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Rural aspects
in the urban-rural
interrelationship for
sustainable development



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Issues

Urban

Peri-urban

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Linkages

FAO's
response

Mandate to

- Reduce poverty & hunger
- Improve rural conditions



Urbanization

By 2015,

- 400 million people will live in megacities
- 3 billion people will live in small towns and cities

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Feeding the cities

- Increasing demand for food
- Changing consumption patterns
- Increasing costs to supply, distribute & access food
- Increasing urban agriculture

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Peri-urban development

- Rural migrants settling near the city
- The city expanding to rural villages

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Conversion of land use

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- Loss of access to land by the poor
- Unsustainable farming practices contaminate food, soil & water
- Uncoordinated policies & actions



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- In 2015, 60% of global poverty will be rural
- More rural households are being headed by women
- Growing inequality between rural and urban areas



Rural-urban linkages

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- Villagers maintain close ties with their urban relatives
- Policies and institutions should provide for an **equitable balance** between rural and urban areas



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- Access to land is crucial in eradicating poverty and hunger
- Rural landlessness is often the best predictor of poverty and hunger



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Work in progress

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Improving access to land through better leasing arrangements

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 Ensuring that land tenure is considered in development projects

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 Ensuring that gender is considered in land administration

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 Making decentralization sustainable through rural property taxation

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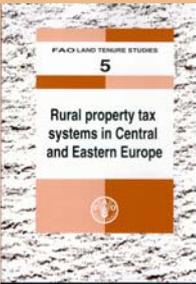
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 Improving tenure structures through land consolidation

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- Land tenure conflict management
- Building capacity in land administration agencies
- Design of strategies for regularizing land tenure in peri-urban areas

 Urban-Rural Interrelationship for Sustainable Environment

