

*Protracted Relief Programme (PRP):
Complement & Alternative to Food Aid*



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Food Aid: main donor response to food crisis that broke in 2002

- 2002 on: large-scale Food Aid,
 - organised through WFP and CSAFE,
 - distributed by NGOs
- Only to Communal Lands
 - not resettled ex LSCF areas
 - & eventually some to urban areas
- Detailed work by Vulnerability Assessment Committee (VAC)
- Targetting & distribution reasonably accurate & fair

'Protracted Relief'

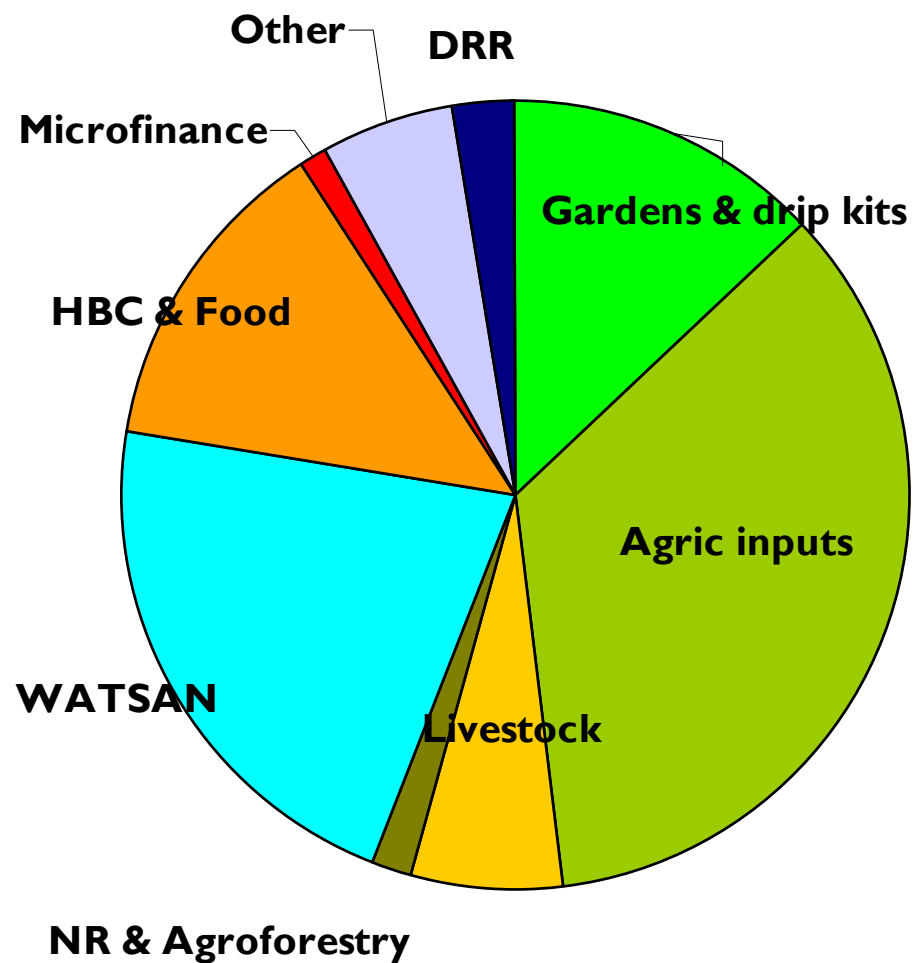
- 2004: stakeholders workshop
 - From Annual Relief to Longer-run Recovery
- Aim to:
 - stabilise food security & protect livelihoods of poorest & most vulnerable
 - particularly those affected by HIV/AIDS
- > 330k HH >1.5M people > 15% rural pop
- Tackling causes, not just symptoms
 - Declining rural livelihoods - HIV/AIDS – Loss stock – Falling crop yields – Worsening health, etc.

PRP

- DFID: £30M, 3 Years (mid 04 to mid 07)
- Partners:
 - 12 NGOs +
 - FAO, CIMMYT, ICRISAT, ICRAF, (UNICEF)
 - TLC: Coord'n, M & E, Learning
- Rolled out **quickly**, learning on job

Activities

06/07



56% Agriculture 21% Watsan
14% HBC + Food

Some results

Incomes & Food

- **Seed & Fert pack:**
 - 2.5 m staple food [4.5 m w Conservation Farming]
 - >140k households, costs less than ½ food aid
- **Conservation Farming: yields up 50% to 200% + Micro-dosing Fertiliser, 40% to 50%**
- **Gardens & micro irrigation: vegetables for sale & food**

Benefit-Cost ratios of 1.25 or more

Water & Health

- 800 new Water points, reach 20 to 50 households
- Latrines + Health/Hygiene Training

