

Table 2. Maize community sales by province per month in metric tonnes from Jan - Oct, 2019

Province	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Total
Central				30	30	30	30	10	38	105	273
Eastern	25	38	100	155	86		70	90	113	142	818
Luapula							93		20	90	203
Lusaka	30	120	180	30	180			393	208	170	1,311
Muchinga	104	191	79				35		130		539
North Western		88	30		29				311	90	547
Northern							15	30	30	45	120
Southern	211	417	735	514	543	399	970	1,759	2,215	3,719	11,481
Western	180		210	270	318	515	180	600	764	1,385	4,422
Total	550	853	1,334	999	1,186	944	1,393	2,882	3,828	5,745	19,714

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Ministry of General Education

The FRA had since January, 2019 supported the MoGE to implement the HGSM programme, an initiative aimed at improving school attendance and performance by learners as well as contributing to their nutrition. This programme was supporting a total of 2,618 rural based schools targeting over 1,000,000 learners in 39 districts (MoGE, 2019). To this effect the MoGE had collected from the NSFR a total of 10,354 metric tonnes (207,080 by 50kg bags) of white maize valued at K19,885,451.60 as at 31st October, 2019.

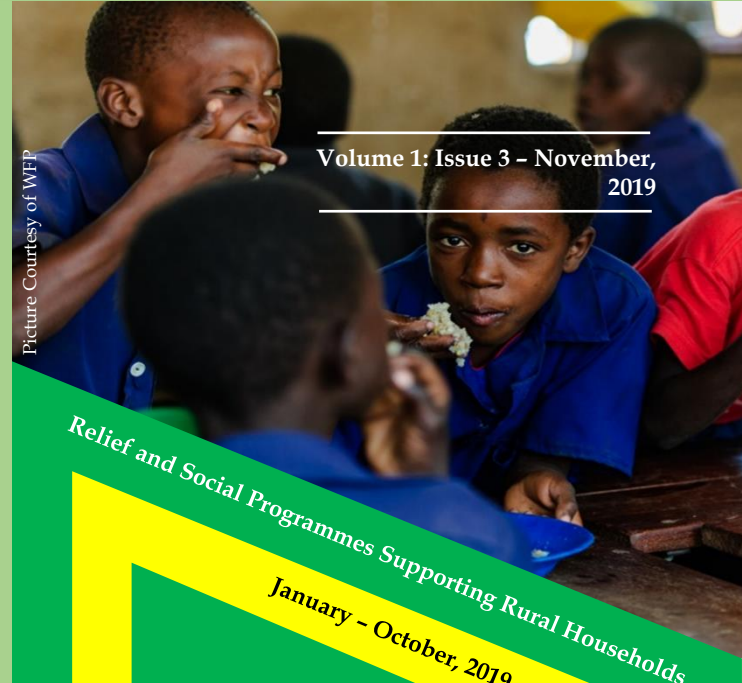
FRA had in the period under review sold through DMMU, Community sales and MoGE a total of 86,175 metric tonnes (1,723,500 by 50kg bags) of white maize valued at K173,098,143.00.

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Conclusion

The Food Reserve Agency continued to meet its statutory obligation of providing reserve stocks for relief and social programmes in the country. The sales programme also provided a consistent supply of grain in the local communities and thereby stabilizing prices.

Further, the recorded sales of National Strategic Food Reserves made significant contribution to the National Treasury through the revenue generated.



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Introduction

The bulletin provides status update on the relief and social programmes supported by the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) from January to 31st October, 2019. FRA through its statutory obligations had released National Strategic Food Reserves (NSFR) for relief purposes to the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU) as well as social programmes through Community sales and the Home-Grown School Meals (HGSM) under the Ministry of General Education (MoGE). These programmes were implemented in various parts of the country meeting specific community needs and objectives.

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Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit

The DMMU recorded a drastic increase in the annual quantities of white maize drawn from the NSFR for relief purposes since its inception. This was arising from poor crop harvest in various parts of the country recorded in the 2018/2019 farming season.

DMMU had drawn a total of 56,107 metric tonnes (1,122,140 by 50kg bags) of white maize valued at K109,969,720.00 as at 31st October, 2019. The grain was collected mainly from Lusaka province earmarked for distribution after milling to identified vulnerable communities in the country (DMMU, 2019). Table 1. shows collections made by Province per month.

