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PROGRAM**

**A MULTISTAKEHOLDER PLATFORM
FOR FOOD AND NUTRITION
SECURITY, LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND**



KEY RECOMMENDATION

Put Farmer Seed Systems Central in Seed Sector Development in Developing Countries

→ Include farmers at the drawing table of any Multi-Stakeholder Platform on seed sector development

Why? Because:

- 1. They ARE the MAIN ACTOR in developing countries' seed sector;*
- 2. They are responsible for the bulk of (nutritious) food production in these countries;*
- 3. They are reservoirs of agro-biodiversity, especially in centres of origin;*
- 4. They are crucial for smallholder farmers' resilience to shocks*
- 5. They are crucial for achieving multiple of the SDGs*

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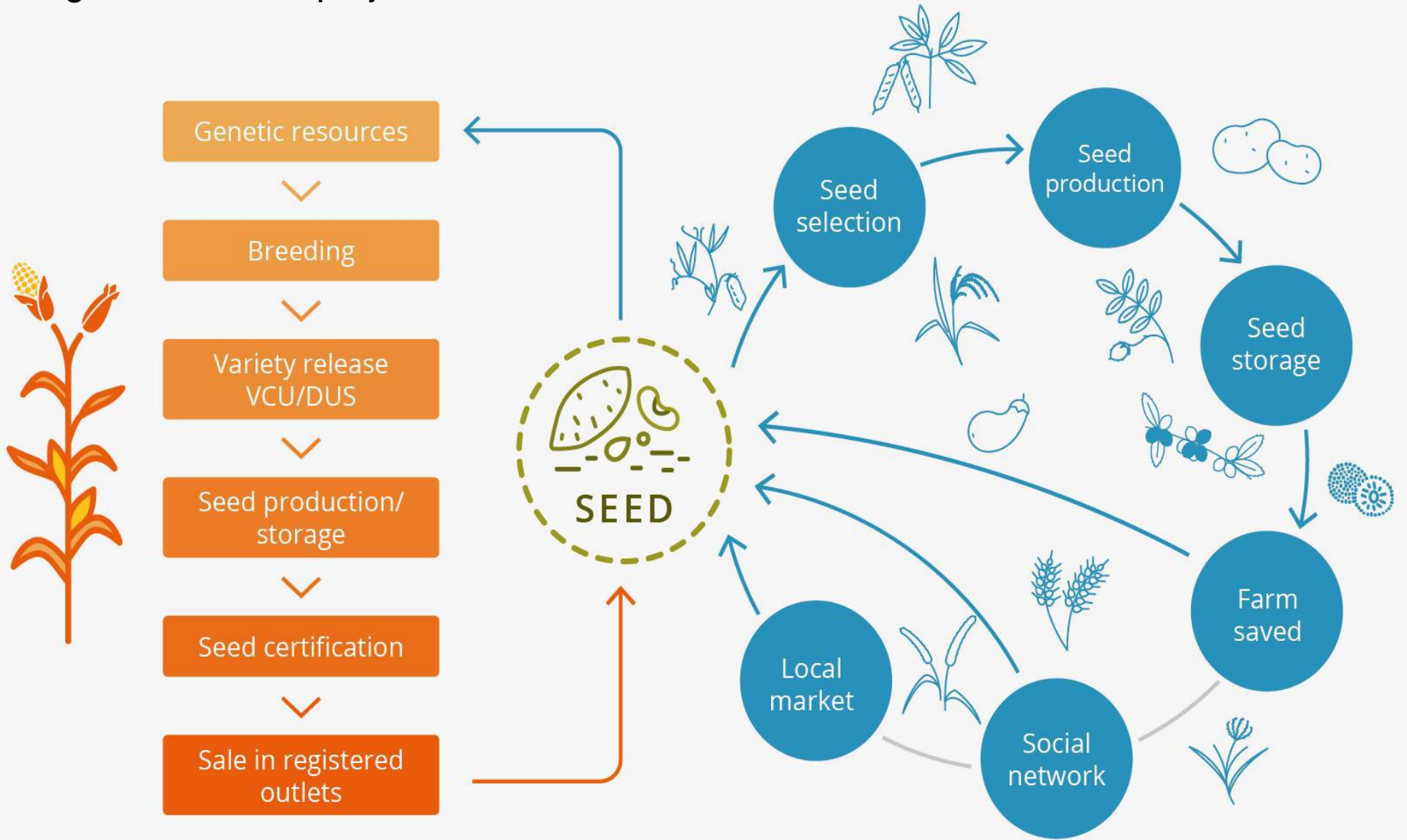


