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Maria Shipapo is the co-founder and CEO of MIST Agricultural Laboratory (MISTAL) based in Rundu, Kavango East Region in Namibia. MISTAL works closely with emerging subsistence farmers by testing their soil and recommending crops that are best suited to their soil type as well as climatic setting, recommending rainwater harvesting techniques and structures for farmers and offers integrated pest management guidance to farmers. MISTAL also adds value to indigenous beans, nuts and fruit that is seasonally sourced from the Kavango and Zambezi region woodland forests.

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