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PRESS STATEMENT

FRA RESPONDS TO FOOD INSECURITY

In line with the Food Reserve Act No. 6 of 2020 of the laws of Zambia, which requires the Food Reserve Agency (FRA) to ensure a steady supply of the staple food (maize) in the country, the Agency has continued to sell maize through the Community Sales Programme.

This is a programme where maize is sold to selected rural vulnerable and needy communities in drought and flood prone areas as well as food deficit areas. These communities are identified through Vulnerability Assessments conducted by local leadership in collaboration with the Disaster Management and Mitigation Unit (DMMU). The vulnerable communities are identified and apply through local leadership (District Commissioners Office). Rural vulnerable communities request for maize through respective leadership stating the quantities of commodities required and the period for which the food supply is needed in the vulnerable districts. The Local leadership then prepares a list of beneficiary households and applies to the Agency after which the Agency releases the maize for sale to the beneficiary communities upon consideration. Under this programme, each household is entitled to buy ONLY one fifty kilogramme bag of maize per month and the Agency has been releasing maize to affected districts such as Gwembe, Chama, Sioma, Shang'ombo, Senanga, Mulobezi, Chikankata and Sinazongwe.

In this regard, the Agency is urging the local leadership in deserving areas to utilise this opportunity and apply for maize under the Community Sales Programme in order for the vulnerable communities to benefit from the Programme and address their food insecurity.

Please note that Community Sales is an alternative and DIRECT Programme that provides cheaper and affordable maize for milling into mealie meal in order to ensure household food security in rural vulnerable communities.

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