Using beans or corn kernels placed on a large sheet or paper, they assess together which crops are the most important based on a few select criteria: is the crop adaptable, is it good for storage, is it pest resistant, is it nutritionally high, does it have cultural significance, etc. With this method, people of the farming community get to decide together which crops are the most valuable to them, and therefore should be grown for seed production to ensure their food and seed security. This Seed Security Assessment and Action Planning tool has been developed by our team throughout the years. It has become a valuable way for farmers and other actors in a local farming community to assess which crops should be made more secure and therefore should be grown for seed production to ensure their food and seed security. This Seed Security Assessment system.

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