

Urbanization, Economic Crisis and Multi-Local Livelihoods in Africa

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Multi-local livelihood is combining...



Improving urban household's food security and income situation

Economic crisis in the last three decades

Decline (fall) in:

- 📉 Per capita incomes (generally)
- 📉 Urban economies
- 📉 Standards of living
- 📉 Formal sector employment
- 📉 Public expenditure on health, education
- 📉 Real wages

Economic crisis in the last three decades

Increase (rise) in:

- 📁 Food prices & service charge
- 📁 Cost of living
- 📁 (Urban) unemployment
- 📁 “Informalization” of the urban economy
- 📁 Urban life has become expensive
- 📁 Urban poverty (many people live below “poverty line”)

Responses to increasing urban poverty

- 📁 Multiple sourcing of cash incomes
- 📁 Own food production (urban & rural)
- 📁 Reducing expenditure
- 📁 Social networks (urban & rural)

Responses to urban poverty: multiple livelihoods



Urban farming



Urban non-farming activities

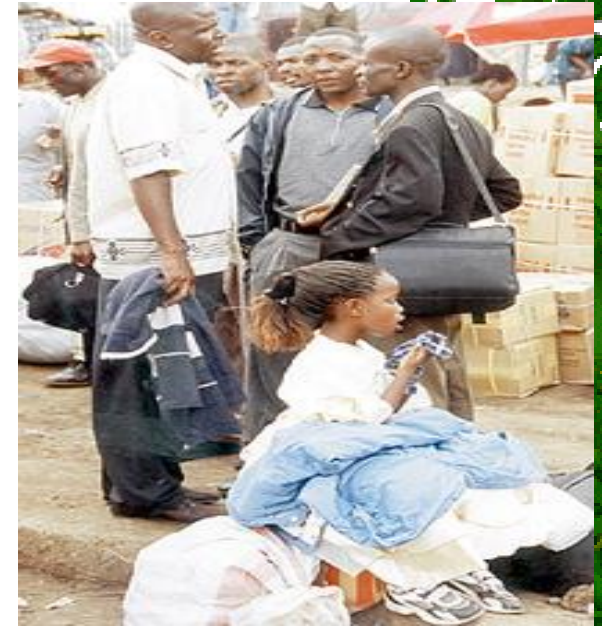


Social networks



More women in income-generation

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Urban-rural linkages



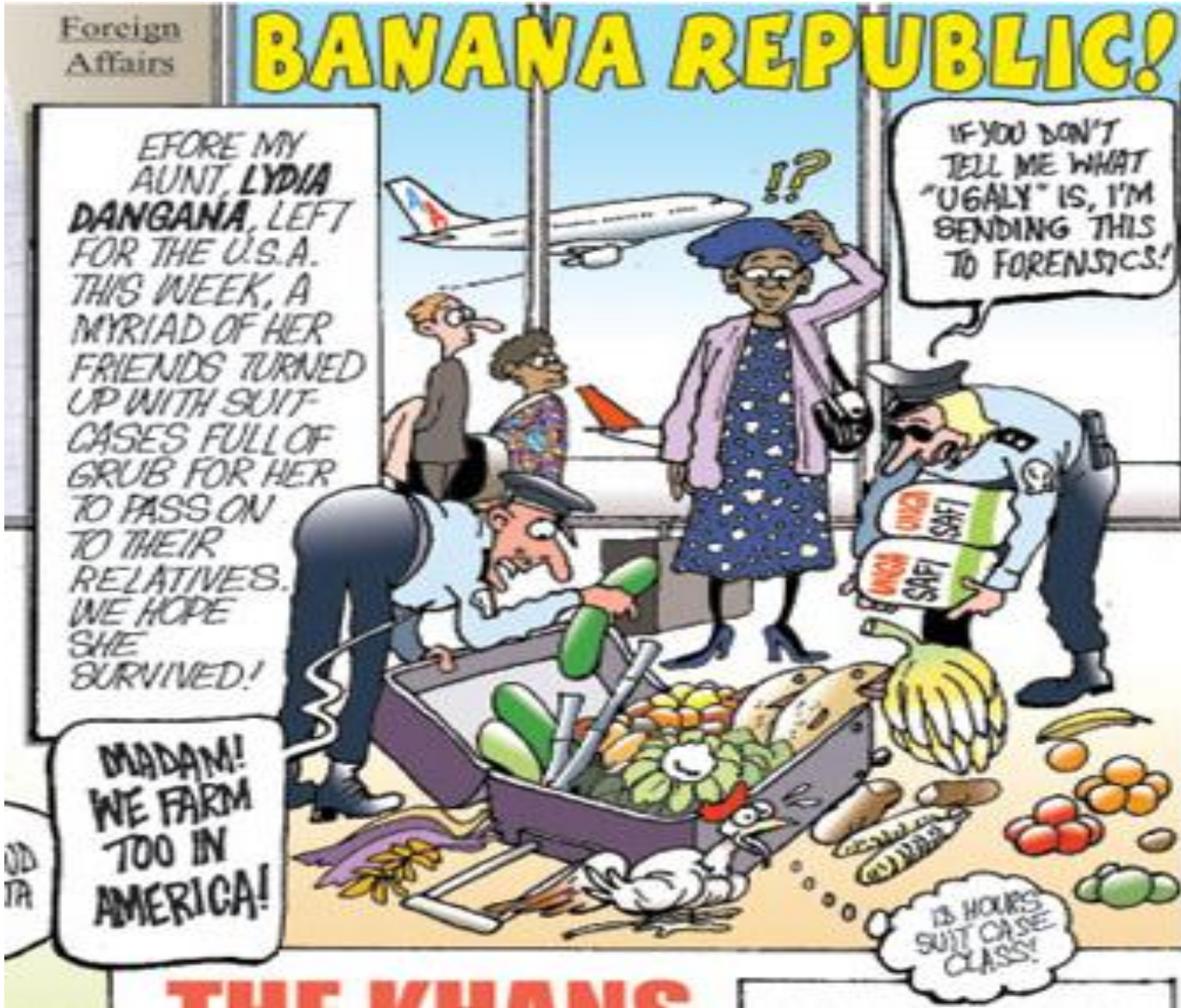
- 🏠 Social reciprocity
- 🏠 Economic interactions
- 🏠 Split (return) migration
- 🏠 Flow of food



Rural farming by urban households



Food flows sans frontiers...



Thank you and welcome to Kenya

