



We have a strong foundation to reach our vision for resilient seed systems, and a commitment to continue our work in the long-term. In addition to ongoing active participation in Canada’s seed movement, we will focus our resources on three areas: on-farm research, capacity building, and policy engagement.

ON-FARM RESEARCH

We will provide national leadership for participatory on-farm research to maintain, improve, and create high quality, diverse Canadian seed by:

- Creating and improving new varieties of seed through participatory plant breeding and variety improvement.
- Building the capacity of farmers, research partners, government, and other agricultural practitioners to adopt participatory seed research projects across Canada.
- Enhancing on-farm seed conservation capacity of farmers and civil society partners.

CAPACITY BUILDING

We will help grow the next generation of seed producers by delivering ongoing, on- and off-farm education on high-quality seed production of vegetables and field crops by:

- Delivering comprehensive training to producers on seed conservation, production, and development.
- Developing and disseminating educational resources for all scales and types of seed farmers.
- Establishing regional hubs to support farmer-to-farmer learning on seed production.

POLICY ENGAGEMENT

We will engage with government to develop policies that support the advancement of public-domain, regionally-adapted, biodiverse, ecological seed by:

- Developing policy solutions to produce and distribute genetic material developed by farmers and through participatory plant breeding programs.
- Positioning the issue of seeds and biodiversity in the eyes of key agricultural stakeholders in order to create a supportive climate for government action.



THE NEXT PHASE OF THE BAUTA FAMILY INITIATIVE ON CANADIAN SEED SECURITY

Indigenous Seed Sovereignty Pilot

In 2019, SeedChange is partnering with the Indigenous Seed Keepers Network on a new pilot initiative to support Indigenous Seed Sovereignty in Canada. The work will begin by connecting with Indigenous Seed Keepers to engage in dialogue about their seed keeping practices and explore how to support their leadership for seed and food sovereignty.

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