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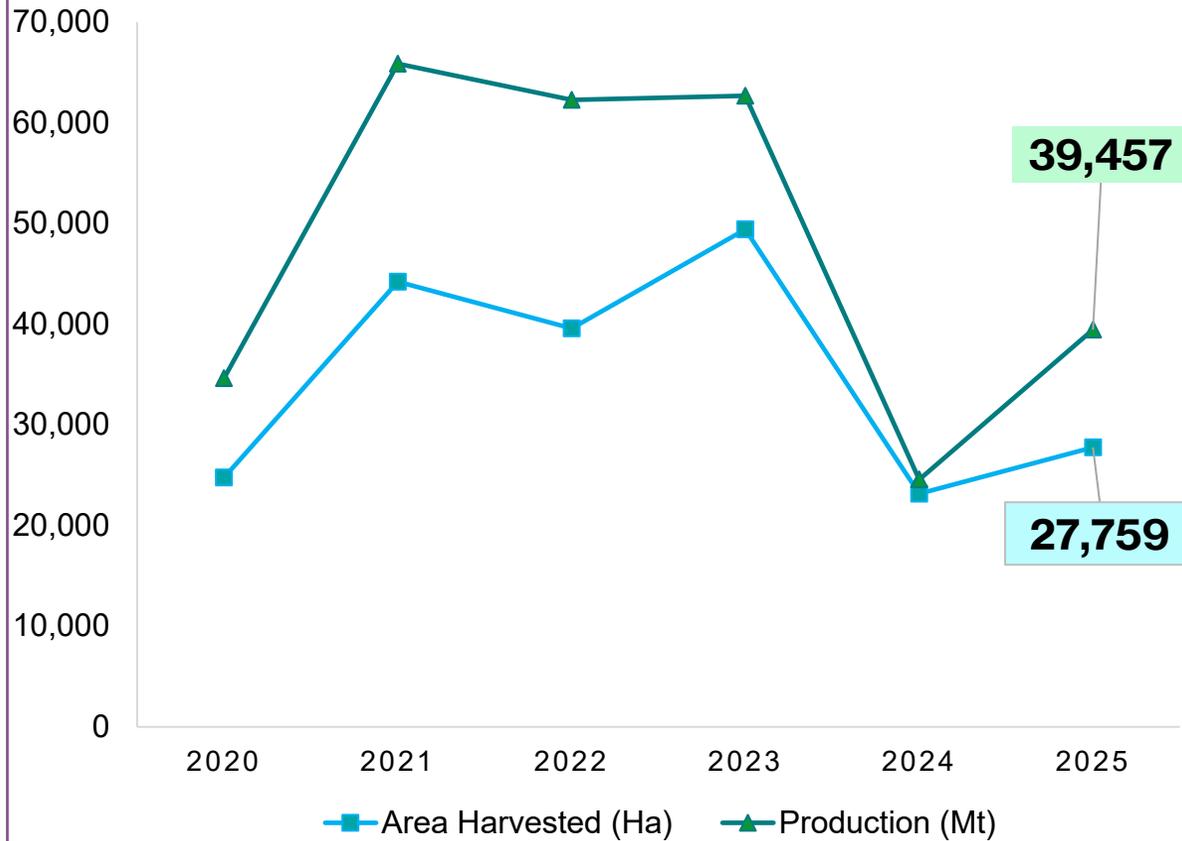
GM10 Country Presentation

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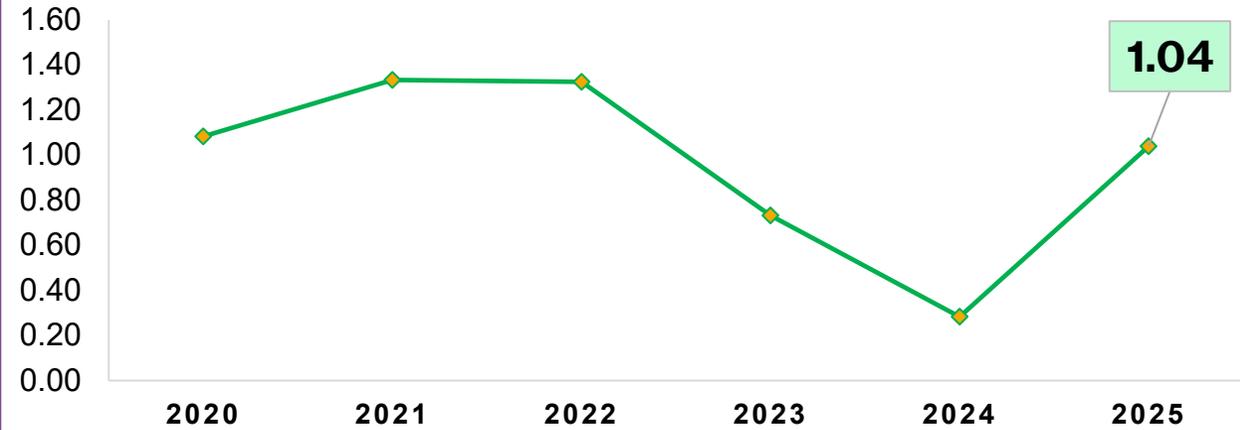


