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


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