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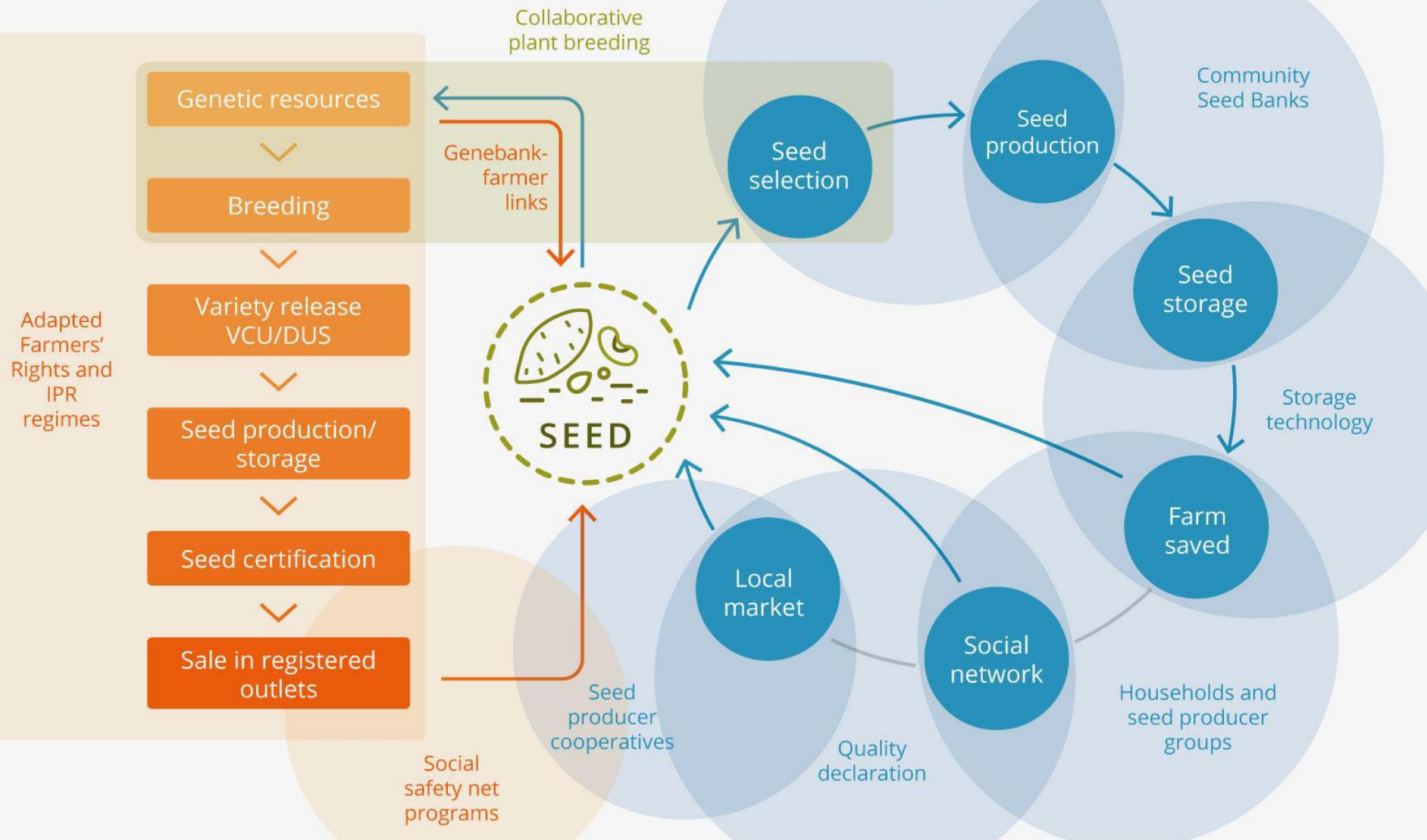
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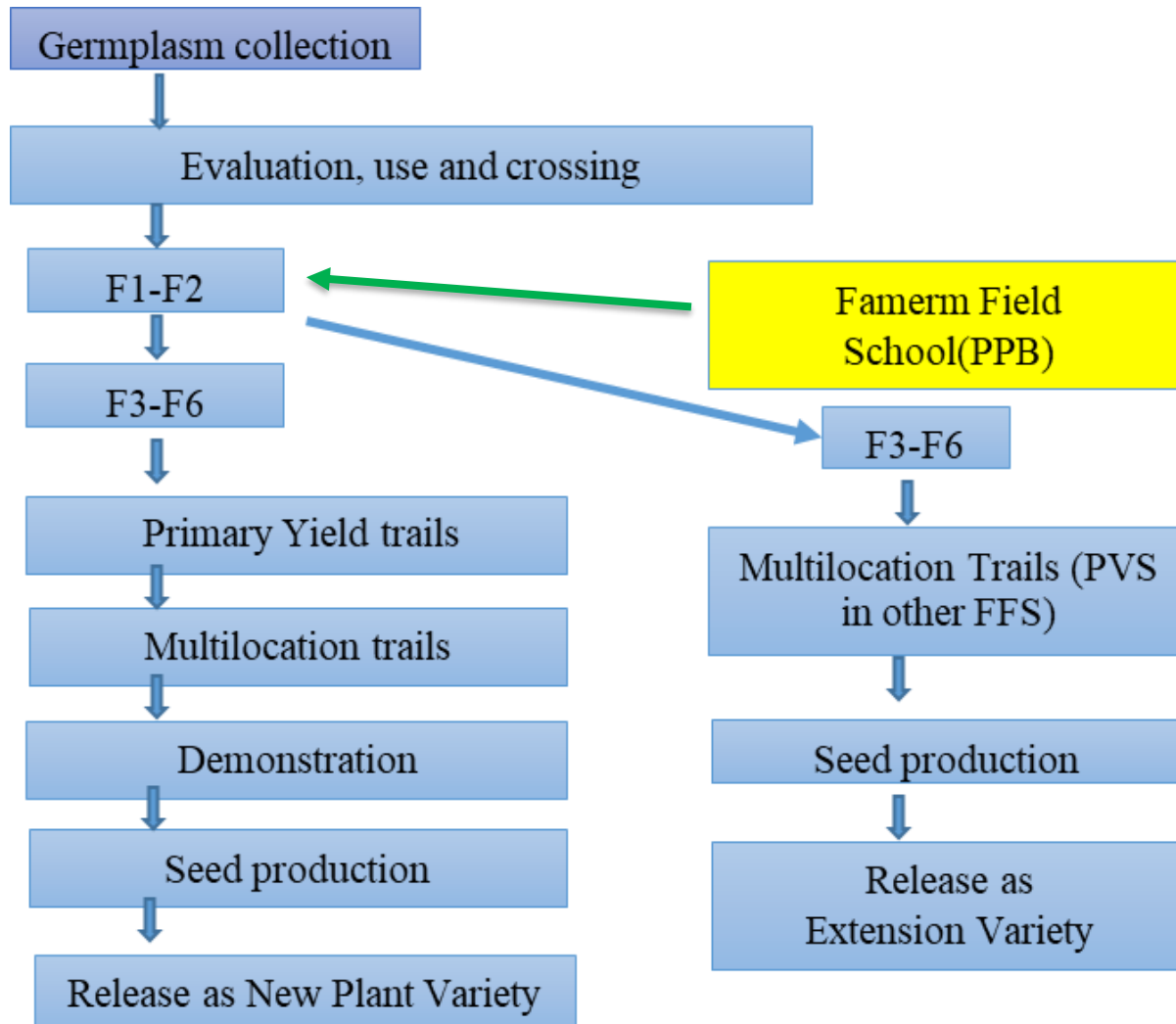
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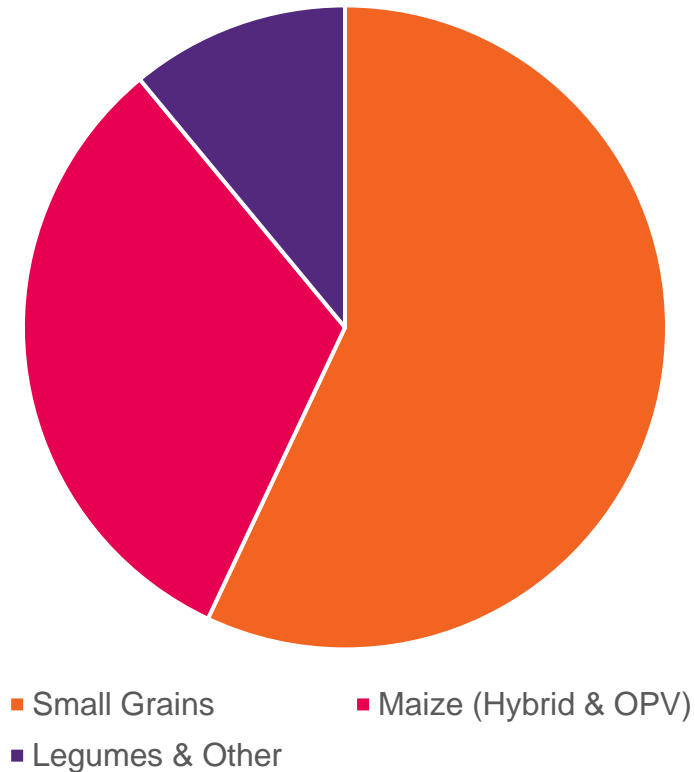


LESSONS FROM LAOS: PARTICIPATORY PLANT BREEDING



LESSONS FROM ZIMBABWE: CHAMPION SEEDS FARMER COOPERATIVE

Crop Portfolio 2019



- Providing SHF access to high-quality seed of a more diverse set of crops
- Empowers smallholder farmers & contributes to their livelihoods
- 83Mt of certified seed
- \$143.000 sales income
- Registration of 3 popular farmer varieties in process
- Focus on adding Indigenous vegetables with support of Dutch company



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LESSONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MULTISTAKEHOLDER COLLABORATION IN SD=HS

- RECOGNITION for farmer breeding and farmer seed systems is KEY
- Moving beyond controversies → Trust building
- Being sensitive to unequal power relations
- Scaling-up is possible but depends on many factors
- Time investments for long lasting results
- Economic sustainability remains a challenge

THANK YOU!



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