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The role of cities and local governments in the transformation of food systems, beyond COVID-19

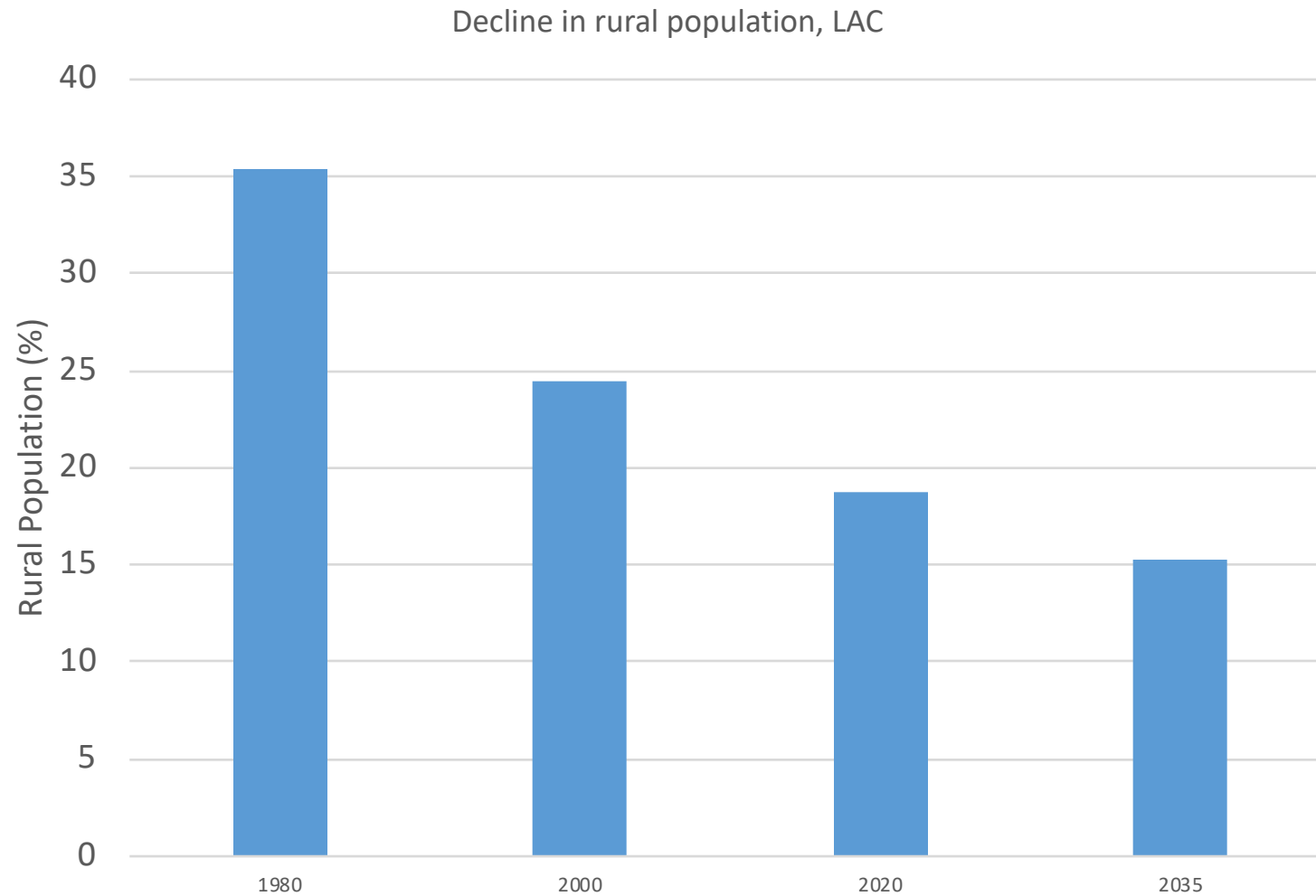
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