REPORT OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE TO THE FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCES, LEGAL SERVICES, TOURISM, VALUATION, AND COMMERCIAL UNDERTAKINGS COMMITTEE TO BE SUBMITTED ON 19TH SEPTEMBER 2023

ITEM 01: FARMER INPUT SUPPORT PROGRAM (FISP)

The 2023/2024 farming season is currently in progress. The Ministry has the following inputs as shown in the table below.

District	Input Description	Supplier	Quantity Targeted	Delivered Quantity	Balance	Percentage
Mbala	Compound D (50kg)	United Capital Fertiliser	30,000	30,000	0	*100.00%*
	Urea (50kg)	ETG	30,000	26,610	3,390	*88.70%*
	Maize Seed (10kg)	SeedCo ***(SC719)***	967	967	0	*100.00%*
		SeedCo ***(SC657)***	1,360	1,360	0	*100.00%*
		Kamano seed ***(KAM621)***	300	300	0	*100.00%*
		Zambezi ***(ZMS 521)***	300	300	0	*100.00%*
		Zamseed ***(ZMS 721)***	967	967	0	*100.00%*
		Zamseed ***(ZMS 616)***	850	850	0	*100.00%*
		Kariba Seed ***(KAM 602)***	670	670	0	*100.00%*
		Pannar (**PAN 7M-81)**	963	963	0	*100.00%*
		Top seed **(Pionner)**	967	967	0	*100.00%*
		Synergy **(SY6444)**	967	967	0	*100.00%*
		Farmers Ban **(DK777)**	967	967	0	*100.00%*
	Soya bean seed (25kg)	Synergy	900	900	0	*100.00%*
		SeedCo	900	900	0	*100.00%*

		Zambezi seed	600	600	0	*100.00%*
		Kamano seed	600	600	0	*100.00%*
	Groundnuts (20kg)	Green World	1,200	1,200	0	*100.00%*
		Ranch Agro **(MGV5)**	750	750	0	*100.00%*
		Farmers Ban	1,050	1,050	0	*100.00%*
	Common Beans (20kg)	Zamseed	560	0	560	*0.00%*
		Kamano seed	490	490	0	*100.00%*
		Green Skill	475	0	475	*0.00%*
		Good Nature	300	300	0	*100.00%*
		AMAC	175	0	175	*0.00%*
	Sunflower (5kg)	Zamseed	900	900	0	*100.00%*
		Kamano seed	400	400	0	*100.00%*
		Kariba Seed	700	0	700	*0.00%*
Allocated Beneficiaries	***10,000***					
Farmers deposited	***10,000***					
Percent of farmers deposited	***100.00%***					
Farmers on ATCs	***9,999***					
Partially Redeemed	***3,395***					
Fully Redeemed	***6,527***					

I wish to report that, the district is over 80 percent of inputs received as of 10th November 2023.

ITEM 02: SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURAL FINANCE FACILITY (SAFF)

I wish to report to the committee that the Government of Zambia through the Comprehensive Agriculture Transformation Support Programme and its Zambia Agriculture and Food Delivery

Compact (Dakar 2 commitments), targeted to produce 10,000,000 metric tons of maize by 2027 to meet both domestic and regional demand and make Zambia a regional hub of maize production. To achieve these targets, the Government intends to empower small and medium-scale farmers who are the major producers of maize financial services.
The main eligibility criteria for participation of farmers will be as follows:

✓ Zambian citizen in possession of green NRC.
✓ In possession of a piece of land or be able to rent land of at least 1 to 5 ha.
✓ Should be a registered farmer through the headman or CEO.
✓ Land record, letter of offer from traditional leaders, Letter of sale, and/or title deed.
✓ Member of farmer Group (cooperative, association or savings or women or youth group).
✓ Should have a traceable farming record or engaged in active farming for a period not less than 2 farming seasons.
✓ Possession of physical assets (livestock, farming implements valuable household goods, etc).
✓ Civil servants

(FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE)

ITEM 03: FARMER TRAINING IN ENHANCED CROP PRODUCTION

The Department of Agriculture is promoting sustainable practices aiming at boosting production and productivity. Two (2) trainings were conducted 466 farmers (166 F and 300 M) were trained on improved farming technologies. The technologies are Minimum tillage, use of Crop cover, Crop rotation, and intercropping.