



ASP 'WALK AWAY POLICY

The Agriculture Support Programme has a so-called 'walk away ' policy, which simply indicates that programme resources will not be spent where they cannot be efficiently utilized.

The programme is demand driven by the target groups' needs as long as these needs fit within programme policies, principles, log frame and budget. Thus if there is no demand for programme interventions by a farmer, farmer group, camp, district or any other stakeholder, then the programme would consider 'walk away' if achieving programme objectives are deemed doubtful. Programme interventions will not be forced upon the target group! The main character of the programme is that the farmers are in the 'drivers' seats' and that the ASP programme is only facilitating the development of farmers as businessmen and their businesses.

The programme will not promote, but rather facilitate change. The programme cannot reach its objectives without the very active cooperation and 'drive' by the target group themselves. It is because of this that the programme will not work with farmers, who are not as committed as it takes to develop farming as a real business.

Similarly, if there are other factors than lack of farmer interest constraining the efficient utilization of programme resources, then the 'walk away' policy could also be applicable. If, for example, the district MACO staff were not interested in putting in the time and effort necessary in the field facilitation work, then the programme would perhaps have to consider working in another district or camp as the case may be.

EXAMPLES WHERE THE 'WALK AWAY' POLICY COULD BE APPLICABLE:

1. Targeted households are not willing to put in the effort needed to work actively to promote their own development as entrepreneurs and businessmen and women.
2. If there is a continuous lack of at least 30% representation of women in ASP activities.
3. MACO field staff are not able or willing to put in the time and effort needed to achieve ASP objectives within the time frame and budget available. ASP can walk away from a CEO, or a camp or a district, depending where the constraint is.
4. Any other factor outside the ASP management's control, which are peculiar to an area and limits the success of the programme.