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Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Analysis Network (FANRPAN)



**FANRPAN Stakeholders Regional Policy Dialogue & AGM**

**Lusaka, Zambia, 4-7 September 2007**

**Main Theme: Policy “Triggers” for Agricultural Growth in Southern Africa**

**Household Vulnerability Index (HVI) Regional Workshop  
4 September 2007**

**Background**

In 2004, FANRPAN evaluated the impact of HIV and AIDS on rural households in seven SADC countries, and identified the need to put a quantitative measure on household vulnerability. This was pivotal to target and to assess the effectiveness of interventions in the HIV and AIDS crisis over time. The FANRPAN study proposed a statistical method for computing household vulnerability, the Household Vulnerability Index (HVI). The HVI was developed by investigating the different dimensions through which households are prone to impacts, applying appropriate weights and scales to each of the impact areas and deriving a universal household index that made it possible to compare vulnerability across households and communities. Further work on HVI was conducted through a pilot project conducted in Lesotho, Swaziland and Zimbabwe between August 2006 and June 2007.

**Purpose of the workshop**

This workshop has two purposes: 1) to share the major findings and policy recommendations emerging from recent research in Lesotho, Swaziland and Zimbabwe on the impact of HIV and AIDS on Food Security in Southern Africa and how the Household Vulnerability Index (HVI) can be used to shed light on the different degrees and levels of household vulnerability introduced by the epidemic; and 2) to obtain recommendations for future work in this area by FANRPAN. This workshop will form part of the “FANRPAN Stakeholders Regional Policy Dialogue and Annual General Meeting” in Lusaka, Zambia from 4-7 September 2007.

**The HVI presentation is scheduled as a parallel session on 4 September 2007 from 1400 hours to 1700 hours.**

Facilitator: Lindiwe Majele Sibanda; Tendayi Kureya and Makhamokha Mohale

Rapporteur: Unity Chipfupa

## Agenda

Time	Topic/title	Presenter
14:00-14:10	Session introduction	Lindiwe Sibanda
14:10-14:30	What do SADC and COMESA need from this dialogue?	SADC
14:30-15:00	The HVI Concept, history and the journey so far. With examples from work done in Zimbabwe.	Tendayi Kureya
15:00-15:30	Country experiences: Swaziland and Lesotho	Dr. Moses Sithole and Makhala Khoeli
15:30-16:00	Tea break	
16:00-16:20	Proposed future work on the HVI	Unity Chipfupa
16:20-17:00	Facilitated discussion of findings, their relevance to regional priorities, and future work: <b>Anticipated Outputs:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Discussion and Recommendations for action, if any, emerging from work reported at the workshop;</li> <li>2. Recommendations to FANRPAN on what issues its longer term program should prioritize</li> </ol>	Facilitated by: Makhamokha Mohale

### Research Team:

- Zimbabwe: Tendayi Kureya, Unity Chipfupa
- Lesotho: Makhala Khoeli, Makhamokha Mohale
- Swaziland: Dr. Moses Sithole
- Regional: Dr Lindiwe M. Sibanda

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