

Agricultural Consultative Forum (ACF) & Food Security Research Project (FSRP) News

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:

- [Resource Materials - Zambia Agricultural Fertilizer Programme Study Tour. Gaining Insights From on-going Reforms in Malawi, Kenya and Tanzania. MACO/ACF/FSRP](#)
- [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
- Testimony to the Parliamentary Committees on Agriculture and Lands on Performance of the Fertiliser Support Programme in Zambia. Hyde Haantuba and Nawiko Masiye, Agricultural Consultative Forum, and Antony Chopto and Michael Weber, Food Security Research Project. National Assembly, Parliament Building, Lusaka. 22 April 2009
 - [Written Submission - On Performance of the Fertiliser Support Programme](#)
 - [Oral Presentation - On Performance of the Zambian Fertiliser Support Programme](#)
- [Background Information on the Rural Smallholder Farm Sector: What Does Empirical Information Tell Us About Maize Sector Productivity and Related Agricultural Input Use.](#) Antony Chopto and Michael Weber.
- [CSO/MACO/FSRP National-Level Supplemental Surveys: Smallholder Categorization Tables 2004 and 2008](#)
- [Factors Influencing the Profitability of Fertilizer Use on Maize in Zambia.](#) Z. Xu, Z. Guan, T.S. Jayne, and Roy Black. Number 32, February 2009.