Regional Solidarity to Address Food Crises

The West Africa Regional Food Security Reserve (RFSR)

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Outline...

1. Origin & Expectations
2. Nature & Composition
3. Triggering modalities
4. Complementary measures
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Origin...

Priority of ECOWAP - CAADP process (2005-10)
- Jan/2005: Adoption of ECOWAP
- 2008: World food crisis
- 2009: Mobilizing programs / Abuja Conference (Compact)
- Jun/2010: Adoption of RAIP

Reflections & Consultations (2010-11)
- G20 support to ECOWAS Regional Food Reserve pilot initiative
- Building Regional leadership to conduct the process
- ECOWAS Task Force meetings

Adoption (2012-13)
- Sep/2012: Ministerial Meeting Approval
- Feb/2013: Head of States Summit: Additional Act. AS/2/02/13: RFSR included in the ECOWAS Treaty
A “Third Line” of response that complements the efforts of Member States

- Improve the effectiveness of food crisis responses
- Promote Regional Solidarity & Integration
- Boost local food production and efficacy of reg. markets
- Reduce international aid dependency
Addressing three types of shocks

Vulnerability to Food Crises
(+ Aggravating Factor: Climate Change)

Food Price Shocks and Market Risks

Agro-Climatic Shocks

Conflicts and Socio-Political Crises

Vulnerability to Food Crises
(+ Aggravating Factor: Climate Change)
Nature & Composition...

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Financial: 2/3

Physical: 1/3

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Localization of the Physical component (Sub-regions)

- **Eastern**: Nigeria, Niger, Benin: 56.5%
- **Central**: Burkina Faso, Mali, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana, Togo: 39.6%
- **West Atlantic**: Senegal, Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Cape Verde: 2.3%
- **Atlantic Gulf**: Guinea, Liberia, Sierra Leone: 1.6%
Triggering modalities...

Key Principles: Equity, Effectiveness & Transparency

Demand formulated by States

Decision Management Committee

On the basis of:
♣ Agreed Vulnerability Analysis tool “The Harmonized Framework” (CH)
− From ‘Phase 3’ (Critical food insecurity) onward
♣ National Response Plan (NRP)

Taking into account some specificities of the countries (i.e.: Existence of an Early warning system – EWS; Accessibility to markets...)
Complementary measures...

1. Development of reliable & independent national information systems (ECOAGRIS)
2. Promotion of the formulation of national contingency and response plans
3. Improvement of the effectiveness of the first two lines of responses: Supporting the development of community based reserve and national stocks
4. Development of the RESOGEST cooperation framework
Where we are?...

- Raising funds
- Finalization of the operational procedures
- Establishment of the Technical Management Unit
- Finalization of the reflection on the ‘Animal Feed Component’
- RFSR Support Project
Where we are...

Management Unit / Initial stock: 31,000 tons cereals & 3,000 enriched flour

National food reserves & RESOGEST Framework

Overall Governance Mechanisms & Procedures

Community based reserves (CBR)

Regional Information systems: ECOAGRIS, CH...

RFSR Support Project:
- EU support (56 M€)
- 5 Years project
- Five priority actions

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Thank you for your attention

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