

Biofortification in addition to high yield performance would be good news for Rwanda which is the highest per capita bean consumption in the world but also for the region. In Rwanda, nutritional security is of public health concern. In that framework, national initiatives that complement dietary diversification and contributing to better life have been promoted and include eating fruits, vegetables in home gardens, one cup per child, one cow per poor family program, Umurenge vision 2020 program, biofortification of beans as staple food crop [10]. The nutritional status of under five year old children has improved with lower percentages of wasted, stunted and underweight children. Stunting which is the indicator of chronic malnutrition and a key nutritional issue in Rwanda has decreased from 44% in 2010 to 38% in 2015. The prevalence of wasting decreased from 5% to 1.7% and underweight decreased from 11% to 8% (Rwanda Demographic and Health Survey [11,12].

Biofortification of beans and other staple foods is a globally accepted strategy to address micronutrient malnutrition in nutritionally vulnerable groups. Despite this global initiative, NISR [13] has reported a low adoption of improved seed by small scale farmers who represent the majority of bean growers which would lead to food insecurity due to the fact that the total productivity for improved bean seeds ranges from 2.5 t ha⁻¹ compared to 0.8 t ha⁻¹ for landraces [13,14].

low and mid altitude maybe attributed to the differences in rainfall during the cropping seasons.

| Environment\Genotype | 665SI-4/1 | MBC 71 | NYIRAMAGORORI | RWIBARURA | RWV 1129 | RWV 2350-2B | RWV 2365-2 |
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| Akanyirandoli | 3,000 | 3,000 | 1,800 | 1,300 | 2,400 | 1,600 | 2,500 |
| Karama | 1,600 | 1,600 | 800 | 2,000 | 1,200 | 2,000 | 1,400 |
| Kinigi | 3,850 | 4,367 | 3,359 | 2,842 | 3,750 | 3,650 | 3,984 |
| Kitabi | 714 | 1,571 | 1,571 | 1,714 | 2,786 | 1,357 | 1,214 |
| Muhanga | 2,775 | 1,890 | 1,788 | 1,285 | 2,040 | 2,300 | 1,360 |
| Muhoza | 4,634 | 4,492 | 3,234 | 3,567 | 4,550 | 4,917 | 4,292 |
| Ngoma | 747 | 738 | 606 | 1,169 | 748 | 653 | 554 |
| Nyagatare | 1,170 | 1,454 | 667 | 956 | 251 | 1,480 | 1,130 |
| Rubona | 1,683 | 1,488 | 1,461 | 1,317 | 1,395 | 1,754 | 1,602 |
| Rwerere | 4,031 | 4,418 | 4,375 | 4,656 | 4,906 | 3,500 | 3,723 |
| Max | 4,634 | 4,492 | 4,375 | 4,656 | 4,906 | 4,917 | 4,292 |
| % Over check | -6 | -8 | -11 | -5 | 0 | 0 | -13 |
| Min | 714 | 738 | 606 | 956 | 251 | 653 | 554 |
| % Over check | 184 | 194 | 141 | 281 | 0 | 160 | 121 |
| Mean | 2420 | 2502 | 1966 | 2080 | 2403 | 2321 | 2176 |
| % Over check | 1 | 4 | -18 | -13 | 0 | -3 | -9 |
| LSD=220 | Grand mean 2,225 | | %CV=16 | | G*** | E*** | GxE*** |

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|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Akanyirandoli | 51.9 | 61.0 | 56.0 | 67.5 | 71.7 | 54.0 | 59.9 |
| Karama | 86.3 | 72.3 | 91.7 | 70.5 | 58.6 | 91.2 | 69.3 |
| Kinigi | 62.7 | 56.6 | 66.3 | 70.4 | 61.4 | 77.4 | 63.4 |
| Kitabi | 62.0 | 72.5 | 66.2 | 77.7 | 72.8 | 74.7 | 67.4 |
| Muhanga | 60.5 | 74.4 | 65.5 | 79.9 | 79.8 | 84.2 | 64.3 |
| Muhoza | 62.6 | 84.1 | 63.8 | 84.8 | 78.3 | 81 | |

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| LSD=1.066 | Grand mean=32.00 | | | %CV=5.5 | G*** | E*** | GXE*** |
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