Fertilizer Support Programme (FSP) Review

Given government and stakeholder concerns about achieving greater effectiveness from GRZ budget allocations to the Fertilizer Support Programme (FSP), the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives (MACO) established a representative study team at the end of 2008 to review the FSP implementation and come up with recommendations to improve its effectiveness and efficiency.

The study team comprised of stakeholders from the MACO, Ministry of Finance and National Planning (MOFNP), the Conservation Farming Unit (CFU), Zambia National Farmers Union (ZNFU), Programme Against Malnutrition (PAM), SeedCo Zambia, the Agricultural Consultative Forum (ACF) and the Food Security Research Project (FRSP).

The study team collected and reviewed numerous assessments of Zambia’s experience with FSP, and as well as studies of similar programmes in neighboring countries. In January 2009, the study team organized and conducted a study tour to Kenya, Tanzania and Malawi. These three countries are known to have improved the efficiency and effectiveness of their agricultural input distribution programmes which the study team needed to learn. In the same vein, the study team also sought-out input from key Zambian stakeholder assessments and a number of relevant on-going agricultural input and productivity enhancement projects.

A study tour and review report was developed by the study team, and was subjected to review and debate by stakeholders in two specific review sessions. Results of this review exercise are summarized in ACF Advisory Note on proposed reforms for the Zambian Fertilizer Support Programme that has since been submitted to MACO.

Participants at the FSP review meeting held on 19th February 2009 at the AC

On-Line FSP Reform Study Tour Documents & Background Resource Materials:

- Presentation (PPT) of the Study Team on Proposed Reforms of the Zambian Fertilizer Support Programme (FSP). The Fertilizer Review Team
- ACF Advisory Note on proposed reforms for the Zambian Fertilizer Support Programme By ACF & FSP Study Team
  - Written Submission - On Performance of the Fertiliser Support Programme
  - Oral Presentation - On Performance of the Zambian Fertiliser Support Programme
- CSO/MACO/FSRP National-Level Supplemental Surveys: Smallholder Categorization Tables 2004 and 2008