

Work Plan for AFR-SD Associate Award to Food Security III Cooperative Agreement Oct. 1, 2007, through Sept. 30, 2009

Overview

This work plan sets out three major areas of activity designed to meet the objectives of the AFR-SD Associate Award to FS III, covering the October 2007 through September 2009 period:

- A) Support to COMESA in the preparation of a regional CAADP compact and the identification of investments and policy reforms as needed at the regional and country level to achieve the compact targets.
- B) A joint program of applied research and policy analysis to address gaps in empirical knowledge important to the design of investment programs and/or to obtain buy-in from national governments for policy reform.
- C) Outreach, coordination, and capacity building.

These activities and specific outputs associated with them are outlined below.

A. Support to COMESA in Preparation of CAADP Compact

COMESA has awarded the preparation of its regional compact to FANRPAN. FANRPAN has requested that MSU assist in the design of this regional CAADP compact. MSU team members will participate together with other Expert Reference Group (ERG) members and government representatives appointed by FANRPAN according to the completion schedule worked out by COMESA and FANRPAN.

In addition, COMESA is in the process of designating teams to be responsible for developing regional Pillar documents to provide guidance to the national and regional teams in the preparation of their compacts. MSU has been informed that it will be asked to be the lead international partner to assist COMESA in the design of the regional documents for Pillars 2 and 3. MSU team members will participate together with other ERG members appointed for Pillars 2 and 3. The following outputs are anticipated:

Output 1: Revised COMESA CAADP Pillar 2 and 3 documents prepared by COMESA with input from MSU, and circulated for review (May 2008). Team members: Haggblade, Jayne, Boughton, Tschirley.

Output 2: Final Pillar 2 and 3 documents integrated into overall COMESA regional CAADP compact (led by FANRPAN and to be completed according to timetable to be determined by COMESA). Team members: Jayne, Haggblade, Boughton, Tschirley.

Output 3: MSU team members contribute to design of early actions and investments to promote regional trade in food staples and agricultural inputs as identified by

COMESA in the process of compact design (on-going, with the timing of specific early actions determined by COMESA). Potential examples include regional staples trade investment program design, regional cassava value chain development program design, and regional agricultural input market development. Team members: Tschirley, Boughton, Jayne, Haggblade, Kelly.

Output 4: Preparation of a draft COMESA Agricultural Policy statement. This document will harmonize existing policy documents into a common framework to serve as the basis for country-level outreach and capacity-building efforts led by COMESA with anticipated World Bank funding. Team members: to be determined following further consultation with Cris Muyunda.

B. Applied Research and Policy Analysis

The following set of research and analysis activities seek to address crucial gaps in the empirical knowledge base that need to be filled in order to design more effective investment programs and achieve national buy-in for policy reforms that support expanded regional trade in food staples, improve the design of emergency response and social protection programs, and increase the demand for fertilizer and improved seed.

B.1 Regional trade in food staples

Output 5: Comparison of maize price volatility in closed (Malawi, Zambia) and open trade regimes (Mozambique, Mali, Kenya) (Year 1). Team members: Jayne, Chapoto. Expected completion: Draft report 4th quarter of calendar 2007 (4Q07); final report 1Q08.

Output 6: Multi-market model analysis of potential impact of open and closed borders in moderating shortfalls in maize availability, price, and consumption, e.g., through cassava production and trade (Year 2). Team members: Haggblade, Nielson. Expected completion: 1Q09.

Output 7: Study of relationship between public goods and smallholder assets in explaining participation in food staple markets over time. Team members: Boughton, Jayne. Expected completion: 3Q08.

B.2 Integrating market analysis into the design of emergency response and social protection

Output 8: Literature review on cash transfer experience in Sub-Saharan Africa. Team members: Donovan, Tschirley. Expected completion: draft 3Q08.

Output 9: Analysis of patterns in net food buying status of households (Zambia, Kenya, Mozambique) and assessment of implications for local procurement of food aid. Team members: Tschirley, Longabaugh. Expected completion: draft report 3Q08; final report 4Q08.

Output 10: [If a suitable program and collaborating agency can be identified.] Case study (in Year 2) of the effects of conditional cash transfer schemes on behavior of receiving households. Team members: Donovan, Kelly.

B.3 Fertilizer and Related Input Market Growth

Output 11: Cross-country study (for Kenya, Zambia, Malawi) of benefits, costs, and distributional effects of fertilizer promotion programs. This would include analysis of the impact of world fertilizer prices on the profitability of fertilizer use on maize, and on seasonal credit needs of smallholder farmers. Team members: Jayne, Kelly, Boughton, Crawford, Govereh, Ariga, Xu. Expected completion: draft country studies for Zambia and Malawi in 1Q08; draft of 3-country synthesis report in 2Q08.

Output 12: Preparation of evidence-based policy messages and contributions to COMESA and ReSAKSS policy briefs and policy discussions. Team members: as for Output 11. Expected completion: Outputs expected during Years 1 and 2 depending on COMESA and ReSAKSS priorities and work calendar.

C. Outreach, Coordination and Capacity Building

For the following activities, team members will include Haggblade, Jayne, Boughton, and other FSG faculty. Expected completion: continuous as appropriate given the COMESA work calendar.

- Outreach will be conducted during trips made to the region to participate in planning sessions with COMESA and other national partner organizations.
- Coordination with COMESA and Re-SAKSS through joint annual work plans and CAADP-related analysis and outreach activities.
- Capacity building will be achieved as a joint product of the applied research and outreach activities.