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Endorsement of the Ten Guiding Principles for Good Seed Aid

Across the world, conflict, displacement, and climate-related shocks are becoming more frequent and severe, disrupting agricultural production, weakening local markets, and threatening the livelihoods, food security, and resilience of millions of farming households.

[Mercy Corps](#) proudly endorses the [Ten Guiding Principles for Good Seed Aid \(10P\)](#) as a practical, evidence-based framework for improving the quality, effectiveness, and sustainability of humanitarian seed assistance. Developed by Mercy Corps and [SeedSystem](#) in consultation with global seed system experts, the 10P provides essential guidance for designing seed responses that are context-specific, responsive to farmer needs, and supportive of local seed systems' resilience. The principles offer a common framework for policymakers, program managers, and practitioners seeking to ensure that emergency seed assistance meets immediate needs while contributing to longer-term recovery and resilience.

The growing interest in the 10P reflects increasing recognition across the humanitarian and development sectors that seed assistance should be evidence-based, responsive to farmers' realities, and designed to support local markets and seed systems. By promoting informed decision-making, appropriate response options, and stronger accountability to farmers, the principles help ensure that emergency seed assistance responds to immediate humanitarian needs while strengthening, rather than substituting for, local systems and markets.

Mercy Corps reaffirms its commitment to promoting and applying the 10P in our own work and to supporting their broader adoption by governments, donors, humanitarian agencies, and development partners. We remain committed to generating evidence, strengthening capacities, and fostering partnerships that help crisis-affected farming communities recover from shocks, build resilient seed systems, and achieve sustainable livelihoods.

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