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**ADDENDUM TO THE LAND REFORM AND RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME NATIONAL
AUDIT INTERIM REPORT**

1. **Introduction**

This addendum covers the following provinces which were the subject of my audit. Midlands, Mashonaland Central, Mashonaland West, Mashonaland East, Manicaland, Matabeleland North and Matabeleland South. The audit was carried out to identify anomalies and policy violations in the implementation of the Land Reform and Resettlement Programme with a view to realigning the programme implementation to the policy and legislative provisions.

The addendum will therefore highlight policy violations and will give specific information related to the Provinces so far visited.

2. **Land Acquisition**

2.1 **Certificates of No Present Interest**

It is disturbing to note that Certificates of No Present Interest have been issued to some indigenous people authorising them to purchase farms that are already resettled resulting in the displacement of resettled people. When the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture, and Rural Resettlement was questioned on this development, the Permanent Secretary Cde Masoka promised to furnish the Hon Vice President Cde Msika with a list of farms under this category whose Certificates of No Interest had since been rescinded and the farms regazetted but up to now we have not received this list inspite of concerted efforts by my office to obtain it from the relevant office. Cde Tzvaki whose section is responsible for this information could not make it available to my officer.

The following farms are reported as having been acquired after some people had already been officially resettled:

Mazowe District

- i) Oldbury (915.8700 ha) purchased by O Gumbo
- ii) Howick Vale 8 and Howick Vale 9 (Howick Vale Estate) 1478.8554 ha
- iii) Rockwood Estate
- iv) Bedford Estate

Bindura District

- i) Benridge (81.1830 ha)
- ii) Dimitra Farm (1317.1163)
- iii) Balcombe (472.5730 ha)

Makonde District

- i) Chaosina (577.7828 ha)
- ii) Dalston (1223.3000 ha)
- iii) Kashwao (1337.9233 ha)

(All allegedly bought by Alex Jongwe of Barclays Bank)

- FSI a company owned by Cde Matumwa Mawere is also alleged to have acquired a number of farms or the buildings and equipment on those farm thereby

prejudicing the resettled families. Cases were reported in Mashonaland West and Mashonaland East.

Bubi District

- i) Subdivision 1 of Graves End (905.45 ha)
- ii) 19 of Robert Block (646.64 ha)
- iii) 20 of Robert Block (6046.7 ha)
- iv) Muckleneuk (2452.1287 ha)
- v) Induba (2544.57 ha)

All the above-mentioned properties were allegedly purchased by Dr Ibo Mandaza who has since taken the settled families to court in an attempt to evict them from the properties. The situation on these farms is potentially volatile and requires a speedy resolution.

Hwange District

- i) Dete Dahlia (3165.156 ha) allegedly sold to ZDB

Umguza District

- i) Redbank A

NB. Other properties in this category could not be ascertained due to the non-availability of information from the Ministry of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Settlement as indicated above.

2.2 Gazetting

There are allegations that the Hon Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Cde A. Ncube and the Chairman of the Gwanda Rural District Council Cde O. Mlilo have an over bearing effect on the Gwanda District Land Committee to the extent that they have directed the DLC to gazette Tod's Guest House and the Jesse Hall Hotel (both hotels) for compulsory acquisition which is both a violation of the National Land Policy and the Land Acquisition Act.

3. Settler Emplacement

3.1 Replanning A1 Farms to A2 Model Farms

The following farms which were originally settled under the A1 model have been replanned to A2 model farms thereby displacing the A1 settlers.

