

## INTRODUCTION

At the request of the USAID/Zambia Mission, a joint DCHA/FFP and AFR Bureau team prepared the following Analysis of Food Security, Health and Nutrition in Zambia to support the Mission's new Country Strategic Plan for 2004-2010. AFR Bureau team members were Hope Sukin, Nutrition/Health Officer and Fenton Sands, Agricultural Economist. Participating from DCH/FFP, were Food For Peace Officers, Michelle Cachaper and Paul Novick.

The team conducted a series of interviews with USAID/W offices before starting their research in Zambia. From January 8-30, 2003 in Zambia, interviews were held with USAID/Z staff, and officials in more than 40 institutions, including Government of Zambia ministries and departments, international and donor organizations, and cooperating private voluntary organizations. An extensive number of agriculture, food security and nutrition/health documents were reviewed. (Listed in Annex B at the end of this report). Finally, the team traveled to Southern Province to view the humanitarian and economic effects of the drought, as well as visit sites of smallholder diversified agriculture and emergency food aid relief operations.

The following analytical document is a result of this research. It is meant to be a helpful resource for the Mission to assist its planning staff in further integrating the all-important themes of food security, nutrition and health into the new Country Strategic Plan for 2004-2010. The recommendations in this report confirm the development objectives illustrated in the Mission's new Concept Paper, as well as offer suggestions for deepening SO impacts. One important element of the recommendations is the addition of both Title II emergency and development food aid to the Mission's resource base to enhance its short and long-term food security interventions. In an era of static or declining development resources, we feel food aid can provide additional emergency and recovery support to vulnerable groups, as well as contribute to achievement of longer-term development objectives.

The team wishes to thank the USAID/Zambia Mission and its cooperating partners for facilitating its research and for creating an environment of informational exchange that allowed us to tackle this challenging issue of food security in Zambia. The integration of this document into the country strategic plan should result in a more comprehensive and balanced development strategy that addresses the key issues of economic growth, food security and improved health facing Zambia today and into the future.

## LIST OF ACRONYMS

ARI	Acute Respiratory Illness
CARE	Cooperative for Assistance and Relief Everywhere
CBGP	Community Based Growth Promotion
CF	Conservation Farming
CLUSA	Cooperative League of the USA
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
CS	Cooperating Sponsor
CSB	Corn-Soy Blend
C-SAFE	Consortium for Southern Africa Food Emergency
CT	Conservation Tillage
DA	Development Assistance Funds
DAP	Development Activity Proposal
DCHA	Bureau for Democracy, Crisis and Humanitarian Response, USAID
DHS	Demographic and Health Survey
DFID	Department of International Development, UK
DMMU	Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit
EMOP	Emergency Operation Plan
FAO	United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization
FACS	Food-Assisted Child Survival
FANTA	Food and Nutrition Technical Assistance Project
FEWSNET	Famine Early Warning Systems Network
FFE	Food for Education Program
FFP	Food for Peace, USAID/DCHA
FFP/DP	Food for Peace, Development Programs Division
FFP/EP	Food for Peace, Emergency Programs
FFW	Food for Work
FHANIS	Food, Health and Nutrition Monitoring System
FHI	Food for the Hungry, Inc.
FY	Fiscal Year
GMO	Genetically-Modified
GRZ	Government of the Republic of Zambia
GTZ	German Development Cooperation
HBC	Home Based Care
HEPS	High Energy Protein Supplement
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome
IEC	Information Education and Communications
IMCI	Integrated Management of Childhood Illnesses
IR	Intermediate Result
LIFDC	Low-Income Food Deficit Country
LOL	Land O'Lakes, Inc.
MCH	Maternal Child Health
MCHN	Maternal Child Health Nutrition
MSU	Michigan State University
MOA	Ministry of Agriculture
MOH	Ministry of Health
MT	Metric Ton
NFDM	Non-Fat Dry Milk
NFNC	National Food and Nutrition Council
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization

OCFI	Other Child Feeding Initiatives
OVC	Orphans and Vulnerable Children
PAM	Program Against Malnutrition
PCI	Project Concern International
PL480	Public Law 480, the Agricultural Trade and Assistance Act of 1954
PLWHA	People Living with HIV/AIDS
PMTCT	Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission
PROFILES	Nutrition Advocacy Tool
PRSP	Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper
PVO	Private Voluntary Organization
RCSA	Regional Center for Southern Africa
SCF	Save the Children Federation
SFP	School Feeding Program
SHN	School Health and Nutrition
SME	Small-Medium Enterprise
SO	Strategic Objective
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
STI	Sexually Transmitted Infection
TB	Tuberculosis
UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
UTH	University Teaching Hospital
VAC	Vulnerability Assessment Committee
VCT	Voluntary Counseling and Testing
WFP	United Nations World Food Program
WHO	United Nations World Health Program
WV	World Vision
ZIHP	Zambia Integrated Health Program
ZNFU	Zambia National Farmers Union