



Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS PROGRAMMING REVIEW AND ANALYSIS

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LEAN SEASON RESPONSE BY GOVERNMENT

Introduction

- Food security in Zimbabwe for the 2021/22 consumption year is much better compared to last year.
- During the peak hunger period, between January and March 2021, **27%** of the rural population (**approximately 2,9 million people**) will need emergency food assistance. This has decreased from **57%** from last season.
- The worst affected provinces with the highest food insecurity levels are Matabeleland North (**43%**), Masvingo (**36%**) and Matabeleland South (**35%**).
- In view of the above, the **Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe and WFP** have agreed to enter into a joint food assistance programme.

Modalities for joint programming

- In view of the above, it was agreed between Government and WFP to target **80%** of the food insecure population.
- The percentage of vulnerability that was indicated by the results of the ZimVAC Livelihood Assessment does not warranty that all people will receive social assistance.
- Since a bumper harvest was realised in the country, it was anticipated that about **20% (approximately 603,618)** of the food insecure people will able to purchase their cereal requirements from their local markets
- Some of the people are free to approach their respective District Social Development Offices to register for assistances under programmes such as the Public Assistance.

Modalities for joint programming

- ▶ As such, the Ministry has reviewed the package to cater for individual needs instead of focussing on the housed as was the case in the previous response plans.
- ▶ Previously, the Ministry was disbursing a 50kg bag of maize per household regardless of household size. This modality proved to have loopholes as it witnessed some households engaging in negative coping mechanisms as the 50kg bag proved not to be sufficient for larger households with more than five members.
- ▶ On the other hand, the grain at times found its way to the market as smaller households who were receiving more than enough grain would sell the surplus

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- ▶ Therefore, Government is operating in different districts from those being targeted by WFP. This is to ensure that there is **no over-targeting or duplication of efforts**
- ▶ Therefore, the Ministry has reviewed the grain allocation to **10kg per person per month** to cater for the individual monthly cereal requirements.
- ▶ On the other hand, WFP continues to give a monthly package containing **7,5kg cereal, 0.75kg vegetable oil** and **1,5kg pulses** per individual beneficiary

Modalities for joint programming

- ▶ The joint programme will target **37 districts** during the peak hunger period.
- ▶ Period covering October to November 2021, the joint programme is targeting **30 Districts** with Government operating in **20 districts** whilst WFP is in **10 districts**.
- ▶ From December 2021, WFP has taken on board Mwenezi and Lupane districts, hence Government coverage will reduce to **18 districts**.
- ▶ Between January - March 2022, the districts will increase to **25** for Government whilst WFP will maintain the **12 districts** as from December.

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- ▶ Basing on the above submissions, between October and November 2021, Government targeted **1,074,491** eligible food insecure beneficiaries requiring approximately **10,744.91mt** per month.
- ▶ In December 2021, due to the incorporation of Mwenezi and Lupane under WFP, Government has a decreased caseload of **937,308** beneficiaries requiring **9,373.08mt**
- ▶ This number will increase during the peak hunger period January to March 2022 to **1, 219,019** beneficiaries requiring **12,190.19mt** of grain per month.
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- ▶ This is because distributions will be done in an incremental basis following the phases of the Food Deficit Mitigation Strategy as depicted in the manual.

Current Status

- ▶ The FDMS programme is progressing on well
- ▶ A cumulative total of **12,002.86mt** has been distributed by Government to food insecure households.
- ▶ Mwenezi and Lupane districts have been adopted by WFP as we progress towards the peak hunger period.

Challenges

- Retargeting exercise has been slowed down by the late procurement of the electronic tablets

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