Purdue Improved Crop Storage (PICS) Program

- The Problem: Insects damage stored grains, leading to loss of weight, quality and excessive use of chemicals.
- ▶ The Solution: PICS technology: Hermetic triplelayer bags that protect grain from insect damage without using chemicals.
  - Improve food security
- Increase income
- Maintain seed quality
- Mitigate aflatoxins
- Reusable 3 times or more

## **Effective for:**

Animal feed Dried ginger Pigeon pea Bambara nuts Grain flours Rice Groundnut Seeds Cacao Chickpea Hibiscus seed Sesame Coffee Kocho fermentation Sorghum Soybean Common bean Maize Wheat Cowpea Millett Dried fruit

Mung bean

# **PICS**

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# THE AMERICAS

Colombia Dominican Republic Guatamala Haiti Mexico Peru

### **AFRICA**

Angola
Benin
Botswana
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cameroon
Central African Rep.
Chad
D.R. Congo
Ethiopia
Ghana
Ivory Coast
Kenya
Madagascar

Malawi

Mali Mozambique Niger Nigeria Rwanda Senegal Sierre Leone Somolia South Sudan Sudan Tanzania Togo

Uganda

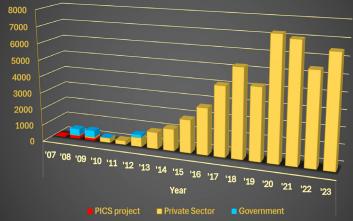
Zambia

Zimbabwe

#### ASIA

Afghanistan India Malaysia Nepal Pakistan





# PICS Achievements

- 12 million farmers trained in 70,000 villages
- 22 licensed companies supplying bags in 41 countries
- 50 million bags sold by December 2023
- \$27 profit for farmers storing 100kg of cowpea in a PICS bag
- More than \$3 billion saved/made by farmers



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