- i) Mayfield in Mazowe District (2126.9700 ha) where Cdes Chris Pasipamire and Mike Moyo are violently evicting 36 settlers who are recognised by the province which has recommended the withdrawal of the latter's offer letters. Some of the 36 settlers have been assaulted and reports have been made to the ZRP Marlborough.
- ii) Problems also exist at Fariview.
- iii) Maryvale in Mazowe (671.3533 ha) where Cde J Makamba has removed settlers.
- iv) Calgary in Mazowe (1500 ha) where the Hon Chindori-Chininga MP moved in.
- v) Harmony in Mazowe (500 ha) allocated to Cde S. Kasukuwere
- vi) Oldbury in Mazowe (915.8700 ha) taken by Cde O. Gumbo

- vii) Whitfield in the same district (202.6600 ha) involving Councillor Nyakudya
- viii) Louisrust, Tsatse and Kwayedza farms in Mazowe are also affected.
- ix) Eirin Farm in Marondera allocated to Air Marshall P Shiri at the expense of 96 families.
- x) Ulva Farm in Marondera allocated to the Hon S. Sekeramayi MP moving 21 families.

NB All A2 Model allocations of more than 350 ha in Mashonaland Central are made with the blessing of the Hon Governor Cde E Manyika. All the Mashonaland Central mentioned above are above 350 ha meaning that the Hon Governor is aware of the existing problem caused by these allocations.

3.2 Dr R Ngwenya is reported to be causing havoc in the Goromonzi area where he was allocated land under the A2 model. He is alleged to be encroaching onto other beneficiaries plots e.g. Prof Chetsanga and is uprooting irrigation equipment from these plots for use on his allocated area.

3.3 A2 Allocations

3.3.1 Gwebi/Hunyani ICA

The Gwebi/Hunyani ICA in the Nyabira area of Mashonaland West with almost 90 farms has remained unallocated for almost two years now because the Hon Governor and Resident Minister Cde P Chanetsa and the Ruling Party Zanu (PF) Provincial Leadership including the provincial Chairman Cde P Chiyangwa and the Hon Minister of Local Government Public Works and National Housing Dr I. Chombo have failed to come to an agreement of the prospective beneficiaries.

It is imperative for the province to resolve this impasse urgently as the area in question is traditionally a highly productive area which normally contributes to our food security. Moreover, Mashonaland West is lagging behind other provinces in terms of A2 allocations.

3.3.2 Contentious Allocations

i) Fountain Farm, Insiza District

The Insiza District Land Committee reported that it had recommended that Fountain Farm which has highly developed infrastructure and produces poultry, citrus and livestock, be allocated to youths from the Ministry from Youth Development, Gender and Employment Creation's National Service training programme as an agricultural skills training centre for the Ministry.

However, the District Land Committee was surprised when the Hon Minister for Small and Medium Enterprises Development Cde S. Nyoni MP was allocated the farm under the A2 Model directly from Harare. When the District Land Committee queried this, it is alleged that the Hon Minister of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement Dr J Made MP promised to withdraw the Hon Mrs Nyoni's offer letter but to date this has not been done.

It is disturbing to note that violence is the order of the day on this farm with 'hired thugs' allegedly driven in from Bulawayo by the Hon Minister. The violence has not spared the members of the District Land Committee who threatened to resign if the relevant authorities did not

intervene. These cases have been reported to both the ZRP in Gwanda and the President's Department in Gwanda and arrests were effected at the time of my audit

- ii) Holderness Farm in Makonde District was recommended for allocation to 7 A2 beneficiaries by the Provincial Land Committee and offer letters were duly written by Ministry of Lands, Agriculture and Rural Resettlement. However, a Mr A Mawere from the same ministry is alleged to have sent an AREX team from Harare to replan the farm and made an allocation to 11 other people without the knowledge of the province.
- iii) Cde Munetsi the Hurungwe DA who is suspended pending investigations of allegations of impropriety is alleged to have held back the delivery of 504 offer letters to A2 beneficiaries and instead substituted some of these with letters of his own allocating plots to illegal beneficiaries on Buffalo Downs and Buttervent Farms. It is suspected that outright corruption might have occurred as money is alleged to have changed hands in exchange for plot allocations. ZRP is investigating.
- iv) The District Land Committee in Muzarabani allocated themselves A2 plots on Lot 1 of Mutorazeni and Carse Farms outside the National Land Policy.

4. Multiple Farm Ownership

The following have been identified as owning more than one farm which is a violation of the one man one farm policy of our Land Reform Programme.

