

# National Genetic Resources Center, Yemen



## Genebank at a Glance

Acronym	NGRC
Country	Yemen
Year established	2002
Conservation methods and facilities	Seed, field collection
Number of staff	20-50
Total number of accessions	6,000
Number of accessions distributed annually	300

## Recent Highlights

- The genebank has assisted farmers and researchers in conflict and war-prone zones of the country. This has been achieved through quality testing of locally distributed seeds and by providing seeds of important local varieties to research stations in the different affected regions.
- The genebank focuses on the phenotypic characterization of cereals (sorghum, millet, wheat, barley and maize), legumes (lentils, beans, broad beans, peas and cowpea) and fruits (mango, peaches, palm trees, almonds and apples), as well as coffee.
- The genebank performs evaluation for characteristics such as short growth period, productivity, and tolerance to biotic and abiotic stresses, in different environments, including mountainous highlands, the coastal plains, and the desert.
- This is the first genebank to receive funds from the new Emergency Reserve for Genebanks. The funds made available allowed it to procure new batteries for a solar power system.

Genetic collection sample sites in Yemen 1989-2019

