



# MULTI-SECTORAL COMMUNITY BASED MODEL FOR ADDRESSING FOOD AND NUTRITION INSECURITY TO REDUCE STUNTING (MCBM)

(Review & Planning Workshop)  
*Summary Report*



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### Background and Introduction

The Government of Zimbabwe, through the Food and Nutrition Council (FNC), endorsed implementation of the multi-sectoral Community Based Model for Addressing Food and Nutrition Insecurity focusing on Reducing Stunting (MCBM). The MCBM programme is community centred and takes a bottom-up approach to addressing food and nutrition security challenges. Its broad objective is to reduce stunting in children under five in selected vulnerable districts of Zimbabwe through a multi-sectoral community based approach and systems strengthening. The multi-sectoral approach, as opposed to the silo sectoral approach was deliberately chosen as a result of both empirical and conceptual evidence that the food and nutrition security problems confronting us are complex and multi-dimensional.

It is against this background that FNC organised and coordinated a review and planning meeting to assess progress attained in the implementation of the MCBM approach. The meeting aimed to bring together food and nutrition relevant stakeholders to a forum of learning and sharing and also served as a channel for redirecting nutrition programming and implementation, based on the findings of the 2018 National Nutrition Survey.

The main objectives of the review meeting were:

- To assess progress attained and challenges faced in the implementation of the MCBM Approach in 19 Districts
- To re-strategize efforts and agree on 2018 action plans

A total of 360 delegates were in attendance and they included traditional leaders, District and Provincial Administrators, members of the National, Provincial, District and Ward Food and Nutrition Security Committees, Development Partners and Non-Governmental Organisations. Also present were food and nutrition experts who are the founders of the Food and Nutrition Council who came to share their knowledge and vast experience.

### **1. Welcome Remarks: Mrs Kampila, Provincial Administrator, Harare Metropolitan Province**

Mrs Kampila welcomed all delegates to the workshop and highlighted the importance of the review and planning exercise. She acknowledged the presence of the Chiefs and commended them for prioritising the workshop in spite of their busy schedules. She outlined the objectives of the workshop and called upon all present to actively engage in the process.

### 2. Opening Remarks: Mr Bishow Parajuli, UN Resident Coordinator

Mr Parajuli highlighted that joining efforts towards addressing malnutrition is fundamental in assuring that every child attains their full potential in life. The need to harness all multi-stakeholder efforts to address food and nutrition insecurity should drive our commitment towards attaining the Sustainable Development Goals. He also mentioned that the UN Network has a social responsibility to support all Government of Zimbabwe initiatives to address child morbidity and mortality. Going forward, there is need to continue working on improving diets, risks of health factors, disease burdens and the health system.



*Mr. Bishow Parajuli: UN Resident Coordinator*

### 3. Key Note Address: Mr J.H Mupamhanga, Deputy Chief Secretary in the Office of the President and Cabinet

In his key note address, Mr Mupamhanga highlighted the enabling environment that Government has created for engagement in food and nutrition security. He referred the MCBM programme as providing opportunity to further engage communities and help them to be masters of their own destiny.



*Deputy Chief Secretary in the Office of the President and Cabinet, Mr J.H Mupamhanga*

In his speech he stressed the importance of the 2018 National Nutrition Survey report as a fundamental document that should be used to guide implementation as it provides current evidence base that directs effort where it is needed.

He urged on Provincial Administrators to ensure functionality of FNSCs in their provinces and districts and commended the chiefs present for being committed to the process and programme of food and nutrition security.

### 4. Technical Presentations by Food and Nutrition Experts

The Food and Nutrition experts present had an opportunity to make presentations and these are highlighted below:



#### **Dr. M. Lenneiye: Why a Multi-sectoral Approach?**

Dr Lineiye presented on the importance of the multi-sectoral approach in addressing food and nutrition challenges. This approach enables efficiency as well as stability in the planning and implementation of programmes.



#### **Mr. M.B.K. Hakutangwi: Historical Perspective, Evolution of Food and Nutrition Security Committees**

Mr Hakutangwi emphasised on the importance of functional Food and Nutrition Security Committees in the implementation of food and nutrition programmes.



#### **Dr R Mbetu: The Role of Local Authorities in Addressing Food and Nutrition Insecurity**

Dr Mbetu highlighted the important role that local authorities have in addressing food and nutrition challenges in the country.



