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Pathways Out of Poverty in Conditions of Chronic Fragility

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Presentation Outline



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- Context
 - ✓ Zimbabwe's Fragility
 - ✓ The decline 2000-2008
 - ✓ A focus on the 2008 meltdown
- Pathways out of poverty
- What next? Beyond 2010



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Is Zimbabwe a fragile state?



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OECD/DAC definition of fragile state- “where the state power is unable and/or unwilling to deliver core functions to the majority of its people: security, protection of property, basic public services and essential infrastructure”



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Ripple effects of fragility



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- ↓ Unprecedented decline in human development indicators
- ↓ Over 85% categorized as poor- a 55% leap from 1995
- ↓ Unemployment estimated at 80% (ZimVac, 2009)
- ↓ Fastest shrinking economy with GDP contracting by 40% since 2000
- ↓ 50% reduction in agriculture production (by volume)
- ↓ Deterioration of water, sanitation and hygiene

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2008 In context- 'Things Fall Apart !'

Price
controls

March Election
campaign- Free/
cheap food

31/08/08
NGO Ban
Lifted

15/09/08
GPA
Agreement
Signed

2,000 shops
licensed to
operate in forex

Xenophobia in
South Africa
Zimbabweans -
flee

Inflation
100,580%

Inflation
500,000,000%

Unofficial
dollarization

Central
Bank allows
UN and
partners to
dollarize

Inflation
355,000%

Inflation
2,233,000%

Inflation
20,000,000%

Inflation
guesstimate
200, 000,000
%

Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec

Mining
sector
collapses

Cholera
Appears

June 08
NGO Ban

No CASH-
Only BLACK
market

Inflation
figures
withheld

Inflation
figures
withheld

March
Donor/ food
Aid banned

June Election
run-off held

Food
disappears
from shops

Civil servants
not at work

Early Donor Responses



Objective-To save lives

- Food Programming
 - Vulnerable group feeding
 - Safety Net feeding (chronically ill)
 - Institutional feeding (OVC, Lactating mothers)
 - School feeding (children under 13years)
- Agricultural recovery (Seed and agriculture inputs support, drip irrigation kits)

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PRP Model – pathways out of poverty

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Holistic & graduated package
Mainstreaming gender, disability, and
HIV/AIDS

- Conservation farming
- Agric Input support
- Garden support
- Small Livestock support



