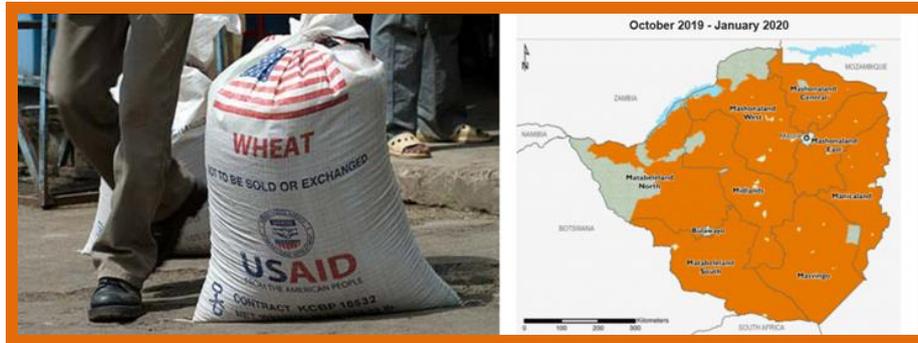


FOOD CRISIS SOLUTION: RESTORE PROPERTY RIGHTS AND LAND TITLE

In July 2019, Zimbabwe’s Ministry of Agriculture estimated that maize (corn) production for the 2018/19 season was about 776,600 MT, 45% of last season and 59 percent of the five-year average.



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Also in July 2019, the ZANU PF government’s Secretary for Finance, Patrick Chinamasa, admitted that the land reform programme was the root cause of the problems bedevilling Zimbabwe.

He told the state-owned Sunday Mail newspaper, "Everything goes back to the land reform. People don't understand how far reaching the land reform was in the history of not only our country but the world, especially in the manner in which we undertook it. The consequences are dire." He pointed out that the people wanted to benefit from the land reform but were not willing to accept the consequences. "As you know, land reform completely disrupted agricultural production...," he said.

The solution for Zimbabwe is simple – and this is what the MCF is working towards:

Title deeds must be allocated for all agricultural land - nationalisation has been catastrophic.

1. Government needs to recognise the title deed owners of the commercial farms and restore the ownership to them. They must then be given the option of returning to their farms or selling them at a market-related value based on their condition *prior* to the takeovers.
2. Government needs to reinstate the title deeds for farms that were bought by government in the 1980s and 1990s– most of which are no longer productive - and make the farms available on the open market for individuals to buy.
3. Government needs to provide title deeds for the communal areas so that individual communal people can use the land for collateral and invest in it without the threat of its being withdrawn should they fail to support the ruling party.
4. The reality, however, is that the ZANU PF government does *not* want to empower its citizens by enabling them to own their own farms. ZANU PF’s strategy since independence has been to control the rural people, who constitute around 70 percent of the vote, by keeping them disempowered and forced through fear to vote for the party.

So long as this is the case, the farms will remain unproductive, the title deed owners of those farms will remain uncompensated, the people will remain hungry and the bankrupt economy will continue to lurch from crisis to crisis.

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