**Some general budget guidance**

**Seed System Security Assessment (SSSA)**

The costs of conducting a Seed System Security Assessment (SSSA) will vary greatly from one country to another, or one region to another. Beyond local costs (for fuel, lodging and per diem, etc.), much depends on the scale of the SSSA (that is, how many sites) and if extraordinary measures are needed to reach and conduct work in those site(s), (for example, hiring planes or boats; hiring security personnel).

Across the SSSAs, budgets for work covering one to three sites have ranged from about $US 15,000 to $ US 25,000. More comprehensive SSSAs (five to eight sites, ‘countrywide’ coverage) have cost between $US 40,000 to $ US 65,000.

Below, we list some of the typical elements that are budgeted within an SSSA field program. Note that many organizations defray costs by implementing SSSAs within the frameworks of existing programs linked to food security, crop diversification and nutrition, and agricultural recovery.

**Table Indicative cost items in implementing a Seed System Security Assessment (SSSA)**

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| **GENERAL EXPENSE CATEGORIES** | **DETAILS** |
| Public Launch +  Public Feedback Meetings | Rental of Conference/Training Rooms  Provision of lunch/teas  Lodging/per diem for those in 2-day training |
| Stationary supplies | Flipcharts, flipchart stands, pads, pencils/pens,    Photocopy paper/ cartridges to multiply field tools |
| Field Operations | Vehicle maintenance or rental  Fuel costs  Interviewer and driver lodging and per diems |
| Background consultancies | Usually 2-4. (plant breeding, formal seed sector, decentralized seed multiplication inventory, gender, vulnerability and seed security links) |
| Translation assistance | (should tools need to be translated into local languages) |
| Data entry assistance | Costs of those entering data  (also need access to multiple computers) |
| Select support to field staff and administrative staff time | (this is the item that tends to expand to elevate costs) |