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**Zambia Vulnerability Assessment Committee (VAC)**

## **VAC MAY 2004 RAPID FLOOD ASSESSMENT**

**Addendum to Final Report**

**May 2004**

**Lusaka**



## **CONTEXT**

This addendum refers to the Vulnerability Assessment Committee (VAC) report on a rapid flood assessment carried out in May 2004

## **GENERAL**

### *Omissions*

- Under “Current Interventions” in the report, specifically on the Education Sector, UNICEF carried out an assessment in March 2004 and provided 16 tent schools for displaced children.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Short Term Interventions**

#### *Food Security*

- Provision of early maturing maize seed for winter cropping, preferably by July.
- Targeted food assistance for 2-4 months lasting up to October 2004 (9,547 MT) while taking into account other ongoing programs.
- Food Security Pack should include rice seed.

#### *Health, Water and Sanitation*

- Up-scaling and intensification of Malaria control measures
- The use of purification tablets and water maker sachets to treat drinking water should be promoted
- A Supplementary Immunization Activity (SIA) needed. (*Estimated target under five population, Chavuma: 3,800; Zambezi: 4,470; and Lukulu 4,800*)

#### *Education*

- Launch of programmes to prevent poor school attendance during the “extended” food lean period.
- Provision of teaching materials where they were lost.

## **Medium to Long Term Interventions**

### ***Food Security***

- Canal Dredging
- Up-scaling and intensification of CBPP Control
- Promotion of Fish farming
- Active extension services
- Introduction and promotion of storage concept at household level in North Western province
- Promotion of food processing and utilisation

### ***Health, Water and Sanitation***

- Pre-positioning of medical kits
- Water testing and purification in schools, health centers, Palaces and markets
- Promotion of public health awareness
- Improvement of water and sanitation facilities

### ***Education***

- Implementation of programmes to maintain school level attendances

### ***General***

- Develop and operationalise District disaster preparedness plans
- Development of minimum standards for interventions.
- Development of strategies for early warning monitoring in flood plains.