

# HARVESTING AND POSTHARVEST HANDLING PRACTICES

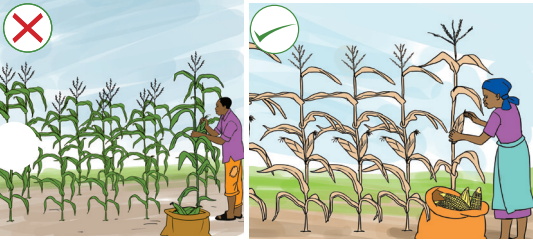
## WHAT TO DO BEFORE HARVESTING



### Prepare yourself before harvesting

- Organise and clean equipment and store

## HARVESTING



- Harvest maize when it is at the right moisture content ( $\leq 18\%$ ) and use tarpaulins

## HOW TO DRY THE GRAIN



## SHELLING MAIZE



- Shell maize cobs by hand or with a mechanical sheller to reduce damage to grain.

## WINNOWING AND SORTING



- Winnow, sieve or sort maize to remove chaff and damaged grains

## STORAGE



- Put grain in sacks and sew them, or use hermetic bags and silos