



**2008 RVAA Annual Dissemination Forum:
NVAC Workshop and
Regional Stakeholder Meeting
4-7 July 2008
Indaba Hotel
Johannesburg, South Africa**

WORKSHOP PROGRAMME

Workshop Objectives

The main objective of the workshop is to share and disseminate information on the national and regional vulnerability assessment committee assessments of the 2008/09 season.

Specifically, the workshop intends to achieve the following objectives:

- To identify threats and opportunities to food security and vulnerability during the 2008/09 marketing season in view of the current world food crisis.
- To profile the depth and levels of regional food insecurity and vulnerability in the region for the 2008/09 marketing season
- To develop actionable recommendations for consideration by the SADC Council of Ministers.
- Review NVAC work plans to streamline VAA emerging issues into VAC work

Expected Outputs

It is expected that at the end of the workshop, participants shall have:

- Shared the NVAC preliminary findings and experiences
- Identified opportunities and threats to food security and vulnerability during the 2008/09 marketing season
- Discussed the depth and levels of regional food security and vulnerability for the 2008/09 marketing season
- Made actionable recommendations for consideration by the SADC member states policy makers.
- Revised their national VAC work plans in line with the regional and national VAA emerging issues



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July 3 rd 2008	Arrival of participants	Facilitator
Day 1: July 4th 2008		
Time	Activity	Responsibility
8.00-8.30	Participants Registration	
8.30-9.00	Official Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • Welcome remarks • Opening remarks • Opening Remarks • Official Opening Speech 	Workshop Facilitator RVAC Chair (FANR Directorate) ICP Representative South Africa Representative Zambia Representative
9.00-9.10	Workshop objectives	Facilitator
Morning Session Chair: Zambia		Rapporteur: Zimbabwe & Namibia
Regional Seasonal Review		
<i>Guide: General Overview of the 2007-08 Growing season: Participants are expected to link this information to current food security and vulnerability levels as well as early warning and response measures taken/underway or still to be implemented especially for climatic affected areas</i>		
9.10-9.25	Progress of Rainfall and Agricultural Season/Vulnerability Regional Agro-met briefing	SADC Secretariat
Country presentations on 2008 Vulnerability Assessments		
<i>Guide: NVAC Chairs provide an national overviews of current VAC assessment, methodologies and main findings, with a particular focus on (1) Threats to Food Security and Vulnerability 2008/09, (2) Characteristics of vulnerable households,(3) Main Risks & Hazards to Livelihoods,(4) Food insecurity and vulnerability levels 2008/09, (figures of No of populations at risk) and (5) Policy implications and impact on VAC work</i>		
9.25-9.40	Presentation on the 2008 Vulnerability Assessments	Lesotho VAC
9.40-9.55	Presentation on the 2008 Vulnerability Assessments	Mozambique VAC
9.55-10.10	Presentation on the 2008 Vulnerability Assessments	Zimbabwe VAC
10.10-10.30	Break	
10.30-10.45	Presentation on the 2008 Vulnerability Assessments	Angola VAC
10.45-11.00	Presentation on the 2008 Vulnerability Assessments	Zambia VAC
11.00-11.15	Plenary discussions	Facilitator
11.15-11.30	Presentation on the 2008 Vulnerability Assessments	Swaziland VAC
11.30-11.45	Presentation on the 2008 Vulnerability Assessments	Madagascar VAC
11.45-12.00	Presentation on the 2008 Vulnerability Assessments	Malawi VAC
12.15-12.30	Presentation on the 2008 Vulnerability Assessments	South Africa VAC
12.30-12.45	Presentation on the 2008 Vulnerability Assessments	Namibia VAC
12.45-13.00	Presentation on the 2008 Vulnerability Assessments	Botswana VAC
13.00-14.00	Lunch	



Regional Presentations on current issues & emerging trends

Afternoon Session Chair: South Africa		Rapporteur: Malawi & Swaziland
14.00-14.10	Introduction to sessions on current issues and emerging trends	Facilitator
<p><i>Guide: VAC technical partners are advised to take note of the current issues arising which may have an impact on the status of food security and vulnerability in the region. National VACS to consider incorporating emerging trends and potential hazards in ongoing VAA assessments and monitoring activities,</i></p>		
14.10-14.30	Overview of CFSAMs 2008/09	FAO
14.30-14.50	Health and Nutrition	SADC/UNICEF
14.50-15.30	Global Food Price Rises	Re-SAKSS
15.30-15.45	Break	
15:45 – 16.10	Chronic Hunger and Vulnerability	Malawi VAC & University of Malawi (Chancellor College)
16.10-16.35	Social Protection	RHVP Programme Director
16.35-16.45	Plenary discussions	Facilitator
16.55-17.10	Summary of day 1 proceedings	Facilitator
Day 2: Discussions on current regional VAA issues on policy and overall VAC work		
<p><i>Guide: Thematic Working Groups to discuss and consolidate the main regional food security and vulnerability issues of concern. Working groups will distil National/Regional VAA information and generate commonly agreed statements on the status of hunger and vulnerability in the SADC region. Topics to be discussed include: (1) Threats to Food Security and Vulnerability 2008/09 and the current World Food crisis, (2) Characteristics of Vulnerable Households, (3) Main Risks & Hazards to Livelihoods, (4) Food insecurity and vulnerability levels 2008/09, (figures of No of populations at risk) and (5) Policy implications and impact on VAC work.</i></p>		
8.30-8.40	Recap of day 1 proceedings	Facilitator
8.40-9.00	Introduction to group discussions	Facilitator
9.00-10.30	Thematic Working Group Discussions on impact of current VAA Regional Issues on policy and overall VAC Work	Facilitator
10.30-10.45	Break	
10.45-12.30	Group presentation and plenary discussions	Facilitator
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-15.30	(1) Draft Regional synthesis and regional overview presentation (2) National NVACS review their work plans taking into account emerging regional issues	Core Team: comprising of RVAA Programme, RVAC and selected technical members.
15.30-15.45	Break	
15.45-16.00	Summary of day 2	Facilitator

