

Urban Markets Development Programme, Zambia

Assignment	Technical assistance to improve and rationalize markets operating under a new legislative framework, in order to facilitate the development of a sustainable commercial system in a clean and healthy environment.
Client	Government of Zambia
Financing Agency	European Union (EU)
Partners	IHS, ASCO (Zambia)
Composition of Team	<i>BMB Mott MacDonald:</i> Project Coordinator, Accountant. <i>Partner(s):</i> Assistant Project Coordinator, Community Participation Expert, Small Business Entrepreneurial Skills Expert, Legal Expert, Health and Sanitation Expert.
Period of Assignment	From September 2004 to September 2008 Staff months: BMB Mott MacDonald: 43; Partner(s): 32
Contract value	BMB Mott MacDonald: € 1,079,000 Partner(s): € 115,000
Background	<p>The urban markets in the three cities of Lusaka, Kitwe and Ndola are run by the local authorities. Setting up of markets has taken place without any precise urban plan, mainly depending on the populations' needs. Growth in market activities has taken place in a restrictive regulatory framework and the management procedures are obsolete and no effective control can be effected. The urban markets system as a whole is now characterized by the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Progressive degradation of structures and breakdown of services with the loss of value of public capital invested in them.(ii) Deterioration of the overall urban quality due to congestion of markets, invasion of improper spaces and downgrading of surrounding spaces.(iii) Extremely poor hygienic conditions under which the goods are stored and sold.
Description of project	<p>The overall objective of the project is to stimulate economic growth in urban and suburban areas by creating income-generating activities and new jobs. Consequently the quality of life of the population concerned, especially women, given their significance in the informal trading sector, is expected to improve. The specific project purpose is to provide improved and rationalized markets working under a new legislative framework, which allows for a sustainable commercial system in a clean and healthy environment. This can be obtained through the following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Licensed vendors trading in appropriate commercial stalls in improved markets.(ii) Improvement of the sanitary and health conditions in which a large

part of the retail trade in food and basic consumer goods takes place, with the consequent effects on the overall health situation.

(iii) Empowerment of strong collective actors (unions, traders' associations, organizations of sellers and consumers, etc.), representing the actors involved in the market system, so that these, apart from being beneficiaries of the initiative, may also be promoters thereof and counterparts of the public administration.

(iv) The spread among consumers and sellers of a culture of selling and buying in designated public areas which makes this type of sale different from others - supermarkets and shops from the standpoint of the quality of the goods, of prices and of customer/seller relations.

(v) Creation of income-generating activities and new jobs, especially for women, who are traditionally involved in the sale of foodstuffs on the market.

(vi) Upgrading the system of refuse collection and cleaning.

Services provided

The tasks of the consultants include:

(i) Monitor the legislative procedure for the promulgation of the legislation;

(ii) Manage the training activities;

(iii) Monitor the programme of sensibilisation and information;

(iv) Manage the system of disbursing small credit start-up of commercial and market activities;

(v) Monitor the preparation of design and Tender documents for the works.

(vi) Implementation of Annual Works Programme

(vii) Implementation of new management model

(viii) Overall coordination of the programme