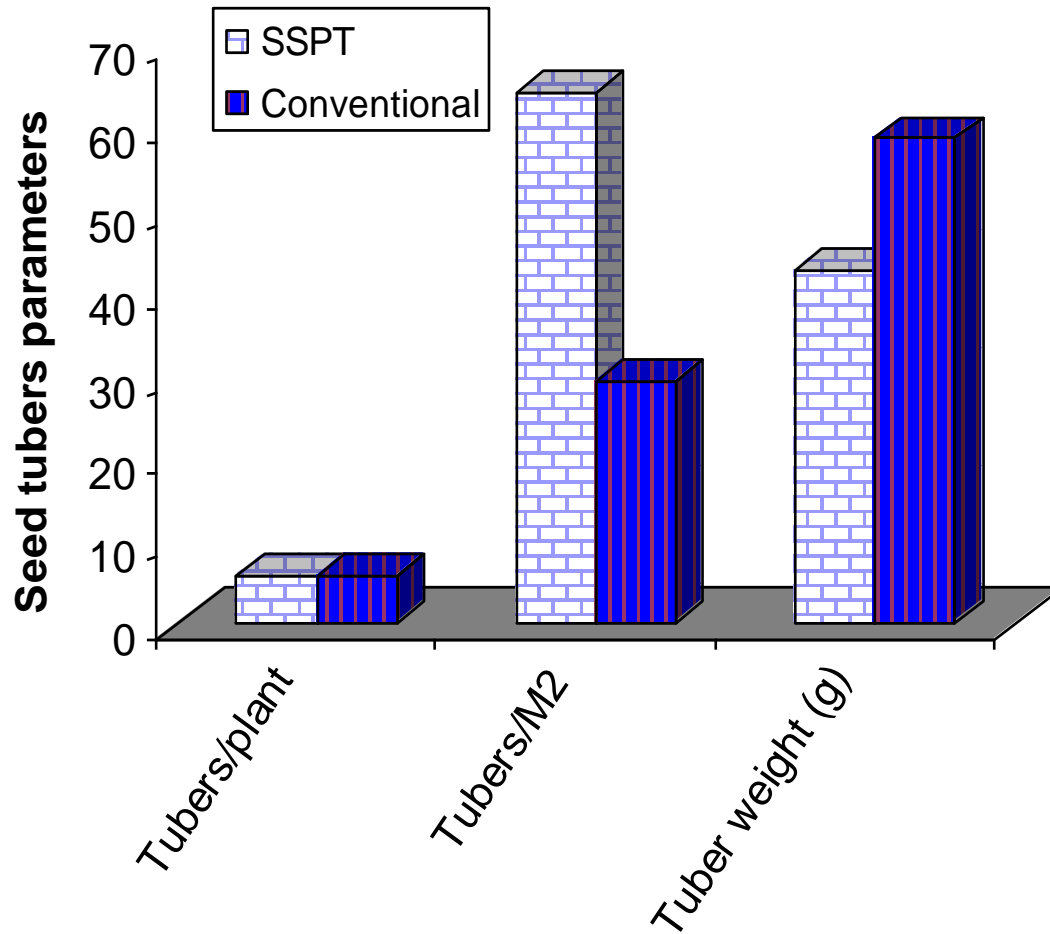


MINITUBER PRODUCTION THROUGH AEROPONIC SYSTEMS



1° SEEDPLOT TECHNIQUE

Performance comparison of Seedplot and conventional seed potato production systems





**FULL SEASON HAND OF TRAINING, TRAINING OF TRAINERS (TOTs),
MOHTER PLOTS WITH FARMERS, TOTs, EXTENSION SERVICES AS WELL AS
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

