



REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR- 57084

Title: Review of the challenges facing the seed sector in West Africa.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality		✓		
Techn. Quality		✓		
Clarity			✓	
Significance			✓	

Reviewer Name: **ANAPANA GOPAL**

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

General Comments

The manuscript provides a comprehensive overview of the challenges facing the seed sector in West Africa, focusing on countries such as Benin, Togo, Senegal, and Sierra Leone. The topic is highly relevant to agricultural development, food security, and policy planning in the region. The study combines literature review with SWOT analysis and stakeholder interviews, which is appropriate for exploratory sector analysis.

However, the manuscript is largely descriptive and lacks strong analytical depth and methodological rigor. Several sections require clarification, better organization, and improved language quality. The study has potential but needs significant revision to meet publication standards.

Content and Originality

The manuscript addresses an important issue—constraints in the seed sector—and attempts to categorize them into institutional, organizational, and technical dimensions. While the topic is valuable, the originality is limited because:

- The study relies heavily on existing reports (e.g., TASAI, FAO, Africa Seeds)
- There is minimal novel empirical contribution
- The SWOT analysis and interview insights are not deeply analyzed or differentiated from existing literature

The authors should clearly highlight what new knowledge or perspective this study contributes beyond existing reports.

Technical Quality

The methodology includes literature review, SWOT analysis, and semi-structured interviews, which is appropriate. However, moderate concerns include:

- Lack of details on sample size, interview design, and data analysis procedures
- No explanation of how SWOT results were systematically derived
- Absence of quantitative/statistical validation
- Indicators are listed but not rigorously analyzed

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The technical quality is moderate, and the study requires stronger methodological transparency and analytical depth.

Language and Presentation

The manuscript shows the following issues:

- Grammatical errors and inconsistent sentence structures
- Mixing of English and French (especially in references and terminology)
- Repetitive phrasing and lack of conciseness
- Formatting issues (spacing, numbering, punctuation)

The language requires moderate editing for clarity, consistency, and professionalism.

Structure and Organization

The overall structure is logical (Abstract → Introduction → Methods → Results → Discussion → Conclusion), but:

- Section numbering is inconsistent (e.g., missing or incorrect numbering)
- Some sections (Results, Discussion) are overly descriptive and not well separated
- Figures and tables are not properly integrated or explained
- Flow between sections needs improvement

Better organization and clearer transitions are needed.

References and Citations

- References are relevant and cover key organizations like FAO, TASAI, and others
- However:
 - Formatting is inconsistent
 - Several references are outdated or repetitive
 - Mixed language references (French/English) reduce uniformity
 - Citation style is not standardized

References need careful revision and formatting consistency.

Overall Recommendation

Consider after moderate revisions

Final Decision:

Moderate Revision Required