

# Action Plan To improve/ promote Agriculture Mechanization *Group Training Course J1704028* Title: Promotion of African Rice Development in SSA-Policies to promote Agriculture Mechanization"



Zambia

# Introduction

• Past and present Zambian Governments have identified the agriculture sector as the No.l key driver of the economy in order to supplement mining which has been the largest contributor of foreign exchange earnings and national revenue. The country has enormous potential to expand agricultural production due to the vast resource endowment in terms of land, water, climate and labour



# • 7<sup>th</sup> National Development Plan (2017-2021)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> National Agriculture Policy ~ 016-2020

<sup>2nd</sup> National Rice Development Strategy (2016-2020)

#### **Action Plan**

### To improve/ promote Agriculture Mechanization

# Issue in Agriculture Mechanization(No. 1): Low agriculture productivity and production

Objective I (Solutions to address the issue) : To improve sustainable productivity and production of rice through mechanization in farm blocks

Expected Results	Actions	Timeline/ Deadline (If applicable)	Responsibility	Budget and Sources (if applicable)
Appropriate machinery identified and, skills and knowledge Increased	<ol> <li>Conduct inventory on agriculture machinery, implements and equipment (land preparation, intercultural activities, transplanters, post-harvest machinery and storage)</li> <li>Establishment and Rehabilitating of agriculture mechanization centres.</li> <li>Training of stakeholders (farmers, Extension officers, Researchers, machine operators, Servicing)</li> <li>Conduct research on appropriate agriculture implements, equipment and machinery.</li> </ol>	2019	Ministry of Agriculture	TBA

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#### To improve/ promote Agriculture Mechanization (cont'd)

Issue in Agriculture Mechanization(No. 1): Low agriculture productivity and production

Objective 2 (Solutions to address the issue):- To facilitate access to agricultural machinery

Expected Results	Actions	Timeline/ Deadline (If applicable)	Responsibility	Budget and Sources (if applicable)
Enhanced Access to finances	<ol> <li>To identify potential stakeholders in mechanization utilization to access the fund</li> <li>To identify the financial institution</li> <li>To establish a mechanization revolving fund</li> </ol>	2019	Ministry of Agriculture/ Ministry of Finance	

