

The Solomon Islands Planting Material Network is for:

- ✿ farmers
- ✿ non-government organisations
- ✿ government extension workers
- ✿ schools
- ✿ other people who want to look after the crop biodiversity of the Solomon Islands.

Members receive:

- ✿ free seeds from the Planting Material Network seed bank
- ✿ training, information and contacts.

You can join the Planting Material Network by filling out and posting the form on the other side. Or send the information on the form on WhatsApp to +677 7986883

Girls with the seed pod of winged bean



Visitors to the Planting Material Network garden learn about seed saving and improved farming.



The Planting Material Network (PMN)

- ✿ encourages saving and sharing seeds with farmers
- ✿ produces seed for distribution among members.

You can get seeds

If you want seeds of food plants you should join the Solomon Islands PMN.

How to join the Network

You can join PMN by filling out and posting the form on the other side of the brochure and bring it to Burns Creek. Or, send the information on the form on WhatsApp to +677 7986883.

If you would like us to call, send an SMS or make a missed call to the same phone number and KGA will get back to you.

If you are already a PMN member please also send a message to WhatsApp, SMS or missed call so that we can update your member records with your current mobile phone number. Then we will be able to keep you informed of new seeds and activities in your area.

Why save seeds ?

- ✿ growing many different food plants and varieties of those plants is a traditional way of providing family food security
- ✿ the Planting Material Network encourages members to look after all their varieties of plants—this is called on-farm conservation; all of these varieties are important for today and for the future
- ✿ seeds can be saved to plant in your garden
- ✿ seeds can be exchanged with other farmers for different seeds
- ✿ planting the seeds you save means you do not have to spend your money to buy seeds
- ✿ saving seeds and growing different food plants in your garden provides you with vegetables for a mixed family diet
- ✿ a mixed diet improves your family's health and helps your children grow strong and healthy
- ✿ saving seeds means you can grow food for your family during crisis or disaster
- ✿ saving seeds and exchanging them with other farmers makes Solomon Island communities more self-reliant.

How to contact the network:

Coordinator,
Planting Material Network
PO Box 742
Honiara
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Seeds and plants for productive gardens,
healthy families and healthy communities

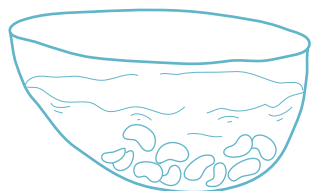


Planting Material Network



A seed production and exchange
network for Solomon Island farmers





Soak seed before planting



Planting seeds

- ✿ plant small seeds into the nursery
- ✿ plant larger seeds straight in the ground.



Harvesting food

Plant your seeds

Plant seeds from the Planting Material Network to improve your family's health:

- ✿ soak the seed in water for half an hour before planting
- ✿ make a hole that is twice as deep as your seed
- ✿ place a seed in the hole and cover with soil
- ✿ pour some water over the covered seed
- ✿ pour on more water as the plant grows
- ✿ harvest the vegetable to eat when the plant has fully grown and leave some plants to flower and go to seed
- ✿ collect and save the seed.



Collecting seeds



Drying seeds

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SAVE YOUR SEEDS

Save your seeds

Save some of your seed for replanting and to share with other farmers:

- ✿ collect the seeds from the plant after it has flowered and grown
- ✿ put the seeds in a dry place and leave them to dry out
- ✿ you can plant the dried seeds in your garden
- ✿ some of the seeds you have saved and dried with other farmers in your village.



I want to join the...
Planting Material Network

Name:

Postal address:

I want to join the Network by:

- ☐ posting \$15 with this form as my membership for one year
- ☐ sending some dried seeds as my membership for one year
- ☐ providing volunteer work to the Network to earn my membership

Post this membership form to:

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