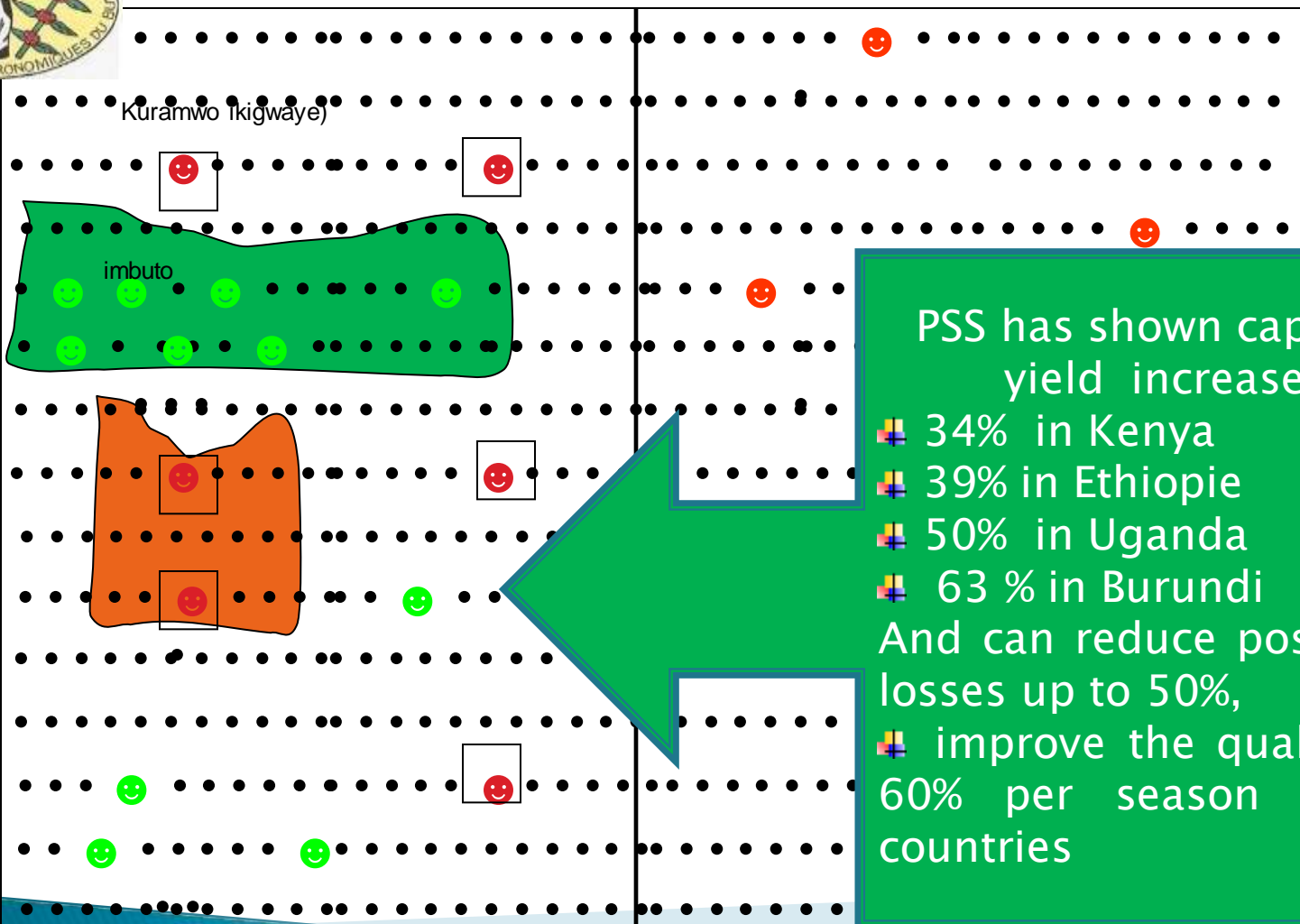






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PSS has shown capacity of yield increase of:

