

## Method to disseminate the Katumani Bean (KB - 9) for the benefit of small farmers in Kenya



The Katumani Bean (KB-9), developed by KARI, is a drought- and heat-tolerant bean suitable for areas with a short growing season. It may mature in only 60 days. It is suitable for areas with low and unreliable rainfall.

FIPS-Africa packages the bean in 30 seed mini-packs for free distribution to farmers. These farmers are empowered to test the bean against their local varieties on small plots.

Farmers find that the bean matures much faster than their conventionally-used varieties, and is also very high-yielding. They harvest up to 0.5 kg of beans from their 30 seed pack after the first season.

Farmers save their seed to plant larger areas in the following season. After 2 seasons, experience has shown that farmers can harvest up to 10 kg beans from their 30 seed pack.

