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Inconsistent policies – hinder production, agri-business development and competitiveness
Public expenditure in agriculture is 3.3% versus target of 10%
Labor and land productivity very low – eg Maize per-hectare yields in Mozambique and Zimbabwe are some of the lowest in the world compared to more than 5 tons/ha in South Africa, Asia and OECD countries (ReSAKSS, 2014),
Agricultural competitiveness is weak, markets are fragmented, with significant price volatility, policies and regulations inhibits agricultural investment and trade (ReSAKSS, 2015)
Average stunting rate is 37% (Malawi 48%, Mozambique 43%, Zambia 46% and Zimbabwe 32%)
Transportation is very expensive and slow – for example - Zambia 53 days, $7060/container export (WB Doing Business)
Agricultural growth rate average is 2.6% versus target of 6% per annum
GOAL: ENHANCED REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY

INCREASED INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE OF KEY COMMODITIES AND INPUTS FOR SELECTED VALUE CHAINS

ADDRESSING FOOD ACCESS & STABILITY

INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTIVITY

ADDRESSING FOOD AVAILABILITY
Regional Activities

• Support for inclusive, evidence-based policy making/reform and analysis to create enabling environments in line with CAADP agenda – SADC compact, Agricultural Investment plan, Food Security and Nutrition Policy

• Support to harmonizing policies and regulations – Seeds Release Systems, SPS Strategy, Trade Facilitation Strategy

• Institutional and human capacity development

• Expanding markets and trade – storage infrastructure, trade facilitation, finance, food safety (aflatoxin control & mitigation)

• Support for public-private partnership development
Private sector engagement for scaling of agricultural sciences, technologies, innovations and management practices through leveraging South Africa Investment and expertise
Support to implementation of the Regional Agricultural Policy - providing evidence on how best the regional and Member States can advance the CAADP agenda and achieve the new targets as per Malabo Declaration.

Guidance on integrating climate smart agriculture in portfolio.

Fortification efforts in crops and foods – active and collaborative engagement with key regional partners, for example CCARDESA.

Trade flow monitoring.

ALIGNMENT OF ACTIVITIES TO THE REGION’S PRIORITIES
COORDINATION & COLLABORATION IN DEVELOPING WORK PLANS.
Thank you.