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The Rural Poor



- Worldwide, there are 2.1 billion poor people, of which 767 million still live in extreme poverty¹
- 95% of rural poor live in East Asia, South Asia and sub-Saharan Africa¹
- 75% live in rural areas and depend on agriculture for subsistence¹
- 80% of all farms are 2ha or less²

Source: 1 World Bank, 2016 2 FAO SOFA, 2014

Access issues for Producers



- Inputs (eg. seeds, fertilizers, credit)
- Information and services (eg. market price, education, technical support)
- Market access (lack of roads, transportation means, storage and cold chain)
- River transport being threatened by dams and hydro-electric installations
- Women are less likely to have access

Access issues for consumers



- Producers are also consumers
- Urban poor often lack access to healthy foods (economically and physically)
- Estimated number of slum dwellers: 863 million (2012)
- Change in lifestyle result in change in diets

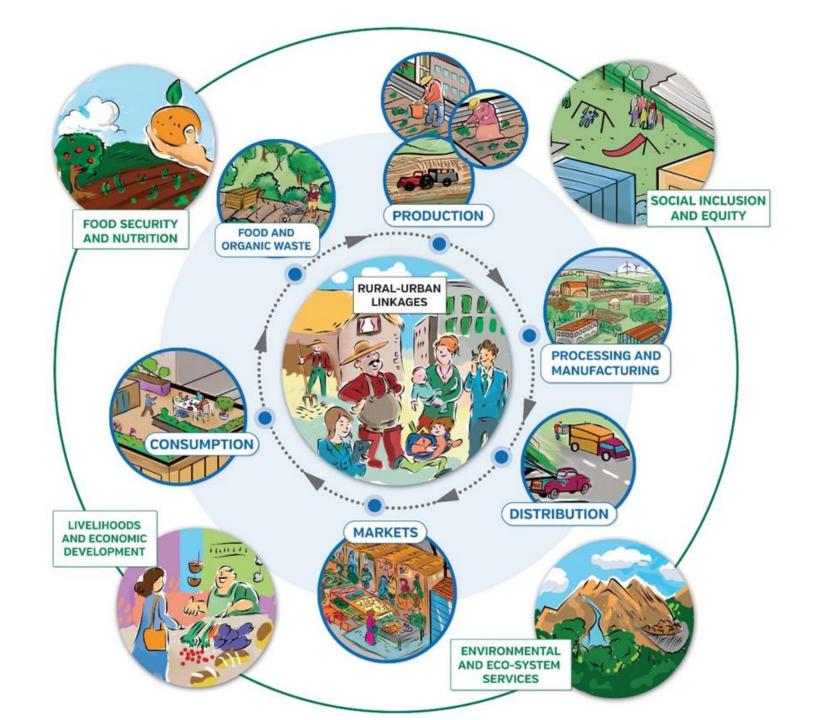


Access issues in the Pacific





- Dependence on ocean and air transport
- Limitation of local production and access to resources



Framework for implementation















- Governance
- Sustainable diets and nutrition
- Social and economic equity
- Food waste



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