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What is Working Well?

- * The public / private partnership working in developing services.
- * The targeted input distribution programme has somewhat increased production at farm and national level – I.e. reduced deficit over the years.
- * We have seen increased participation by the private sector players in the maize trading because of liberalization.



What Needs To Be Improved

- * Need to diversify from rainfed agriculture by adopting conservation farming, irrigation technologies in order to avoid the risks of draught. Also address conservation farming need to provide sustainable research and extension.
- * Need to design sustainable strategies that awards farmers with a competitive price for their crop to improve incomes
- * Need to review or reduce restrictive levies. On inter district trade that add extra marketing costs.



- * Trade border trade is significant in the respective countries and need to be taken at a higher step to facilitate free trade flows.
- * Need to review the export bans / restrictions
- * Need to consult with stakeholder in decision to enhance transparency in the Maize Marketing to reduce unnecessary panick o n the market.
- * Need to invest in infrastructure that should facilitate trade i.e. storage facilities, roads.
- * Need to improve on farmers access to affordable inputs and access to credit facilities.



- * Need to promote both domestic and export markets.
- * Need to improve on market information and early warning systems to facilitate efficient market systems.
- * Need to improve the trade imbalance within the region by allowing all countries to liberalize their agricultural sector.