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The presentations prompted the following comments from the Traditional and Local Leadership in attendance:

COMMENT	RESPONSE
The role of traditional leadership was very visible in the past through the Zunde raMambo and Government needs to consider reactivation of this noble initiative. Late Distribution of seed from the Government has generally influenced household food insecurity.	Lead Officials leading Command Agriculture were urged to tap into the suggestion (Deputy Chief Secretary)  The Deputy Chief Secretary pledged to provide feedback to the responsible authorities. (Deputy Chief Secretary)
The Government needs to rehabilitate road and transport infrastructure as this has affected access to markets.	The concerns raised by Chiefs will be shared as the Government recognizes the important role of the people of Zimbabwe in building the mantra of development (Deputy Chief Secretary)
There is a lot of progress that has been made in terms of food and nutrition security. Some of the issues discussed at the workshop should be taken to the District Development Committees (DDCs) and Rural District Councils (RDCs) where developmental policies are housed.	The Deputy Chief Secretary confirmed that the RDCs are involved in Food and Nutrition activities. He highlighted that there is need to continue engaging in order to recognize the 3 tiers of government.
What Ministry of Health initiatives are in place to address chronic conditions such as cancer	The Ministry of Health and Child care has rolled out Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) Vaccinations targeting adolescent girls to protect them against cervical cancer. Early detection campaigns have also been rolled out encouraging women to undergo routine cancer screening.
Since Stunting starts in the mother's womb, how can Chiefs assist in preventing stunting	Traditional leaders can assist with supporting community initiatives to prevent early pregnancy and educating communities on the importance of diverse diets.



*One of the chiefs  
responding to Dr. Mbetu's  
presentation*

### 5. Opening of the Market Place:



*The Deputy Chief Secretary (Centre) at the ENSURE stand*

Delegates were invited to tour exhibition stands in the market place. Eight districts brought exhibitions to showcase their efforts towards food and nutrition security. Government and its partners (ENSURE World Vision, CADS) were also part of the key stakeholders that took part in the exhibitions. The exhibition ran under the theme: **Coordinated Multi-Sectoral Response to Food and Nutrition Insecurity** (See Annex for exhibition in pictures). The Deputy Chief Secretary also handed seed maize to the Chiefs present.

### 6. Testimonials from Traditional Leadership:

A plenary session was undertaken, with a panel of Chiefs from the four pilot districts of Chiredzi, Mwenezi, Mutasa and Chipinge giving testimonies on how they have been involved as the local leadership in the MCBM programme and some of the initiatives they have implemented in their respective communities.

Key issues highlighted in the plenary sessions include the chiefs coordinating the Zunde ra Mambo as a social safety net for vulnerable individuals in their communities, strategies to address child marriages which seemed to be a common concern and addressing problems of access to clean water.

The two-day workshop was concluded with key take home messages from Mrs J Tagwireyi, Food and Nutrition expert, and closing remarks from Mr B Mache, Director AGRITEX and Chairperson of the NFNSC.



*Traditional Leaders from the four pilot districts taking turns to give their testimonials*

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**Provincial Administrators for:** Harare Metropolitan, Manicaland, Mashonaland Central, Mashonaland West, Mashonaland East, Matabeleland North and Midlands.

**Provincial Medical Directors for:** Matabeleland North and Mashonaland West

**District Medical Officers for:** Chivi, Chegutu and Zvimba

**District Administrators for:** Makoni, Nyanga, Mutare, Mutasa, Buhera, Chimanimani, Chipinge, Makonde, Chegutu, Hurungwe, Kariba, Mhondoro Ngezi, Sanyati, Zvimba, Kadoma, Chivi, Gutu, Mwenezi, Chiredzi, Masvingo, Zaka, Bikita, Mazowe, Bindura, Guruve, Mbire, Centenary, Shamva, Mount Darwin, Rushinga, Insiza, Gwanda, Umzingwane, Matobo, Mangwe, Plumtree, Beitbridge, Thslothso, Bubi, Hwange, Nkayi, Umguza, Lupane, Mvuma, Zvishavane, Shurugwi, Gokwe North, Gokwe South, Kwekwe, Gweru, Mutoko, Murehwa, Chikomba, UMP, Mudzi, Marondera, Seke, Goromonzi, Hwedza

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### Annex - Photo Gallery



*From Left: Bishow Parajuli, J.H. Mupamhanga and Muhammed Ayoya following proceedings at the meeting*



*Guest presenters: Lenneiye Mungai and Marcus Hakutangwi*



*Mr. Kembo, FNC Director, directing proceedings at the Review meeting*



*Stakeholders at the FNC stand*



*UNICEF delegation enjoying the exhibitions*



*It's buying time!*



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*Visitors at the Thsolotsho Stand*



*Mazowe Stand*



*Nyanga District showcasing its wares*



*Goromonzi District stand*



*SIRDC exhibiting their value added products*



*A hive of activity at the market place*

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