



## Trip Report: SOUTHERN AFRICA

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**Zambia: December 6-8, 1998**

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### **Alternative Livelihood Opportunities in Malawi Mozambique, Zambia: The Case of Informal Sector.**

Research Development Proposal Submitted to BASIS

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### ***Progress Report on Consultation Visit to Lusaka, Zambia***

#### **1. Purpose of the Visit to Lusaka, Zambia**

The purpose of my visit to Lusaka Zambia was to touch base and consult with collaborators of the Alternative Livelihood Study. The mission also aimed at sharing ideas on the conceptual and empirical framework of the proposed study as well as identify existing literature in the country.

#### **2. The Zambian Research Team**

The Zambian Research Team comprised

Dr. Michael Mulenga, Head: Civil Engineering Dept, University of Zimbabwe: Team Leader

Dr. Joyce Kanyangwa Luma, Nutritionist: Household Food Security, Health and Nutrition  
Information System (FHANIS)

Mrs, Mutinta Hambai, Nutritionist: Household Food Security, Health and Nutrition  
Information System (FHANIS)

Dr Geoffrey Nsemukila, Demography, University of Zambia

Mrs Tamala Kambikambi, Agronomist, , University of Zambia

Mr. Fred Mwila, Agricultural Economist, University of Zambia

Two meetings were held during the period I was in Lusaka. The first meeting was geared towards identifying new research collaborators and introducing the research proposal. The first meeting was also used to familiarise researchers with each other. The second meeting focussed on the conceptual framework and potential contribution of the Zambian Team to the Research Development Process. Strengths and weaknesses of the initial proposal were identified and some amendments were recommended. A work program for the entire research development process was discussed and agreed upon subject to confirmation with the Mozambican counterparts.

#### **3. Summary of Issues Discussed with the Zambian Research Team**

3.1 Dr Michael Mulenga was made Team Leader of the Research Team

3.2 It was agreed that Dr. C. Mataya would as soon as possible transfer \$200 (USD) to the Team Leader to use for correspondence and other expenses associated with the team's meetings and literature survey.

3.3 It was agreed that the team would immediately embark on literature survey and also begin to consider the appropriate methodology for operationalising the study.

Minute No 3.3 was arrived at after Dr. Mataya had a quick review of reports from the Household Food Security, Health and Nutrition Information System and other relevant studies in the country upon the advice of Dr. Nsemukira and subsequent discussions with some of the team members.

After a lengthy discussion on the contents of the few reports available it was recommended that the literature survey should aim at identifying whether studies conducted so far were

- Descriptive
- Predictive
- Causal Analyses in nature.

### **3.3.1 Descriptive Studies**

These often include baseline studies whose aim is to provide a basis for situation analysis and goal setting by clients. Descriptive studies are important in the planning process of interventions or further studies. These studies can be static as well as dynamic in nature.

### **3.3.2 Predictive Studies**

These are characteristic of program development and their purpose is to predict how successful an intervention is likely to be. As such, when predicting you always have a dependent and an independent variable. The variables may be quantitative or qualitative.

### **3.3.3 Causal Analysis**

This is a process of understanding the linkages among phenomena. Causal analysis often includes not only descriptive statements of the concomitant variation among variables and the way one phenomenon can be modified by changes in another, but also an explanation or theory to account for the causal linkage.

Causal analysis are characteristic of evaluation and impact analysis. Sometimes it is necessary in causal analysis to aggregate or disaggregate data. Reduction of a myriad of rates into a single measure is one form of aggregation for example, the following welfare measures are aggregates of a number of welfare indicators:

Human Development Index  
Human Development Indicator  
Welfare Index

Causal analysis would therefore attempt to determine factors influencing changes on such welfare measures in term of both direction and magnitude of causality.

3.4 It was agreed that the conceptual framework in the initial research proposal was rather too broad and that there was need to replace it with a more focussed model. To this effect, it was agreed that Dr. Mataya would make necessary improvements on the conceptual model and that he would send a revised copy of the proposal to all research collaborators as soon as possible.

3.5 Dr Mataya hinted that he envisaged the use of a Social Accounting Matrix (SAM) at village or district level to be the appropriate conceptual and empirical tool for the proposed study.

## **4. Revised Work Program**

After thorough consultations the following work plan was proposed:

### **Table 1. Revised Work Program**

Activity			Jan	Feb	March	April	May
Revise Conceptual Frame							
Literature Survey							
Develop Empirical Model							
Hold 2 Day Workshop							
Finalise Research Proposal							
Submit Proposal for Funding							

## 5. Program of Activities During the Lusaka Meeting

Table 2 provides details of my work plan while I was in Lusaka, Zambia between 6th to 18th of December, 1998.

		Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun
Activity		6-Dec	7-Dec	8-Dec	9-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec	12-Dec	13-Dec	14-Dec	15-Dec	16-Dec	17-Dec
Departure													
Identify New Collaborators													
Initial Meeting													
Literature Review													
Meeting Each Collaborator													
Final Meeting													
Review Progress													

**Table 2. Program of Activities During my Visit to Lusaka, Zambia**

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