

**Strategic Programme for Agricultural
Transformation (PSTA)
Institutional Development**

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Outline of Presentation

- Present Objectives, Strategies, Outputs/Targets and Activities
- Implementation Challenges
- Discuss Relevant Experiences and Success Stories; and Costing

Present Objectives

- To create a strengthened and more effective institutional framework (agreed to maintain as objective)

Strategies

- To steadily increase budget allocation to the sector to reach 10%
- To achieve adequate staffing at all levels

(The document suggests that these are related objectives but the group agreed to adopt them as strategies)

Subprog. I: Strengthening Capacity of Agricultural Institutions

Target:

To effectively carry out the coordination of all stakeholders in the sector, with the help of a steadily increasing sector budget to reach the CAADP target of a 10% share of the total government budget and through a continued 100% budget execution. (The target should be refined in such a way that they relate to the actives and they should be measurable)

Subprog. I: Strengthening Capacity of Agricultural Institutions (Cont'd)

Environmental Assessment:

- Stakeholder Analysis
- Capacity Needs Assessment
- Capacity Development Programme

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Activities:

- Gradually raise present staffing levels by 30% to achieve adequate full staffing by 2011
- Provide relevant training, locally and internationally to all levels of agricultural institutions (public and non state actors)

SubProg.II: Support for Agricultural Statistics

Target:

To improve the **availability, reliability and accessibility** of agricultural information to enable evidence-based and result oriented planning, particularly with regard to agricultural statistics, market price information and food security

SubProg.II: Support for Agricultural Statistics (Cont'd)

Activities:

- Improve agricultural statistics by conducting benchmark surveys every five years and seasonal crop and **livestock** assessments
- Develop and install a market-price information system that will include information on input prices

SubProg.II: Support for Agricultural Statistics (Cont'd)

- Develop a food security early warning system, made accessible nationwide
- Develop a rapid response mechanism for the early warning system (for appropriate implementation)
- Liaise and coordinate with other institutions producing agricultural statistics

SubProg.III: Comprehensive Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation

Target:

To **plan**, monitor and evaluate the implementation and coordination of agricultural sector policy at all levels; **and generate management information in a timely manner**

SubProg.III: Comprehensive Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (Cont'd)

Environmental Assessment:

- Stakeholder Analysis
- Capacity Needs Assessment
- Capacity Development Programme
- Generate baseline statistics

SubProg.III: Comprehensive Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation (Cont'd)

- Hold quarterly rural-cluster meetings
- Conduct joint sector reviews and PERs annually
- Mainstream implementation of programmes for vulnerable groups
- Facilitate flow of information from rural areas to central level
- Prepare performance reports

Implementation Challenges

- Technical capacities
- There is need for regular policy reviews (a continuous process)
- Buy-In of programmes by all key stakeholders and continued coordination of the same
- If strategies e.g. 10% budget allocation are not put in place, what's Plan B
- Policy inconsistencies and discontinuity (a problem in most countries)

Experiences and Success Stories

- District capacities developed (Zambia)
- Agriculture Consultative Forum (Zambia)
- Farmer Clubs (Malawi)
- Capacity Building of Stakeholders (Malawi)
- Relying on internal funding (90% of budget) – Kenya

Costing

- Impossible; group to evaluate the budget because there was no basis
- However, based on experience, M&E budget needs to be revised upwards e.g. to 5% of programme TEC.

Thanks for your attention!