- 34% in Kenya
- 39% in Ethiopia
- 50% in Uganda
- 63% in Burundi

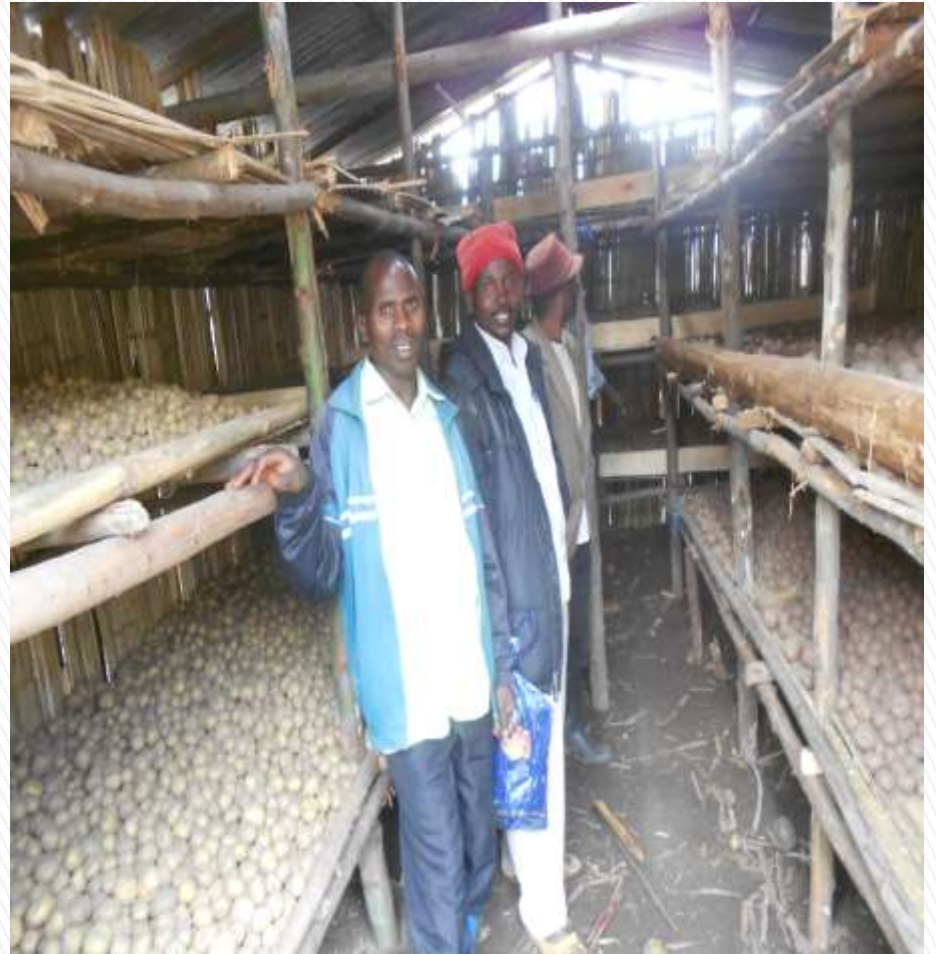
And can reduce post harvest losses up to 50%,
improve the quality up to 60% per season in these countries

