

**Seeding the Green Future: Covid-19 Pandemic Contingency Planning Meeting -  
Outcomes and Action Plan SGF (2020-2021) season- 3<sup>rd</sup> Circular**

This circular is 3<sup>rd</sup> (third) in series of circulars released earlier on 25 March & 14 April 2020. Also, in reference to subsequent online meetings held on 22 April 2020 & 01 May 2020 focusing on updates on the actions and mitigation measures agreed earlier to ensure minimum impact of Covid-19 crisis on our project activities during upcoming season (2020-2021).

**Covid-19 Crisis Status in India:**

Considering erratic situation of Covid-19 in India and following on from 2nd phase of nationwide lockdown which lasted till 03 May 2020. Once again, starting yesterday this lockdown is further extended until 17 May 2020. In 3<sup>rd</sup> phase of this lockdown, a district wise multi-factorial classification across different states is made considering incidence of Covid-19 cases where; red zone is most contaminated, orange zone represents minimum or moderate contamination and green zone is free from contamination.

**Table 1: Zone wise classification of SGF project site across different districts in 6 states under Seeding the Green Future Program**

States	Districts designated under different zones		
	Red	Orange	Green
<b>Madhya Pradesh</b>	Indore, Khandwa and Barwani	Alirajpur, Khargone, Ratlam and Burhanpur	Jhabua
<b>Maharashtra</b>	Akola and Jalgaon	NA	NA
<b>Odisha</b>	NA	Kalahandi	Rayagada
<b>Gujarat</b>	Ahmedabad	Botad	NA
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	Kurnool	Kadapa	NA
<b>Rajasthan</b>	Jodhpur	NA	NA

In present scenario, Maharashtra one of our main focus region is still struggling with maximum number of positive Covid-19 cases in the state and in country. Whereas, most of the project site across the MP are placed under orange and green zone except for Indore and Khandwa. In Odisha we are better placed as none of districts taking up SGF activities are under red zone. One district each in other 3 states is classified under red zone while one each in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh falls in orange zone. Uncertainty of withdrawal of lockdown period especially in red zones might pose a threat to implementation of trials. However, this classification has come up with some positive relaxations in agricultural and allied activities especially in districts demarcated under orange and green zones. This has helped us to foresee our plans and prepare to carry our project activities in the least affected districts across these states.

## Follow-up Meeting Schedule:

Once again, to further deliberate on the challenges posed by extended lockdown on our project activities, a follow up meeting is scheduled on **08 May 2020 (Friday) at 03:30 PM (IST)** to review individual progress on 'Urgent Action Points' highlighted on 2<sup>nd</sup> and new Circular (*mentioned below*). This meeting will primarily focus on finetuning of planned action points and strategies considering enforced 3.0 lock down with new guidelines issued by GOI (*refer above*)

This meeting shall be attended by the representative from implementing partners including ASA, CC, CSA, FFID-Chetna, PDKV, PSL and RVSKVV.

## **\*Urgent Actions Points: Reminder... !**

- Submission of pending data from SGF 2019-2020 (CET & AGT)
- Submission of pending training & final project reports from SGF 2019-2020 season
- Submission of Contingency plan for SGF 2020-2021
- List of new cultivars to be evaluated during upcoming season
- Quantity of seed available for old and new cultivars for on-station and on-farm trials
- Seed arrangement of cultivars for SGF 2020-2021
- Final list of on-farm baby and pilot trials and trial distribution strategy for SGF 2020-2021
- Financial reporting of SGF 2019-2020
- Discussion and planning for pre-season starategy meeting

*\*Please ignore if you have already submitted the requisite documents*

*Senior management team is requested to ensure strong organization and mobilization of ground team to able them enough to respond professionally and timely to the points.*

We appreciate your time and continued support. Thank you and keep safe.



**(Project Leader)**



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