Wider Effects

Technical innovations possible

- Elephant pump
- Conservation Farming + Micro-dosing
- Social Transfers ... vouchers w OK supermarkets

Programming

- Delivering at scale through civil society
- Working with local government

Policy

- Conservation Agriculture adopted nationally
- Standard kits for HBC

PRP, Phase II

- Second Phase agreed, more funds

Challenges

- Monitor impact, Learn, Refine
- More focus on Poorest & Excluded
- Community-driven planning



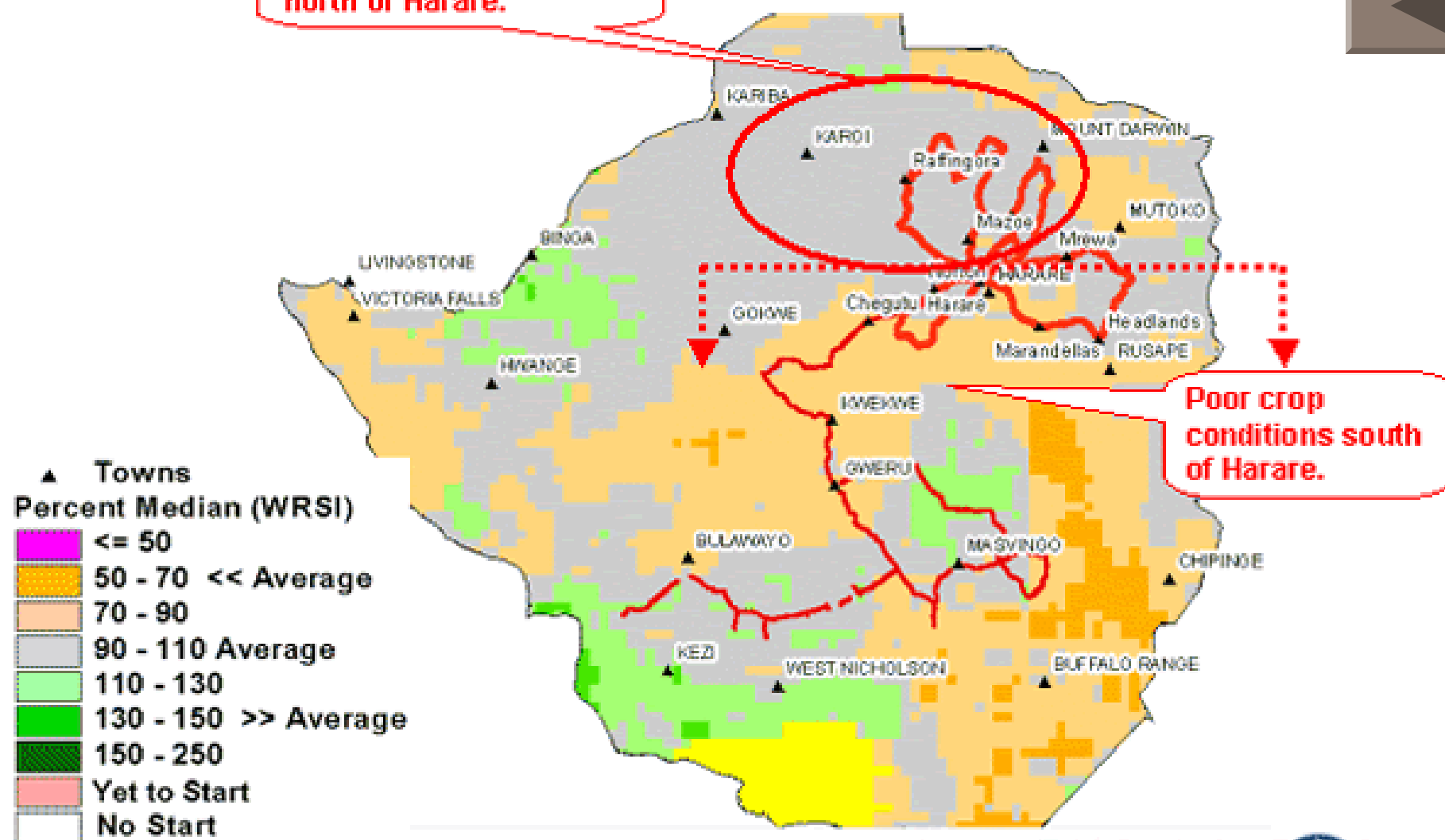
Conclusions

- PRP means to Engage with:
 - Poor,
 - NGO,
 - (some parts) Government,
 - Development issues
- Cheaper than food aid ...
 - ... but not always a substitute
- ... if rains fail,
- then need a safety net



WRSI Percent Median (March 20, 2007)

Average crop conditions
north of Harare.



Data Source: FEWS/USGS
<http://figskmncnwb015.cr.usgs.gov/adds/>