MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK

FARMER INPUT SUPPORT PROGRAMME (FISP)

2015-2016 SEASON IMPLEMENTATION STATUS

MAY 2015
2014/2015 Support Levels

- **Target**: 1,000,000 smallholder farmers
- **Hectares**:
  - Maize – 500,000 ha
  - Other Crops – 32,049 ha
2015-2016 FISP Implementation Status

- NCZ has been contracted to produce, supply and distribute all the basal dressing fertilizer.
- Two private sector companies have been identified to supply Urea fertilizer in 8 provinces.
- The recruitment of the supplier of Urea fertilizer in Southern and Western Provinces is underway.
- Preparation for procurement of various seed types has commenced.
- FISP implementation documents are also being procured.
Proposals for Improvement of FISP

- Diversification of FISP support
Justification for Diversification of FISP Support

- Implementation of Farmer Input Support Programme (FISP) since 2002/2003
- **Purpose:** To facilitate the rebuilding of the once eroded asset base of the smallholder farmers across the country.
- **Funder:** Government of the Republic of Zambia
- **Concerns:**
  - Inclination towards maize production - Economic importance as a staple food crop in Zambia.
  - Entire FISP from inception was maize centred – need to incorporate cash crops, livestock and fish products
  - Low maize productivity
  - Huge subsidy levels
  - Low incomes from maize production
Justification for Diversification of FISP Support (Cont…)

- Nutrition issues, e.g. orange maize, legumes
- Climate change, e.g. changes in rainfall pattern, soil degradation
- Market for the included products is readily available
- Finally, the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock is convinced that this intervention measure will go a long way in increasing income from farming activities of smallholder farmers

- Proposed inclusions:
  - Soya Bean
  - Sunflower
  - Cotton, and
  - Beans
  - Orange maize

- Piloting of the E-Voucher System
  - Inputs for livestock and fish production
Proposed Support Levels for 2015/2016 Season

- **Budget:** K1,338,083,252.00
- **Target:** 985,000 smallholder farmers
- **Hectares:**
  - Maize – 291,871 ha under conventional FISP
  - Other Crops – 60,000 ha
  - Maximum realisable Ha of maize under E-Voucher - 120,500 ha
  - Maximum possible Ha under maize: 412,371 ha
THANK YOU!!!