# Master Thesis: CROPS4HD & MASAP

## Titel
Identification of key factors for successful establishment and maintenance of farmer-led seed banks. Case studies of successful and failed farmer-led seedbanks in Africa.

## Context
CROPS4HD [https://crops4hd.org/](https://crops4hd.org/) seeks to improve food security and nutrition of smallholder farmers, especially women, through sustainable use and conservation of farmers’ varieties/landraces, neglected and underutilized species respecting agroecological approaches. CROPS4HD is an international collaborative project of three NGOs co-founded by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation, Global Programme Food Security.

MASAP: The overall goal of the programme is to improve resilience in food security of smallholder households (especially women and youth) by increasing adoption and utilisation of improved open and self-pollinated varieties of small grains (sorghum and millets) and legumes (cowpeas and groundnuts) through strengthening the seed and commodity value chains in Zambia and Zimbabwe.

## Methods
Literature review, review of case studies and consultation, interviews with stakeholders/partners (Farmer organizations/ NGOs) in Tanzania, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Niger and Chad

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## Requirements
- BSc in Agriculture or Agroecology or related sciences
- Motivation and interest for International Cooperation, fieldwork in developing countries.
- Ability to work with remote supervision during fieldwork
- Excellent spoken and written English and French
- Excellent knowledge and aptitude of computer and different software applications
- Time management and task prioritization

## Starting period
From June 2022 or upon agreement

## Location
FiBL, Frick, Kanton Aargau, Switzerland, [www.fibl.org](http://www.fibl.org)

## Language
English