

## INCEPTION REPORT

### 1. Basic Information

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<b>Organization</b>	Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives – Department of Agriculture.
<b>Position</b>	Chief Field Crops Agronomist

### Current Situation concerning CARD (Coalition for African Rice Development) and NRDS (National Rice Development Strategy) in your country.

#### (1) Achievements.

The following have been done:

- Launch of the NRDS on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011. Major stakeholders invited and summary of the NRDS discussed.
- Working Week I; 5-7<sup>th</sup> March 2012. Zambian Intervention Element Matrice was developed. 10 intervention topics in the rice value chain were identified.
- Working 2; 14-18<sup>th</sup> May 2012. The major tasks achieved were to identify champions and development of concept notes for the identified priority areas.
- National Training Workshop; 18-22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012. Various players in the rice sector were invited to provide input on the draft project ideas. 9 priorities and concept notes were settled for with view of developing bankable proposals.

#### List of Champions:

1. For elaboration of Strategies
  - Permanent Secretary: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock.
  - Zambia Rice Federation
2. Projects and Expenditure Frameworks  
Permanent Secretaries: Ministries of Commerce and Finance.
3. Funding
  - GRZ, JICA, SNV, PLARD- 2, IFAD, AGRA and World bank.
4. Community Level
  - COMACO, Mongu Dioceses, Glymo Enterprises, Yambeji, ZOGA, Frontier Milling, Kadenda Farmers' Group.

#### List of Priority Projects:

Sl No.	Project Title	Estimated Budget (million USD)
1	Improved Market Access in rice producing areas	1.62
2	Market integration of rice subsector through rice warehouse receipt system	1.26
3	Purification of existing admixtures, development and multiplication of improved rice varieties	1.04
4	Improved seed multiplication and distribution practices through decentralization of quality control systems	1.0
5	Development of rice standards for improved marketability and competitiveness of locally produced rice	1.21
6	Enhancing quality of locally produced rice	3.0
7	Enhancing extension services for increased rice production	1.15
8	Horizontal and vertical integration of stakeholders through ZRF along the value chain	1.55
9	Development of irrigation infrastructure for increased rice production in North western, Muchinga and Western provinces	57.7

Way Forward:

The concept notes need to be finalized and developed into Project proposals for floating to donor and other funding agencies for funding. Need to identify specific activities in the NRDS which can be funded through the government financial system.

## **(2) Organizations involved in CARD Initiative and NRDS process.**

Government;

- Department of Agriculture.
- Zambia Agriculture Research Institute.
- Department of Agri-business and Marketing.
- Department of Cooperatives.
- Department of policy and Planning.
- Seed Control and Certification.

Private:

- SNV,
- Agriculture Consultative Forum.
- ZATAC

- Agriculture Business Forum
- Zambia Rice Federation.

List of NRDS Task Force Members;

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Organization</b>
1	Alick Daka	Deputy Director – Task Force Chair	Agriculture-MAL
2	Moses Mwale	Deputy Director	Zambia Agriculture Research Institute-MAL
3	Ella Chembe	Deputy Director	Zambia National Farmers' Union
4	Kayoya Masuhwa	Chief Agricultural Officer	Agriculture-MAL
5	Dora Phiri	Chief cooperatives Officer	Cooperatives-MAL
6	Michael Isimwaa	Chief Agriculture Statistician	Policy and Planning _ MAL
7	Shadreck Mwale	Principal Agricultural Officer	Agriculture- MAL
8	Malumo Nawa	Chief Field Crops Agronomist	Agriculture- MAL
9	Mable Simwanza	Chief seeds Officer	Seed Control and Certification Institute- MAL
10	Mweshi Mukanga	Principal Research Officer	Zambia Research Institute- MAL
11	Nathan Phiri	Principal Seeds Officer	Seed Control and Certification Institute – MAL
12	Etah Manda	Agribusiness Development Advisor	SNV
13	Kaunda Kapepula	Principal Economist	Agribusiness- MAL
14	Christiopher Kambole	Monitoring and Evaluation Officer	Agricultural Consultative Forum
15	Derrick Sikombe	CAADP Focal Point Person	Policy and Planning – MAL
16	Guy Kahokola	Investment Advisor	ZATAC

17	Elly S. Mwale	Chairperson	Zambia Rice Federation
18	Brenda K. Nang'amba	Agribusiness Officer	Agriculture Business Forum

The Task Force is currently coordinating the implementation of the NRDS before the appointment of the Zambia Consortium for Accelerated Rice Development (ZCARD).

(3). Progress in Implementing the NRDS.

## **2. Duties of your Organization/ Department and Yourself.**

(1) Duties of the Ministry:

To facilitate and support the development of a sustainable and competitive agriculture sector that assures food security and income generation at household and national levels.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock has been the major driver in the formulation and coordination of the NRDS so far.

The Ministry is also involved in provision of inputs and marketing of rice in specific areas.

(2) Duties of the Department of Agriculture:

The major focus of the department is to increase crop production and productivity, diversification and sustainable land and water management.

The Department of Agriculture has spearheaded and coordinated the development of the NRDS. Currently, the department provides the chairperson and National Focal Person to the National rice Task force. In addition it has been actively involved in the promotion of upland and lowland rice cultivation.

(3) My duties in the implementation of the NRDS have been the following:

- Member of the Core Task Force core member as the Deputy National Focal Person.
- Have been involved in the formulation of the NRDS document.
- Launch of the NRDS.
- Participated in Working Week 1 where we developed the Intervention Element Matrices for the country.
- Participated in Working Week 2 for the identification of champions and development of concept notes.

- Promoting establishment of rice demonstrations in some selected areas.
- Preparation and provision of technical guidelines on improved management of rice.

**5. Challenges regarding CARD or NRDS process.**

(1) Challenges as a taskforce member regarding the NRDS process

- Little private sector involvement in the promotion of rice production.
- Lack of funding to support rice production initiatives.

(2) Background of above mentioned Challenges.

- There has been little government support in the past.
- Subsistence production of rice.
- Lack of organizational structure for promoting rice unlike other commodities.

(3) Tentative idea on how to deal with above idea:

- Integrate some of the activities of the NRDS in the Ministerial and Departmental budget for the 2013 financial year. This can include activities such as information dissemination, publication of brochures on improved practices, demonstrations and field days, variety improvement etc.
- Active engagement of the private sector in promotion of simple rice equipment for weeding and threshing.

(4) Expectations

- Capacity to increase interaction among the stakeholders.
- Monitoring skills
- Implementation strategies.
- Information exchange.