Food
Security



Social
Protection

- Social transfers
- Community home based care
- Block grants



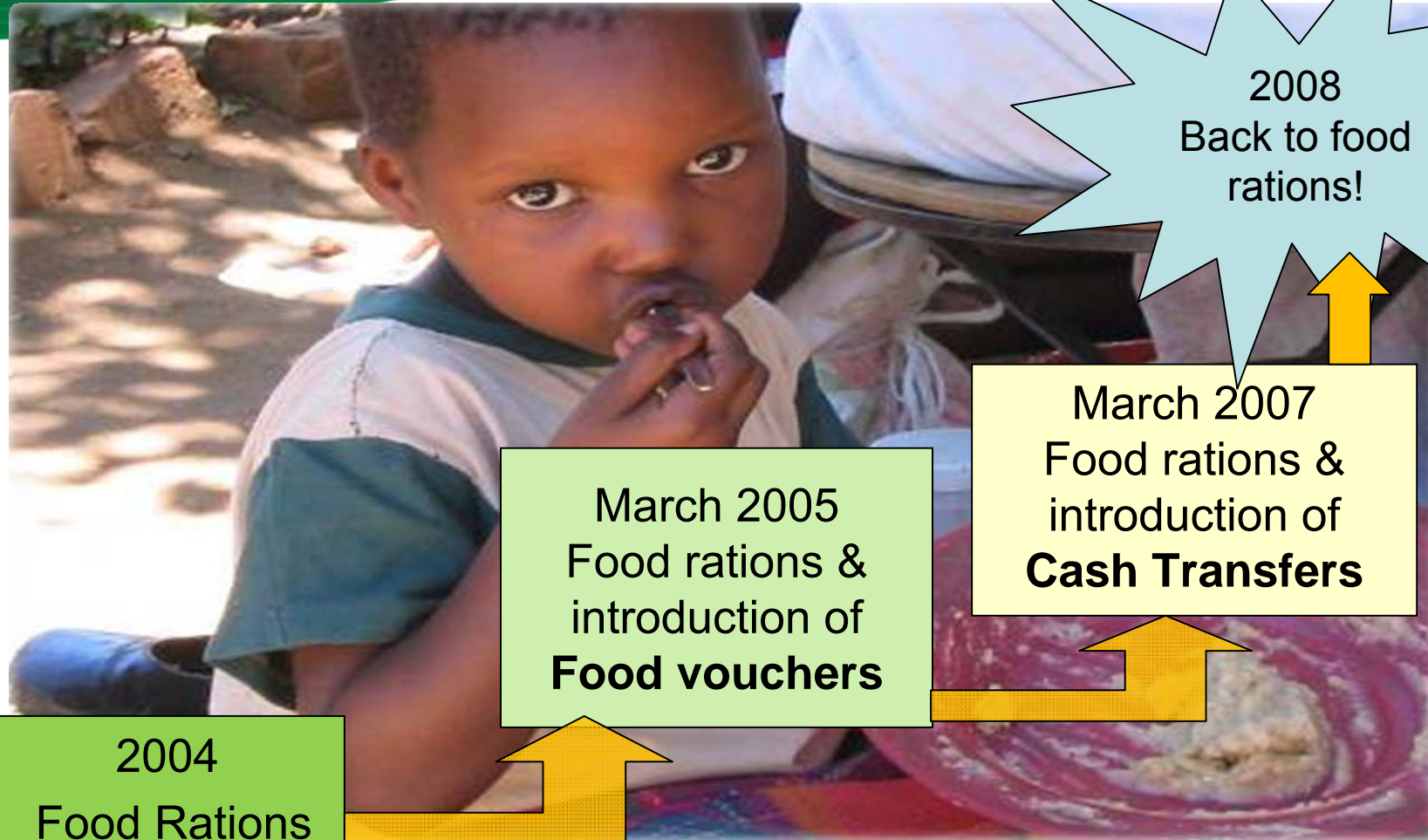
Livelihoods

- WASH
- Internal Savings and lending
- Income generating activities

Responsive Social Transfers

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Cash Transfers



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- Regular and predictable cash transfers were reintroduced in 2009
- Reaching 5,000+ households and scaling up
- Integrated with other livelihood support (CF, Seed & Inputs, ISAL and IGA) to allow for graduation and exit
- Post-distribution monitoring indicates that the CTs are being used to
 - purchase food,
 - pay school fees,
 - access health care,
 - investment in microfinance and IGAs.

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Conservation Farming



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As a food security & nutrition intervention:

Promotes the **conservation of soil, water, nutrients & farm power** through minimum tillage instead of ploughing

- ✓ Addresses the lack of draught power characterising vulnerable smallholder farmers
- ✓ Allows for spreading of labour for land prep over the dry season
- ✓ Promotes timely planting
- ✓ Promotes crop diversity & income generation (legumes)
- ✓ Yield gains of 10 to 100% + over conventional practice



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Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH)

- Provision of safe water (domestic and productive uses)
- Construction of low cost, aesthetically sound and user responsive sanitation latrines for small scale irrigation
 - ✓ elephant pumps cost ¼ the cost of a borehole.
 - ✓ Sand abstraction-taps water from sandy river beds
 - ✓ Emphasis on community based institutions for management of WASH facilities and services.

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Elephant Pump



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Beyond 2010- Paradigm Shift



Greater emphasis on:

- Demand Driven Approaches to Development
- Market linkage support
- Community Managed Microfinance
- Income Generating Activities
- Innovations
- Microfinance
- CA Mechanization

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Thank You

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