

Regional Trade, Growth and Emergency Response: Strategic Options for Dealing with Recurrent Food Crises in Southern Africa

**Round Table Discussion facilitated by
Michigan State University Food Security III Cooperative Agreement**

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OBJECTIVE

To draw on recent experience and emerging research to better understand how regional trade, food- and non-food assistance, and long-term investments and policies can be more successful and less costly in meeting short-term crises -- like the one currently brewing in Southern Africa -- while strengthening the region's ability to withstand future crises

PROGRAM

2:00 – 2:05 Introduction and Roadmap George Gardner, USAID & Duncan Boughton, MSU

2:05 – 3:00 The Current Crisis: What can be Done to Enhance the Contribution of Markets to Effective and Efficient Emergency Response?

Moderator: Duncan Boughton, MSU

- The Challenge of the Current and Future Crises as Seen by USAID (10 min) **Jeff Hill**, USAID/AFR
- USAID/FFP Representative (Tentative)
- FEWSNET's Assessment of The Current Situation in Southern Africa, Responses Being Put in Place, and Priority Areas for Improvement (10 min) **Chuck Chopak**, FEWSNET
- Key Characteristics of Food Marketing Systems in the Region Relevant to Emergency Response (10 min) **T.S. Jayne**, MSU
- Discussion (25 min)

3:00 – 4:00 Towards Improved Emergency Response: Learning from Experience and New Approaches

Moderator: Will Whelan, USAID/FFP (Tentative)

- Towards a Conceptual Approach to Integrating Markets, Livelihoods, and Entitlement Needs in the Identification of Appropriate Emergency Response Options (10 min) **John Hoddinott**, IFPRI
- Learning From the Recent Past and Emerging Research (10 min) **David Tschirley**, MSU
- Using Risk Management Tools for National Level Food Security Insurance (10 min) **Julie Dana**, World Bank
- Discussion (30 min)

4:00 – 4:30 Wrap-Up

- Brief Comments from **John Staatz** (MSU) and **Tom Marchione** (USAID/DCHA) (10 min total)
- Discussion
- Closing comments by **Jeff Hill**