Positive seed selection



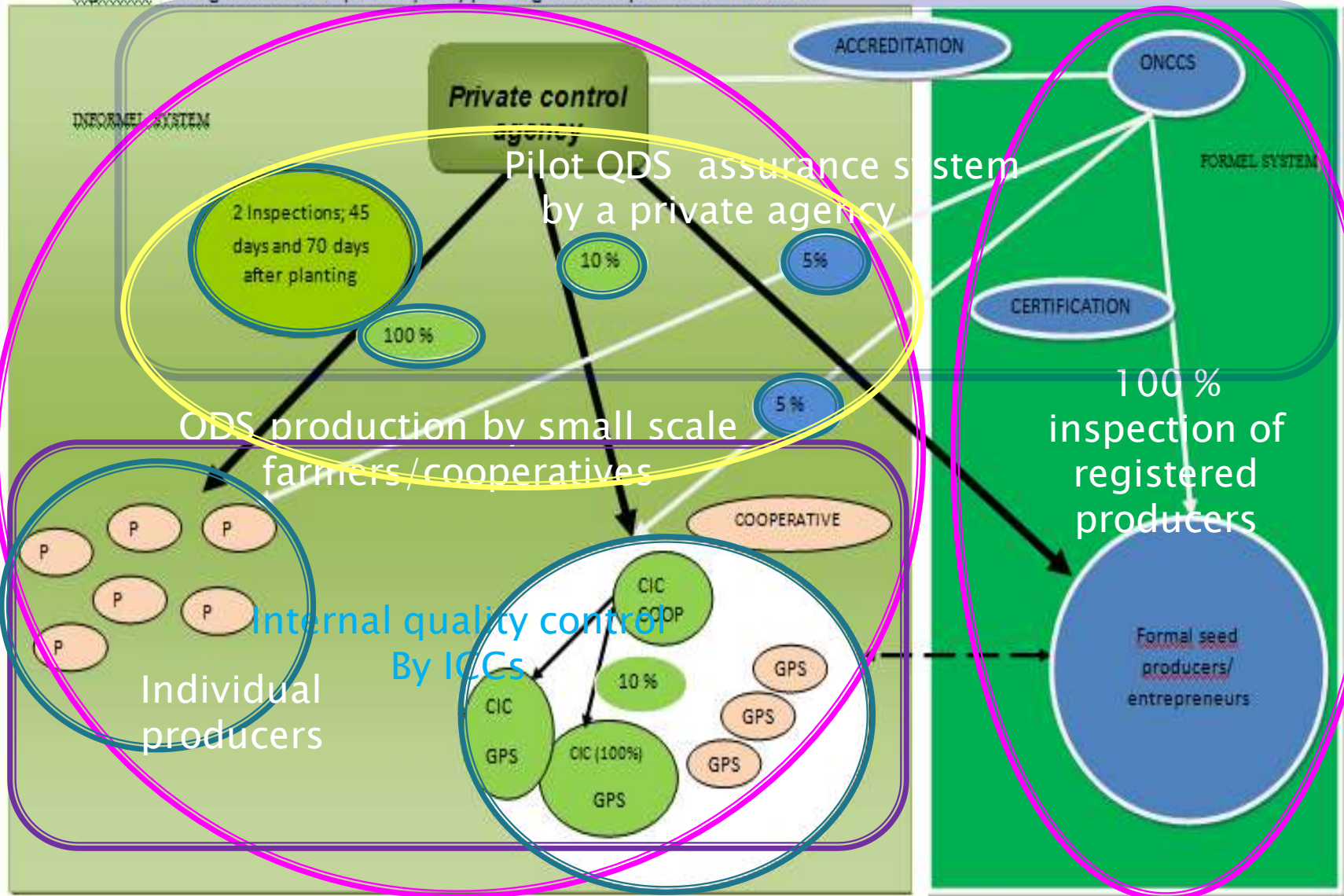
Initiatives de sécurisation de la qualité semencière;