Overall indicators

Paddy production and Area harvested

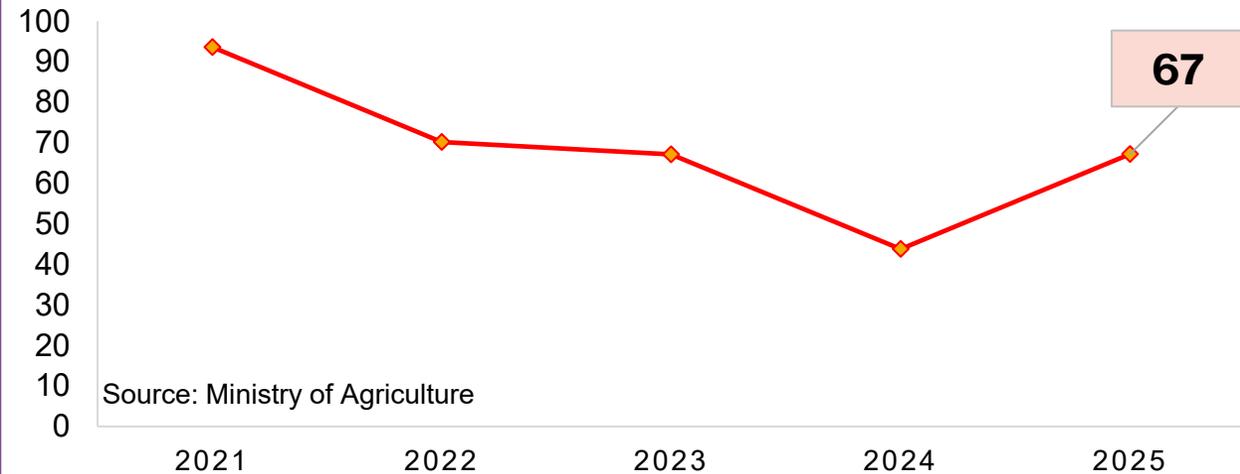


Yield (mt/ha)



Source: Ministry of Agriculture

Self-sufficiency ratio (%)



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Progress of CARD Activities since GM9

Progress on NRDS Processes Elaboration Phase

- Working week for concept note elaboration in May 2025
- Elaboration Workshop has been done in May 2025

Progress on NRDS Monitoring Phase

- Collection and compiling of Monitoring indicators were identified May 2025
- Training by CARD staff on the New M&E Methodology was done May 2025
- Bilateral engagement for resource mobilization with development partners (AGRA, WFP, IFAD and World Bank) with support from CARD was done January 2026



Regional Advisor-Permanent Secretary-Focal Point



JICA Zambia Officers



World Bank Officers



WFP Officers



IFAD officers



AGRA Officers

Implementation of NRDS and Lesson shared

Overview of major project(s) started since GM 9

Partner	Period	Project Name	Amount
FAO	2024-2025	Promoting Productive Water Use and Efficient Water Management in Paddy Fields	-----USD
JICA	2023-2025	Market-Oriented Rice Development Project (MOReDeP)	3.05 M USD

Good example and Challenge in terms of implementing the NRDS

Challenges

- Inconsistent allocation of counterpart funding by the Ministry of Agriculture in some projects

Good Example

- Successful implementation of **MOReDeP** has resulted in the signing of the follow-up **MOReDeP 2** project, due to improved yields in project operational areas, stakeholder collaboration, joint implementation (MoA and JICA) focusing on research, extension and agri-business.

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ZAMBIA AND JAPAN LAUNCH PHASE-2 OF RICE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



Zambia has officially launched the second phase of the Market-Oriented Rice Development Project (MOReDeP II), reinforcing its commitment to strengthening the rice sector with continued support from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The initiative aims to boost food security, diversify agriculture, and improve rural livelihoods. Permanent Secretary (Technical Services) Mr. John Mulongoti expressed Zambia's deep gratitude to Japan for its partnership. MOReDeP II will build on the success of Phase One, expanding its scope to include rice research, rural enterprise development, and capacity building at both institutional and community levels. Mulongoti emphasized the project's critical timing, aligning with national development frameworks and the Sustainable Development Goals, and reaffirmed the government's full commitment to providing policy support for its successful implementation.

Action plans between now and the end of 2026

Action 1: Organizing the Annual Rice Sector Review Meeting (ARSRM)

- Request for TORs by task force to CARD for evaluation of NRDS by end first quarter (April 2026)
- To review the implementation of TNRDS (May 2026)
- Procurement of a consultant to evaluate the current NRDS by third quarter of 2026
- Working week for formulation of FNRDS by November 2026 (Zero Draft)
- Updating the concept notes by November 2026
- Validation of FNRDS by December 2026
- Launch of FNRDS January 2027

Action 2: Enhance Resource Mobilization for the Concept Notes

- Follow up and enhance bilateral engagement for resource mobilization with development partners