RHVP Purpose:
Improved national and regional food security policy at national and regional levels in the SADC region

RHVP – Aims of the GRM Consortium Presentation

• To introduce the GRM Consortium and explain what each member brings to achievements of RHVP outputs
• To outline key GRM Consortium administration, reporting and sub-contractor management arrangements to assure effective implementation
• To identify and discuss selected regional challenges in VAA
• To describe how the consortium proposes to thicken the connection between VAA systems and social protection policy
The GRM Consortium

• GRM International UK – management
• Michigan State University – food security and networking
• Food Economy Group – VAA & enhancing the use of HEA
• Statistical Services Centre – University of Reading – M&E
• Africare – piloting initiatives
• Southern Africa HIV/AIDS Information Dissemination Service – mainstreaming HIV/AIDS
• Service Providers - FANRPAN, ICRISAT, AICDD, EDG, KYEEMA
RHVP Key Administrative Strengths

• Overall project management undertaken by the GRM Pretoria Office in Hatfield.

• Efficient financial management guaranteed through established accounting procedures currently utilised on over 50 development projects worldwide.

• Practical and established Monitoring and Evaluation systems to be refined at mobilisation with support from SSC – University of Reading.

• Proven technical and progress reporting systems – reports to be produced on time, at regular intervals; will be brief, concise and cumulative; and will emphasise lesson learning through positive as well as negative experiences.

RHVP: Sub-contractor Management

• RHVP involves a number of sub-contracting arrangements requiring effective management.

• Sub-Contractor Tender Processes: flexible processes, standardised templates, established selection procedures.

• Preferred Supplier Contracting: output and hybrid contracts, agreed ToRs and budgets, levels of authority, professional indemnity and public liability insurance.

• Sub-Contractor Reporting: milestone reporting and Project Completion Reports.

• Sub-Contractor Financial Management: “Payment against approved outputs” policy, debtor control procedures.
The RHVP Process

Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis → Social Protection Policy Development

Social Protection Interventions
Rural Growth Interventions

Discussion Guideline

• 3 Slides to identify and discuss selected regional challenges in VAA

• 3 Slides to describe how the consortium proposes to thicken the connection between VAA systems and social protection policy
VAA - Weaknesses in Southern Africa Region

• Best Practices in VAA not Consistently Adopted
• VAA Systems Need Stronger Links to other key National Data and Information Systems
• VAA Systems Lack Full-time Analytical Personnel
• VAA Systems Need Stronger Integration into Poverty Reduction and Social Protection Processes

VAA – Adding Value to Existing Programmes

• Prior (3 Stage) VAC and RVAC Consultations
• WFP-Tango Assessment of VAC’s & RVAC
• UNICEF Review of Safety Nets in Region
• South Africa FIVIMS Strengthening
• Civil Society Involvement in Food Security and Poverty Reduction Issues in Southern Africa
• Ethiopia Cash Transfer & Livelihoods Insights
• Bangladesh Chars Livelihoods Insights
• NEPAD-CAADAP (National Partners & SADC)
• SA-SAKAS (IEHA, FANRPAN & ICRISAT)
**VAA – Key Challenges for the RHVP**

- Strengthen Focus on Livelihood Fundamentals Across region
- Better Distinguish Underlying Causes of Chronic and Transitory Food Insecurity
- Strengthen Use of National HH Survey Databases and Food Supply/Demand Analysis
- Develop Stronger Linkages with Market Information & Assessments
- Strengthen and Dedicated Analytical Capacity for Joint Analysis With PRS’s & Related Groups

**RHVP - Thickening the VAA & Policy Link - 1**

- **Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis**
- **Social Protection Policy Development**
  - Social Protection Interventions
  - Rural Growth Interventions

**VAA Systems Strengthened and Institutionalised**

- Ensure greater cohesion in understanding the basic concepts of VAA
- Increase utility of information and analysis
- Develop a *process* approach to decision making through analytical fora
- Provide policy makers with analysis of the causes of livelihood deterioration and entrenched poverty
- Provide input into social policy protection deliberations, PRS revisions and sectoral growth planning processes
Regional & National Social Protection and Livelihood Information Shared and Utilised

- Strengthen Information Capture and Sharing at National & Regional Level
- Facilitate Lesson Learning Across Organizations, Countries and Regions
- Training & Mentoring of National Analysts to Participate in National/Regional Sectoral and Inter-sectoral Policy Processes (Information Supply Side)
- National and Regional Workshops for Managers and Policymakers on Linkages between Social Protection, Economic Growth & Poverty Reduction (Information Demand Side)
- Benefit/cost Analysis of Social Protection Interventions

Action Research and Pilot Programmes Implemented

- Process approach – role of the Process Manager.
- Undertaking action research on VAA, social protection and related food security initiatives.
- Assessment, testing and piloting of initiatives towards developing policy & possible scaling up or mainstreaming.
- Levels of contract management – building on current initiatives, targeted initiatives, open tenders.
- Scaling up of initiatives - happens post policy development.
The RHVP Outputs

- Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis
- Social Protection Policy Development
- Social Protection Interventions
- Rural Growth Interventions

Well targeted and cost effective
Analysis based
Pro-poor growth accelerated
Strengthened and institutionalised

GRM Consortium – Going Forward

- The GRM Consortium brings world-class international management capability and over 50 years of long-term food security technical experience in Eastern and Southern Africa to assist other partners in the RHVP implementation challenge.
- Look forward to working with DFID and Regional Partners in the RHVP.
- We have gone quickly through these key points and welcome dialogue on them and related issues.