- Hon Dr I.M.C. Chombo MP – Allan Grange (300 ha) and Oldham in Chegutu
- Hon J. Gumbo MP – Lot 12A of Nuanetsi Ranch A in Mwenzezi and Wolwehoek (1299 ha) in Makonde
- Hamadziripi M.K. – Bailineety in Nyabira (3147 ha) and Wolwehoek (1299 ha) in Makonde
- Hon J. Hungwe MP – Lot 21 A of Nuanetsi Ranch in Mwenzezi (14713 ha) and Bryn Chegutu
- Kangachepa Kufaingano – Mafuta (1300 ha) and R/E of Mvurachena Estate (711 ha) both in Makonde district
- Brig E.W. Kanhanga – Stella (425 ha) and Stokwill (2443 ha) both in Mazowe district
- S. Kasukuwere MP – Pimento Farm, Bamboo Creek and Harmony
- J. Macheke – Cairnsmore (300 ha) in Mazowe and Doornfontein (864 ha) in Masvingo
- E. Madzongwe – Bourne and Corburn 13 both in Chegutu
- Hon S. Mahofa MP – Lothain in Gutu, Lochnivar, Eyrie, Spring SP
- N. Makura – Brecknin and Laung Glen in Seke district
- Hon E. Manyika MP – Duiker Flats and Sub Division of Caledon
- M. Mawere – Sanga (1137 ha) Goromonzi and Chigori (871 ha) in Murehwa)
- Hon K. Mohadi MP – Bothasrus and Bea Ranch allocated to Mrs Mohadi – both in Beitbridge
- Hon Prof J. Moyo MP – Little Connemara 1 – Nyanga, Patterson, Mazowe, and Lot 3A of Dete Valley in Lupane
- Hon O. Mpofu – Auchenburg in Nyamndlovu, Umguza Block in Umguza and one other farm he is understood to have purchased
- S. Mugabe – R/E of Mlembwe (1037 ha) Longwood (924 ha) and Gowrie Farm
- F. Mukunowengwe – Watakai and Nan Terra in Mazowe district
- L. Mutemeri – Carlton Curlieu of Trelawney Estate (570 ha) Makonde and Corburn 33 (234.30 ha) Chegutu
- V. Mashwita and spouse – Dendere/Harmony and Watakai in Mazowe
- Boniface Shamu – Meando and Vilendy in Marondera
- Air Marshal P. Shiri – Eirin (1460 ha) Marondera Maple Leaf and R/E of Audrey Farm
- C. Shumba – Maine Farm Chegutu Chinomw Estate Makonde and Lot 1 Orange Grove in Chegutu
- W. Bvudzijena – Templeton Ranch and Koodoo Hill

- Hon P. Chanetsa MP – R/E of Riverside E, Greensleaves of Biri, Gabaro Farm in Hurungwe, Romsey Farm in Makonde
Spouse – Erewhon Farm
- C. Chingoso – Makarara, Showers B, Solitude, Retreat of Sanzara, Chigori, Rapids all in Marondera and Lot 6 of Mkwesine Central in Chiredzi
- M.M. Chinomona – Plot 14 of Rathmines and R/E of Redbuck Kop in Goromonzi
- E. Chauke – Farm 748 Ngwindi Sugar Estate n Chiredzi and Sikato 10 in Masvingo District
- J. Chibizhe – Sabi Dog and S/D 9 of Lot 6 Essanby
- N. Machwori – Morning Star and another farm he bought on his own

NB The list is not exhaustive as the people interviewed were scared to reveal any information least they might be victimised by the multiple farm owners who seem to have their loyalist within the various land committees.

It is very urgent to take urgent corrective measures particularly where the leadership is the perpetrator of anomalies as the general public is restive where such cases exist and a multitude of people are still on the waiting list.

5. **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the information supplied by this audit be utilised to take corrective measures immediately so that the Land Reform and Resettlement can be brought back in tandem with the policy. Perpetrators of all cited anomalies should be censured and institutional arrangements strengthened so that all land committees can operate freely within the policy guidelines.