OPTIONS UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR IMPROVING FRESH PRODUCE WHOLESALING IN THE CITY OF LUSAKA

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MANAGEMENT OF MARKETS

1. The Markets and Bus Stations Act No.7 of 2007 empowers the local authorities to manage all markets under its jurisdiction.

2. Lusaka City Council is in charge of all markets in the City of Lusaka.

3. The Act provides for 3 types of managing the markets through PPP, Management Boards and Direct Local Authority.
CURRENT SITUATION FOR WHOLESALE IN THE MARKETS

A case of Soweto, Chilenje, Independence Mtendere Markets

1. No adequate storage facilities for fresh produce

2. The vegetable traders off load in the open air space, a nightmare in the rainy season.

3. Lack of proper handling facility of fresh produce which distort the attractiveness
1. The presence of middle men/eagle–eagles hinder trader–working relationship

2. Lack of security for the wholesale farmers

3. Lack of decent trading spaces
CONT’ CHALLENGES FOR WHOLESALERS

4. Shortage of land to build warehouses markets

5. Poor handling facilities of fresh produce reduce profit margins

6. Poor management of the facilities e.g. New Soweto market warehouse
OPTIONS FOR IMPROVING FRESH PRODUCE WHOLESALE

1. PPP—to construct modern facilities for fresh produce. E.g. the warehouse at New Soweto Market—Most Land under private hands

2. By-Laws—To improve the health standards in the handling of fresh produce. Re-enforce the Public Health Act
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3. Board member representatives from vegetable wholesalers in the markets

4. Awareness campaign for the public to buy from designated market places
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5. Improve the waste management systems in the market.
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