### Rural aspects in the urban-rural interrelationship for sustainable development

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

### Feeding the cities

**Peri-urban development**
- Rural migrants settling near the city
- The city expanding to rural villages
**Conversion of land use**

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

**Rural conditions**

- 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**

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

**Land tenure**

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

**Improving access to land through better leasing arrangements**
Ensuring that land tenure is considered in development projects

Ensuring that gender is considered in land administration

Making decentralization sustainable through rural property taxation

Improving tenure structures through land consolidation

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

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