



## REGIONAL HUNGER AND VULNERABILITY PROGRAMME

SOUTH AFRICA

### **RHVP Purpose:**

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

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## GRM CONSORTIUM: PRESENTATION AIMS

### **RHVP – Aims of the GRM Consortium Presentation**

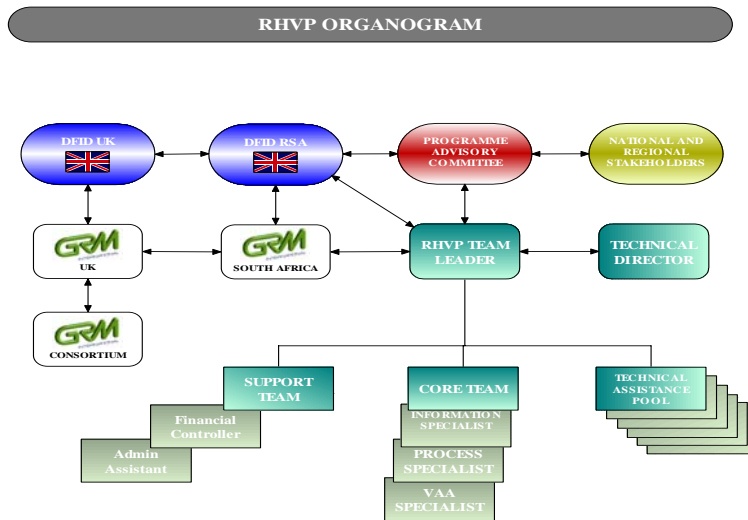
- To introduce the GRM Consortium and explain what each member brings to achievements of RHVP outputs
- To outline key GRM Consortium administration, reporting and sub-contractor management arrangements to assure effective implementation
- To identify and discuss selected regional challenges in VAA
-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

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### 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

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## The RHVP Process



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## 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

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## 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

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## VAA – Adding Value to Existing Programmes

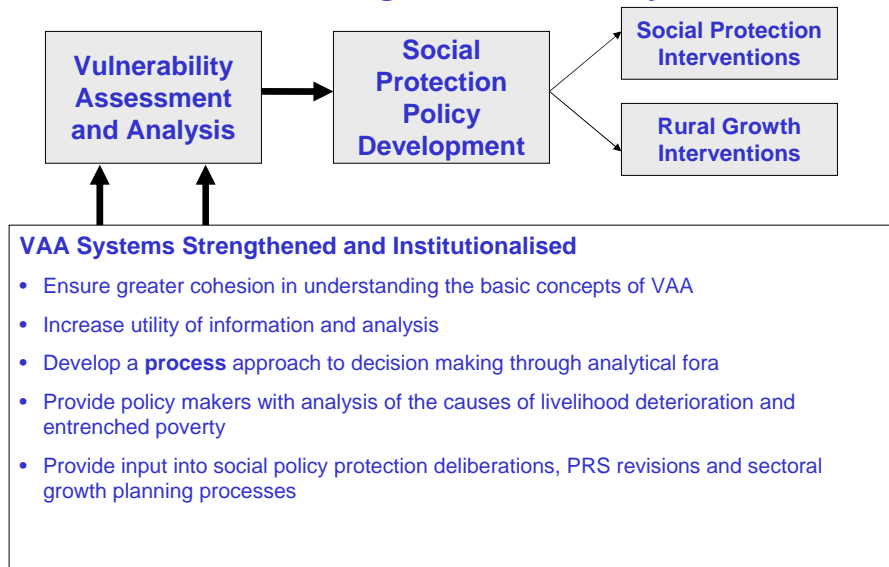
- Prior (3 Stage) VAC and RVAC Consultations
- WFP-Tango Assessment of VAC's & RVAC
- UNICEF Review of Safety Nets in Region
- South Africa FIVIMS Strengthening
- Civil Society Involvement in Food Security and Poverty Reduction Issues in Southern Africa
- Ethiopia Cash Transfer & Livelihoods Insights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

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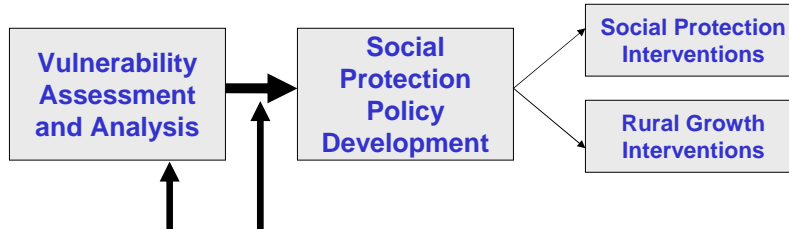
### VAA – Key Challenges for the RHVP

- 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



### RHVP - Thickening the VAA & Policy Link - 2

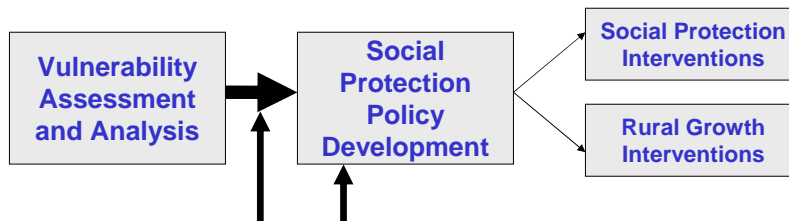


#### Regional & National Social Protection and Livelihood Information Shared and Utilised

- 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

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### RHVP - Thickening the VAA & Policy Link - 3

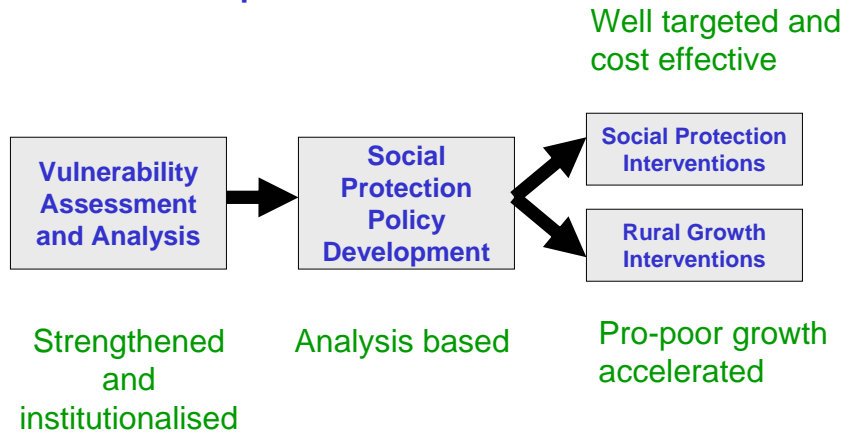


#### Action Research and Pilot Programmes Implemented

- 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.

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### The RHVP Outputs



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### 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

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