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SOME COMMENTS ON THE SADCC FOOD AND AGRICULTURE SECTOR STRATEGY

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1. INTRODUCTION

The objective of this note is to present a few comments which together with the comparative analysis of the nine national policy and strategy papers could provide a background to further reflexions and discussions on the elaboration of a more comprehensive regional food and agriculture strategy.

2. PRESENT STRATEGY

SADCC cooperation is still in an early phase of development and the regional food and agriculture sector strategy paper does not therefore provide a global, detailed strategy. Furthermore, the paper would benefit from a careful rewriting. Objectives, strategies, programmes and other concepts are somehow mixed together. This does not mean, however, that the paper fails in conveying overall, broad preoccupations and objectives of the sector, including in particular the aim of achieving regional food security. In the sub-sectoral parts the main shortcoming would appear to be a lack of well defined priorities.

3. PRESENT PROGRAMME

The present programme (regional projects or those including more than one country) consists of a total of 57 projects, distributed among the seven sub-sectors. The projects have been classified by sub-sector and primary functions in Annex 1, and tables 1 and 2 below provide summary information.

Table 1: Sectoral distribution

	n° projects	mill. \$
Food security	12 (21%)	16.2 (10%)
Agr. research	4 (7%)	40.2 (24%)
Livestock	17 (30%)	76.5 (46%)
Soil and water	1 (2%)	1.7 (1%)
Fisheries	9 (16%)	6.9 (4%)
Wildlife	5 (9%)	0.3 (0%)
Forestry	9 (16%)	24.9 (15%)
TOTAL	57 (101%)	167.1 (100%)

Table 2: Functional distribution

	n° projects	mill. \$
A: direct support to production	0 (0%)	0 (0%)
B: direct support to food security	8 ⁽¹⁾ (14%)	48.0 (29%)
C: indirect support	14 (25%)	48.7 (29%)
D: institutional	20 (35%)	40.4 (24%)
E: education	8 (14%)	19.7 ⁽²⁾ (12%)
F: others	7 (12%)	10.3 ⁽³⁾ (6%)
TOTAL	57 (100%)	167.1 (100%)

(1) all are livestock projects

(2) of which forestry accounts for 13.6 million, livestock 5.6 million
and fisheries 0.2 million

(3) of which forestry accounts for 10.1 million.

The above tables are selfexplanatory and it would appear they need no
further comments.

3. FOCUS OF FUTURE PROGRAMME

There is an obvious need to place the question of the actual production of food at the centre of food and agriculture programme. Based on the above observations it therefore follows that it is necessary to adjust the focus of the present programme. Major areas of concentration must be shifted towards direct support to production and food security, including the prevention of food crises. It is suggested that the following areas merit particular attention with a view to identify and formulate projects which are more production oriented:

- i. seed development
- ii. animal breeding and production (especially of small species)
- iii. other factors of production
- iv. irrigation projects
- v. infrastructural investments (with emphasis on improving already installed capacity)
- vi. rural extension
- vii. plant protection
- viii. veterinary services

Such an approach would in fact be coherent with the conclusions of the analysis of the country documents, where it is stated that the only areas where uniform measures are referred to in some detail are in the fields of crop production and protection and in livestock production and disease control. Other areas are characterized either by the little attention they receive or by the non-uniformity of measures.

The above is in no way meant to imply that other areas should not be considered also. It is obvious, for example, that projects concerned directly with the prevention of food crises (e.g. grain reserves and early warning) and in the field of "indirect" support to production

(e.g. agricultural research) should not be excluded from the future programme.

ANNEX 1: Classification of SADCC projects

<u>Number</u>	<u>Function*</u>	<u>Donor contribution</u> (mill.\$)	<u>Sub-sector</u>
1.01	D	2.0	Food security
1.02	C	4.4	"
1.03	D	5.0	"
1.04	D	1.9	"
1.05	D	0.2	"
1.06	C	2.1	"
1.07	C	-	"
1.08	C	0.2	"
1.09	D	-	"
1.010	D	0.4	"
1.011	C	-	"
1.012	C	-	"
Ag. R 1	D	5	Agric.research
Ag. R 2	C	17.9	"
Ag. R 3	C	1.4	"
Ag. R 4	C	16.3	"
2.01	C	0.5	Livestock
2.02	B	7.2	"
2.03	B	5.9	"
2.04	E	2.4	"
2.05	E	0.1	"
2.06	E	0.8	"

* The following functions are included: A: direct support to production; B: direct support to food security and prevention of crises; C: indirect support to production, food security and prevention of crises; D: institutional support (coordination, exchange of information, etc.); E: education and F: others.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Function*</u>	<u>Donor contribution</u>	<u>Sub-sector</u>
2.2.1	C	0.5	Livestock
2.2.2	B	12.8	"
2.2.3	E	2.3	"
2.2.4	B	4.5	"
2.4.1	D	14.2	"
2.4.2	B	1.3	"
2.4.4	B	1.1	"
2.8.1	D	5.2	"
2.8.2	B	15.2	"
2.8.5	B	-	"
2.9.2	D	2.5	"
4.0.1	D	0.1	Fisheries
4.0.2	D	0.1	"
4.0.3	D	-	"
4.0.4	D	1.0	"
4.0.5	E	0.2	"
4.0.6	D	0.1	"
4.4.1	C	2.5	"
4.4.3	C	0.2	"
4.8.1	C	2.7	"
5.0.1	F	0.2	Wildlife
5.0.2	D	-	"
5.0.3	F	-	"
5.0.4	E	-	"
5.0.5	D	0.1	"
6.0.1	F	2.4	Forestry
6.0.2	F	-	"
6.5.4	F	6.0	"
6.0.5	F	1.3	"

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6.0.6	F	0.4	Forestry
6.4.7	D	0.9	"
6.0.8	E	13.6	"
6.0.9	E	0.3	"
6.0.10	D	-	"
7.0.1	D	1.7	Soil and water
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