



REPORT ON TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP: SEED MULTIPLICATION, LANDSCAPING AND HORTICULTURE



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OVERVIEW

The Technical Working Group was established as a cornerstone of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Schweizer Agriculture and the Government of Zambia. Its primary mandate is to promote inclusive agricultural practices in seed multiplication, landscaping, and horticulture within the Kanakantapa Resettlement Scheme.

KEY FOCUS AREAS:

- Seed multiplication using climate-resilient varieties.
- Landscaping and sustainable horticultural practices.
- Capacity building for small-scale farmers.
- Market linkages and value chain enhancements.



OBJECTIVES

The TWG's objectives are centered on addressing critical issues in the agricultural sector:

1. Develop a comprehensive plan for seed multiplication, landscaping, and horticulture.
2. Address gaps in seed availability, accessibility, and marketing.
3. Promote the adoption of climate-resilient seed varieties.
4. Build capacity for small-scale farmers.
5. Strengthen partnerships and collaborations.
6. Monitor and evaluate progress against defined metrics.

PROGRESS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

Since the inception of the TWG, we have:

- Established a Multidisciplinary Team:
 - Membership includes representatives from the Ministry of Agriculture, SeedCo Zambia, and farmer cooperatives.
- Conducted Initial Assessments:
 - Identified gaps in seed accessibility, infrastructure, and training needs for small-scale farmers.
- Launched Pilot Training Programs:
 - Conservation farming workshops.
 - Training in water and soil management.
- Fostered Key Partnerships:
 - Strengthened collaboration with local cooperatives and private sector stakeholders.



Challenges Identified

- Limited access to financial resources for small-scale farmers.
- Gaps in infrastructure for seed storage and distribution.
- Resistance to adopting new farming practices.



Proposed Solutions

- Leverage public-private partnerships to improve access to funding.
- Develop community-based storage solutions.
- Increase farmer outreach and engagement through localized training programs.



MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- Progress will be tracked through periodic reviews and stakeholder meetings.
- Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) include:
 - Number of farmers trained.
 - Percentage increase in agricultural yields.
 - Uptake of climate-resilient seeds

ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES

- Responsibilities of TWG members have been clearly defined.
- Penalties for non-compliance include:
 - Dismissal from the TWG for failure to meet obligations.
 - Warnings for unprofessional behavior or repeated absences.



Next Steps

- Expand farmer training programs to more regions.
- Increase access to and adoption of climate-resilient seeds.
- Strengthen partnerships for sustainable market development.

The TWG is poised to drive transformational change in Zambia's agricultural sector. With your continued collaboration, we will achieve a brighter future for small-scale farmers and contribute to national food security and economic growth.



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SECTORS



Inputs



Agricultural Mechanization



Financial Inclusion



Access To Markets



Capacity Building Through Technical Assistance and Support.