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i. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Participants for Phase III will be drawn from the 11 AGRA focal countries (Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda) and from South Sudan and DR Congo. In Phase III, the proposed trainings at SEMIs shall continue to focus on modern management strategies in seed production and trade and the modular courses will continue to be delivered by renowned subject matter specialists sourced from the University of Nairobi, KEPHIS and KALRO. All the seven course modules will emphasize experiential learning supported by case studies with respect to content delivery. Phase III will train 135 seed company specialists from 13 target countries with at least **30 trainees recruited from South Sudan, DR. Congo and Rwanda**. All 135 participants will receive at least one of seven course modules.

The grant for phase III was finally signed in November 2016. The key activities for Phase III are capacity building through short skills development and enhancement which include seven course modules. The seven course modules are:

- a. Seed production
- b. Seed drying and storage
- c. Seed marketing
- d. Seed business
- e. Seed quality assurance and seed enterprise management
- f. Seed production field diagnostic course
- g. Plant Protection Organizations (NPPOs) quality regulators course

Other activities include:

1. To hold a four day workshop to revise and enrich the curricula and course delivery methods for the modules for seed company personnel.
2. Reorientation of new skilled persons to teach in the SEMIs courses.

To conduct a survey in seed companies in Ghana, Rwanda, Tanzania and Kenya to the seed production and sales trends for the trained seed companies as part of an exercise to establish the impact of SEMIs training on the quality, availability and adoption of high quality seed in those countries

SEMIs program conducted a five-day curricula review workshop in November 2016 and January 2017. In addition, focused group discussions were held between SEMIs PI and key course module facilitators. The workshop and focused group discussions involved SEMIs course module co-coordinators and key facilitators for the seven international training courses. New facilitators were identified while the course contents were evaluated and updated accordingly. The workshop and group discussions also entailed orientation of new facilitators on SEMIs course modules and recommended ways for better content delivery.

The training schedule was given but had to change due to unavoidable circumstances. From the part I funds released, only five training workshops were conducted. In total, 97 participants have so far been trained from 48 seed companies including institutions. These participants came from 13 different Sub-Saharan African countries namely, DR Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

The planned impact assessment survey on Seed Companies in four countries namely Ghana, Rwanda, Tanzania and Kenya was conducted and the outcome is presented in this report.