ANNEX C: EVALUATION METHODOLOGY

Information contained within this synthesis report was based on the findings, conclusions and recommendations of nine discrete country evaluation reports (Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe) plus Annex B which explains the role of USAID/Washington and select multilateral agencies, including the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) the World Bank and the World Food Program (WFP).

The MSI evaluation team undertook the following activities in carrying out Southern Africa drought relief evaluation:

- Reviewed the existing body of literature concerning lessons from previous U.S. Government responses to food shortages in Africa as well as numerous documents dealing with the effectiveness of drought relief efforts in response to the 1991/92 drought in southern Africa. An illustrative bibliography is presented as Annex G. For a more detailed list of documents reviewed consult annexes of country reports and the report on the role of USAID/Washington and multilateral institutions.

Conducted field research in the following countries:

- Botswana - November 1-3, 1993
- Lesotho - November 4-11, 1993
- Malawi - October 18-29, 1993
- Mozambique - October 25-November 12, 1993
- Namibia - October 18-31, 1993
- South Africa - October 26 - November 5, 1993
- Switzerland (Geneva, UNDHA) October 10, 1993
- Zambia - October 4-15, 1993
- Zimbabwe - October 12-25, 1993

Over 400 persons were interviewed in ten countries. These included persons from the following organizations: USAID field missions and Washington offices; USDA; UNDHA in New York and Geneva; numerous U.S. and international NGOs and WFP. For a complete list of persons involved consult annexes of country reports.

Draft country reports were submitted to USAID/BHR and the respective USAID missions for review and comments. The synthesis report was circulated among USAID/AFR, BHR/OFDA and BHR/FFP before finalisation.