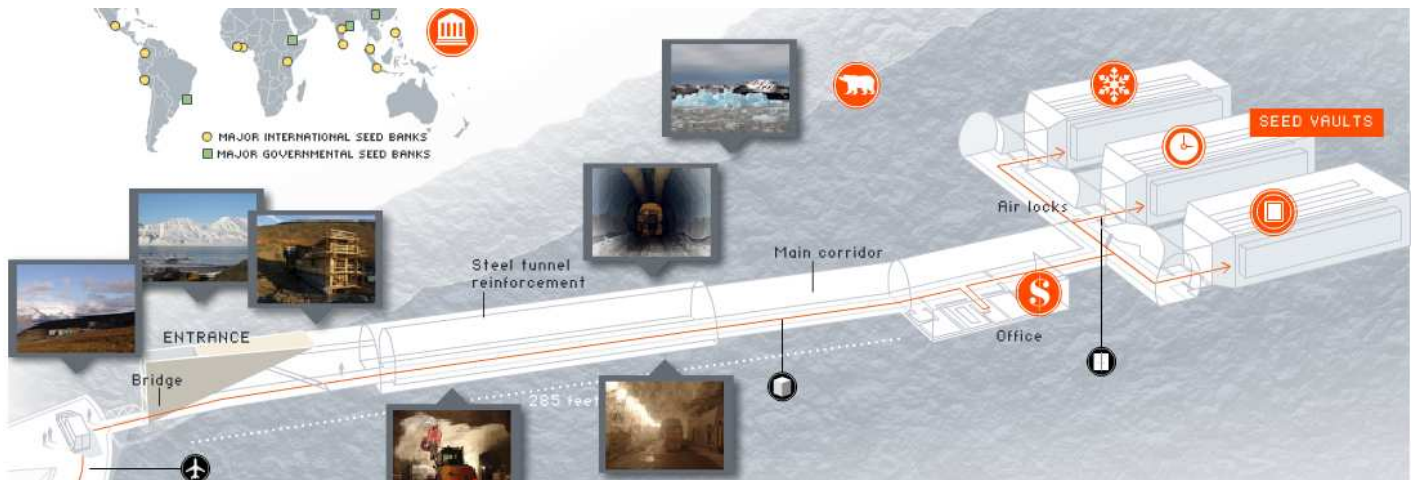


Seed Funding

The Norwegian government is constructing the vault, but the Global Crop Diversity Trust is accruing pledges that will support the vault and related programs.

Gates Foundation.....	\$30 million
Norway.....	\$15 million
Australia.....	\$12.2 million
United States.....	\$6.5 million
Pioneer Hi-Bred (DuPont).....	\$1 million
Syngenta.....	\$1 million



Long Shelf Life

The inventory will be regularly refreshed, but if the worst happened, humankind would have ample time to plant these frozen pods. (On the short end, sunflower seeds last 55 years.) Below are scientists' best guesses as to how long the most common seeds will keep.

Sesame 279 years	Onion 413 years	Maize 1,125 years	Rice 1,138 years	Wheat 1,693 years	Pearl Millet 1,718 years	Chickpea 2,613 years	Pea 3,876 years	Sorghum 19,890 years