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- Local consumers
- Strong existing members/founders
- Good support from ECHO
- Additional ag training programs
- Government initiatives
- Existing seedbank network
- Local technology/ideas
- Located in farming community
- Creativity
- Local wisdom
- Seeds tied to culture

Weaknesses

- Technical capacity
- infrastructure
- Not enough staff/ labor intensive
- Funding
- No existing systems
- Climate
- Tendency to be profit driven
- Lack of government seed policy
- Techniques only local/traditional
- Loss of seed saving know how
- No storage/inventory tracking system
- Monitoring and evaluation
- Competition with hybrid seed/companies
- Next generation of farmers
- Transborder movement of seed
- Seed sanitation

Opportunities

- Other networks
- Local and overseas funding
- Impact more farmers
- Safe food for consumers
- More research
- Plenty of farmers willing to provide seed
- Apply for grants
- Partner with universities
- Farm tourism
- More underutilized crops
- Income or profit
- Organic value chain
- Sustainable ag training
- Nutrition and healthcare training
- Advocacy
- Seed back-up between network
- Good communication and connection to each other
- More technical information availability
- Locally adapted seed storage options

Threats

- Lots of hybrids
- Disasters
- Pests
- Multinational companies
- Corruption
- Young people not interested
- Resistance from farmers (hard to move away from hybrids)
- Impure seed
- Seed laws and regulation
- Seed biodiversity loss
- Future GM crop introduction/cross pollination
- Instability (government programs/policies) – conflict
- Urbanization
- Poor electricity
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- Communicate the story of seeds and seed banks to local communities (social media)
- Farmer crop improvement/selection training

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