

PERSPECTIVES ON THE PERFORMANCE OF MAIZE MARKETING AND TRADE SYSTEM IN SOUTHERN AFRICA

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DEFICIENCIES

- **Serious mistrust between private/public sector**
- **Uncertainties about the role and operations of FRA**
- **Lack of sufficient & timely market information**
- **Shortage of storage facilities, particularly bulk storage**
- **Non existence of self regulating grain traders association**
- **Infrastructure deficiencies (transport, feeder roads, communication)**

STEPS TAKEN

- **Completion of Agricultural Market Development Plan (AMDP)**
- **Setting up of Grain Traders Association of Zambia (GTAZ)**
- **Establishment of warehouse receipt act**
- **Improvement of market information availability**

CHALLENGES

- **Government to accelerate implementation of (AMDP)**
- **Infrastructure Development**
- **Define clear role for FRA**
- **Strengthen private/public partnership particularly when dealing with a deficit year.**
- **Calls for continuous stakeholder consultation**