Cross-Cutting AIM Issues

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Policy and legal outputs

- Stable macro-economic environment
- Capital market development and financial sector reform
- Improved farm liquidity
- Improved targeting of subsidies & level playing field
- Legal framework for biotechnology

Organizational outputs

- Comprehensive rural infrastructure development strategy
- Developed output markets
- Effective and sustainable extension service
Policy and legal strategies and actions

Strategies & actions for stable macro-economic environment

• Reduce levels of government borrowing
  – Continue to reduce borrowing as outlined in MTEF

• Reduce inflation levels
  – Accelerate productivity growth in agriculture
  – Implement policies that ensure exchange rate stability
Strategies & actions to develop capital market & financial sector

• Agricultural credit Act amended
  – Review Act & submit recommendations to Cabinet

• Establish agricultural lending institutions
  – Develop modalities for operating lending agency
  – Set up group schemes
  – Develop partnerships between banks & microfinance institutions

Strategies & actions to develop capital market & financial sector (2)

• Rural savings mobilized
  – Encourage formation of commercial savings clubs & mobile banking service
Strategies & actions for improving farm liquidity

• Traditional land transformed into farming blocks and titled
  – Engage traditional leaders in planning
  – Demarcate land & process titles quickly

• Enterprise diversification encouraged
  – Increase public funding towards livestock and crops such as cassava, millets, fruits & vegetables

Strategies & actions for improving farm liquidity (2)

• Provision of seasonal credit expanded
  – Increase PRP allocations to out-growers

• Smallholder farmers incorporated into credit guarantee schemes e.g., WRS
  – Develop schemes which handle a wider array of commodities
Strategies & actions for targeting subsidies & leveling playing field

• Coordinate non-commercial demand for inputs timely & openly
  – Policies on input distribution clarified and made consistent with NAP
• Introduce a flexible instrument for distributing subsidized inputs
  – Commission study on input vouchers
  – Design instrument for targeted input distribution

Strategies & actions for developing a legal framework for biotechnology

• Enactment of bio-safety legislation accelerated
  – Lobby MSTVT & Cabinet to bring bill to parliament
• Build capacity to monitor & regulate GM products
  – Train personnel in biotech to handle GMOs
• Build institutions for controlled research
  – Identify partners & companies for support
Organizational strategies and activities

Strategies & actions for a comprehensive rural infrastructure plan

• Plans to encourage private sector investment developed & implemented
  – Identify projects in productive farming areas
  – Develop regulatory & incentives framework
• Public storage facilities to support sector
  – Restrict use of storage in FRA to agriculture
  – Rehabilitate public storage in rural areas
• Marketing & processing facilities established
  – Remove capital equipment duty for processors
**Strategies and actions to develop output markets**

- Market information widely distributed
  - Harmonize market information systems
  - Fund agric surveys timely & adequately
  - Introduce IT in disseminating market info

- International standards placed and enforced
  - Sensitize players on importance of standards
  - Gazette credible internationally recognized standards
  - Enhance capacity of ZBS in international standards testing

**Strategies & actions for effective & sustainable extension service**

- Extension operations adequately funded
  - Build & renovate housing for field officers & install power and running water
  - Supply bikes ownership scheme
  - Fund maintenance & procurement of vehicles
  - Provide attractive rural hardship allowance

- Field staff vacancies filled
  - Employ additional extension workers
Strategies & actions for effective & sustainable extension service (2)

• Revive & strengthen research extension linkages
  – Organize joint planning meetings
• Skills of field officers upgraded
  – Upgrade syllabi in training colleges
  – Camp officers to attend refresher courses
• Public-private extension harmonized
  – Firms & NGOs to attend DAC meetings
  – Cement partnerships between MACO & NGOs

Strategies & actions for effective & sustainable extension service (3)

• Adopt participatory extension approaches
  – Promote farmer led extension
• IT solutions introduced in system
  – Provide IT services at field offices
• Participation of women in extension increased
  – Allow increase entry of female students into tertiary training centers