Table 1. DMMU Maize Sales by Province per Month (MT)

Province	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total
Central			100	800	300	700	1,400	2,000	2,000		7,300
Copperbelt						600					600
Eastern	130	800	600	500	400		1,600	1,400	1,800		7,230
Luapula			100		1,600	600	200	800	800		4,100
Lusaka		100	200	200	800	500	200	1,000	1,000		4,000
Muchinga	100	100	25	100	100	2,000		400	600	550	3,975
Northern					100	400		400	400		1,300
North Western			100	100	1,400	600		802	1,200		4,202
Southern	100			1,200	700		1,500	2,900	1,700	2,000	10,100
Western			200	1,200	1,300	1,400	3,200		3,200	2,800	13,300
Total	330	1,000	1,325	4,100	6,700	6,800	8,100	9,702	12,700	5,350	56,107

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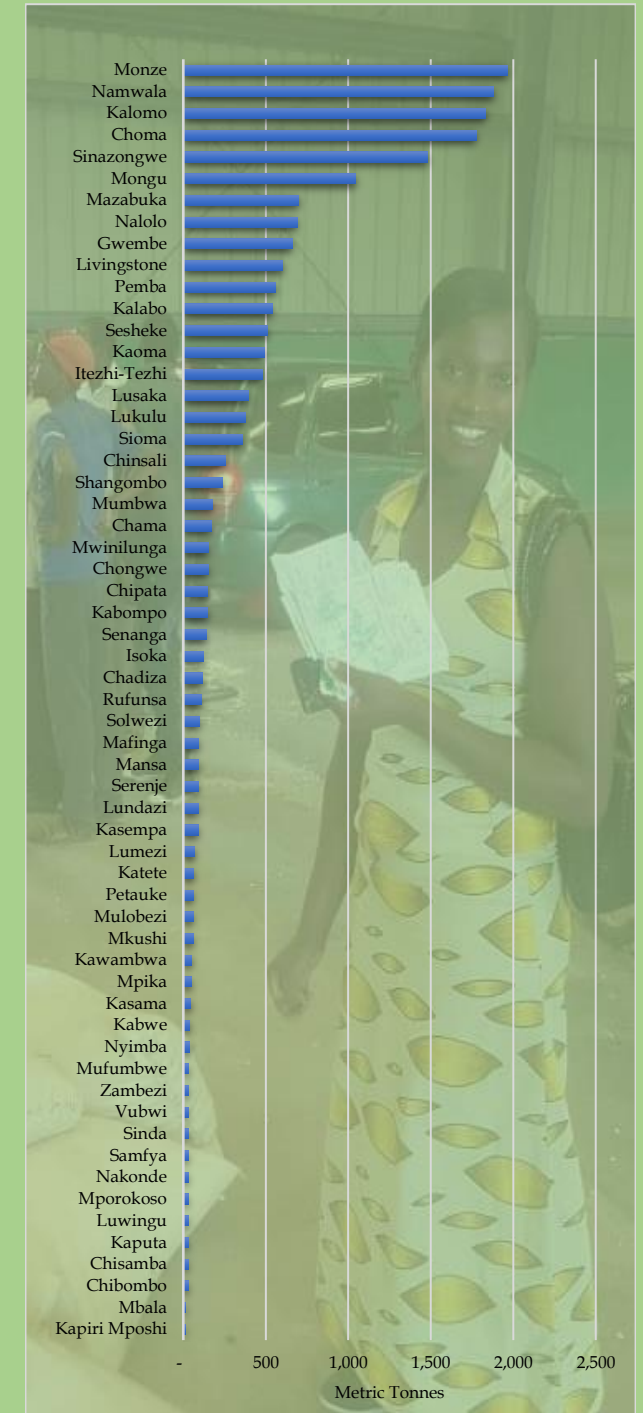
FRA Community Sales Programme

FRA had in the period from January to October, 2019 facilitated community sales of white maize in needy areas through the Office of the District Commissioners (DCs). Prospecting beneficiaries registered with the office of the DCs and accessed the commodity from their nearest FRA depots at a cost of K111.00 per 50 kg bag. Only one 50 kg bag was allowed per household per month as a control against unauthorised resale. The programme also benefited local institutions which include schools, orphanages and hospices.

FRA sold a total of 19,714 metric tonnes (394,280 by 50kg bags) of white maize valued at K43,242,971.60 as at 31st October, 2019.

Figure 1. and Table 2. reflects quantities benefited by the communities in the districts and provinces respectively through community sales programme.

Figure 1. Maize Community Sales by District



Background: Community Sales Beneficiary at Nalolo Depot, Western.