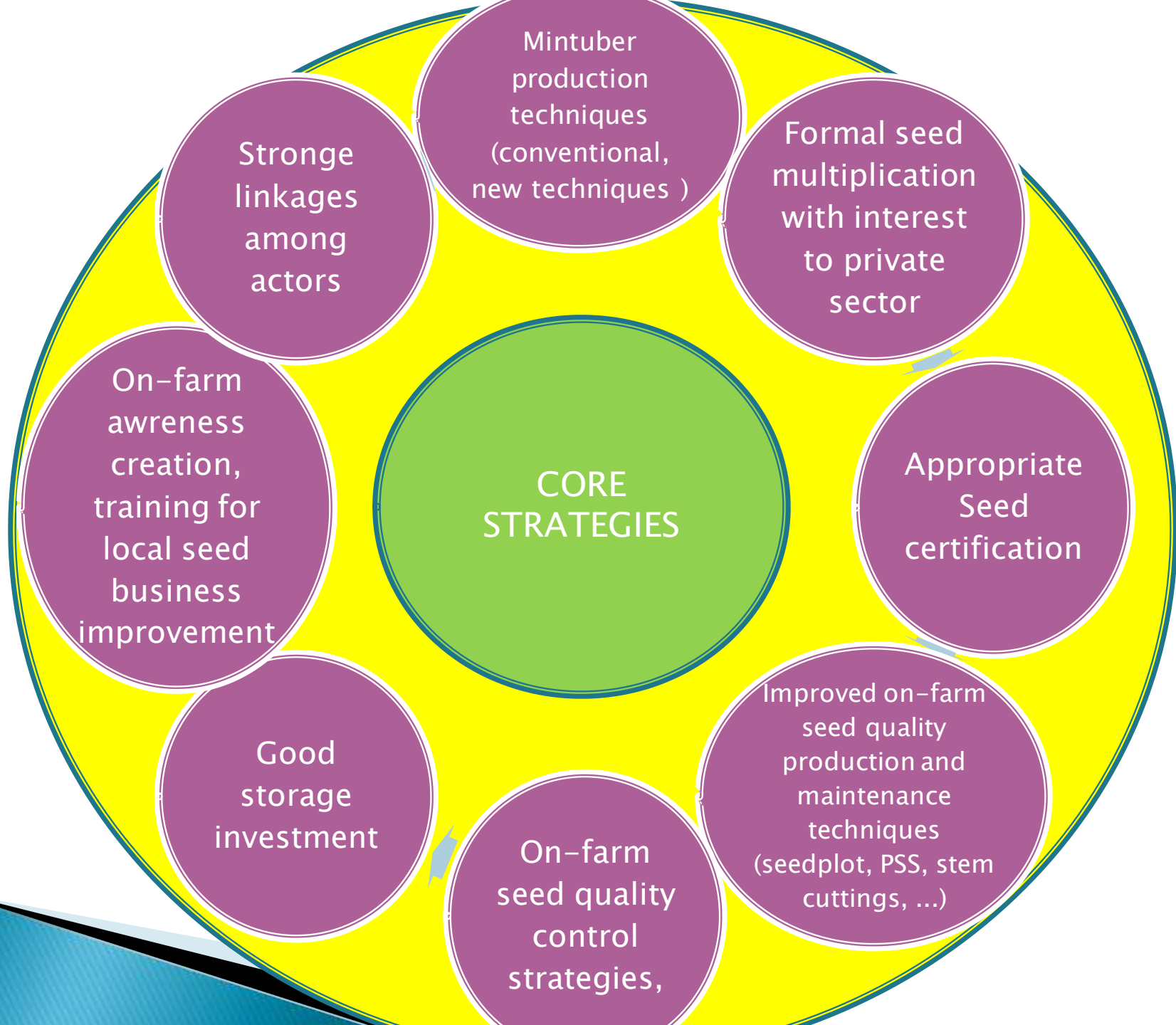


4. Inclusive quality assurance strategies

Figure 1. Strategic scheme for potato quality planting material production in Burundi



5. Recommendations and conclusion



CORE STRATEGIES

Mintuber production techniques (conventional, new techniques)

Formal seed multiplication with interest to private sector

Appropriate Seed certification

Improved on-farm seed quality production and maintenance techniques (seedplot, PSS, stem cuttings, ...)

On-farm seed quality control strategies,

Good storage investment

On-farm awareness creation, training for local seed business improvement

Stronge linkages among actors

Conclusion

- An inclusive seed system could improve quality production, distribution, use, and profitability for farmers.
- Prominent rapid multiplication technologies that are minituber production from *invitro* plantlets, *in vitro* based on-farm stem cuttings, seedplot technique, positive seed selection and a vibrant on-farm knowledge dissemination scheme can provide needed capacity to broaden adoption of quality seed production and accelerate small scale income generation.
- Better integration of research and extension systems into the value chain, as well as farmer training schemes in seed management and storage, can highly contribute to the sustainable availability of agricultural inputs such as quality seeds.

Développement technologies et innovations





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PROBLEMS**



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