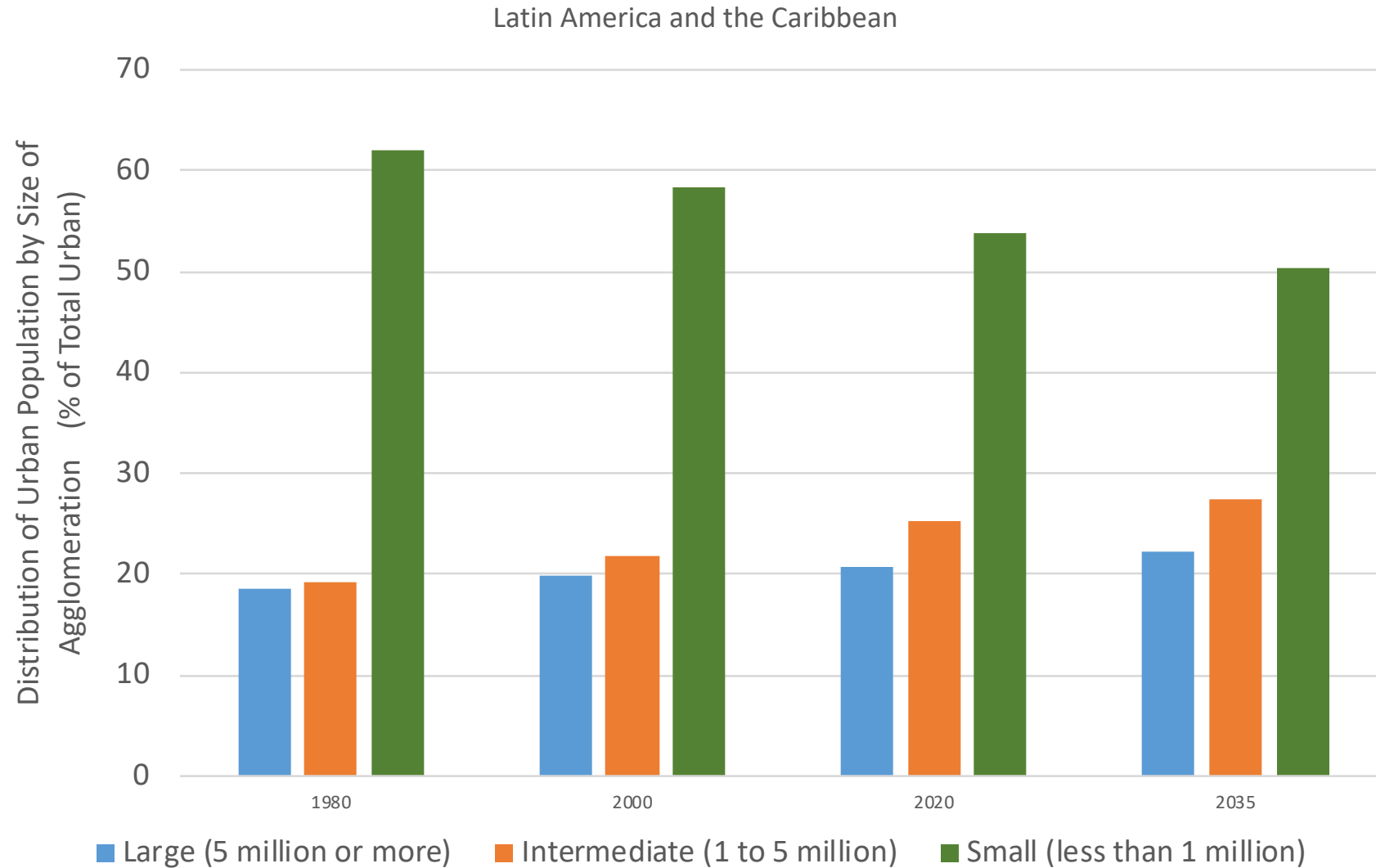
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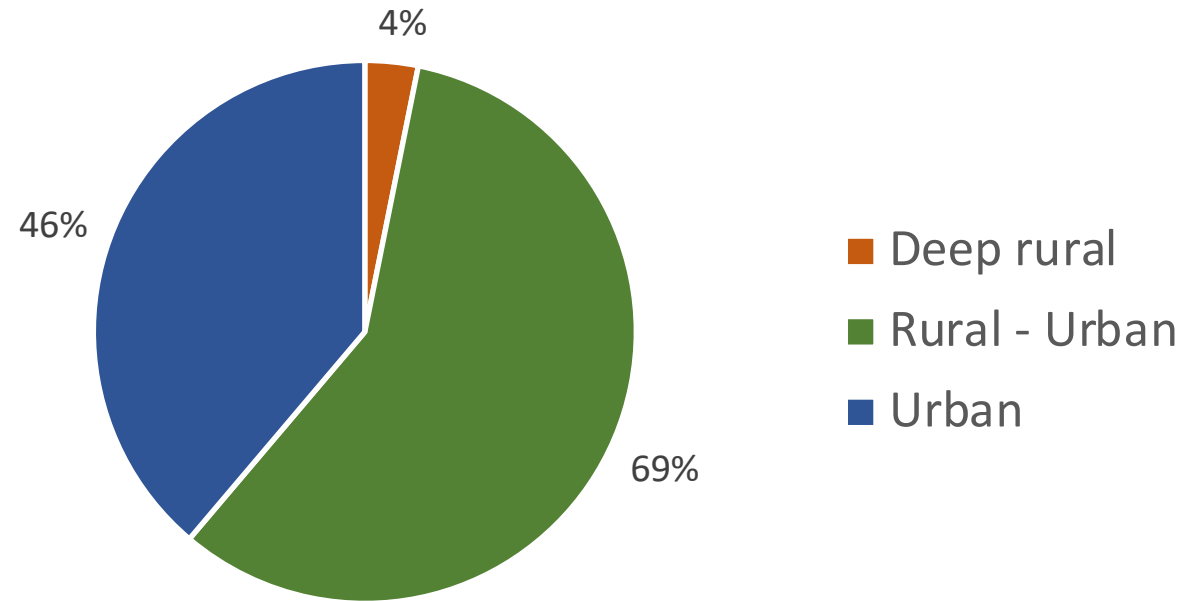
Data: UNDESA *2018 Revision of World Urbanization Prospects*

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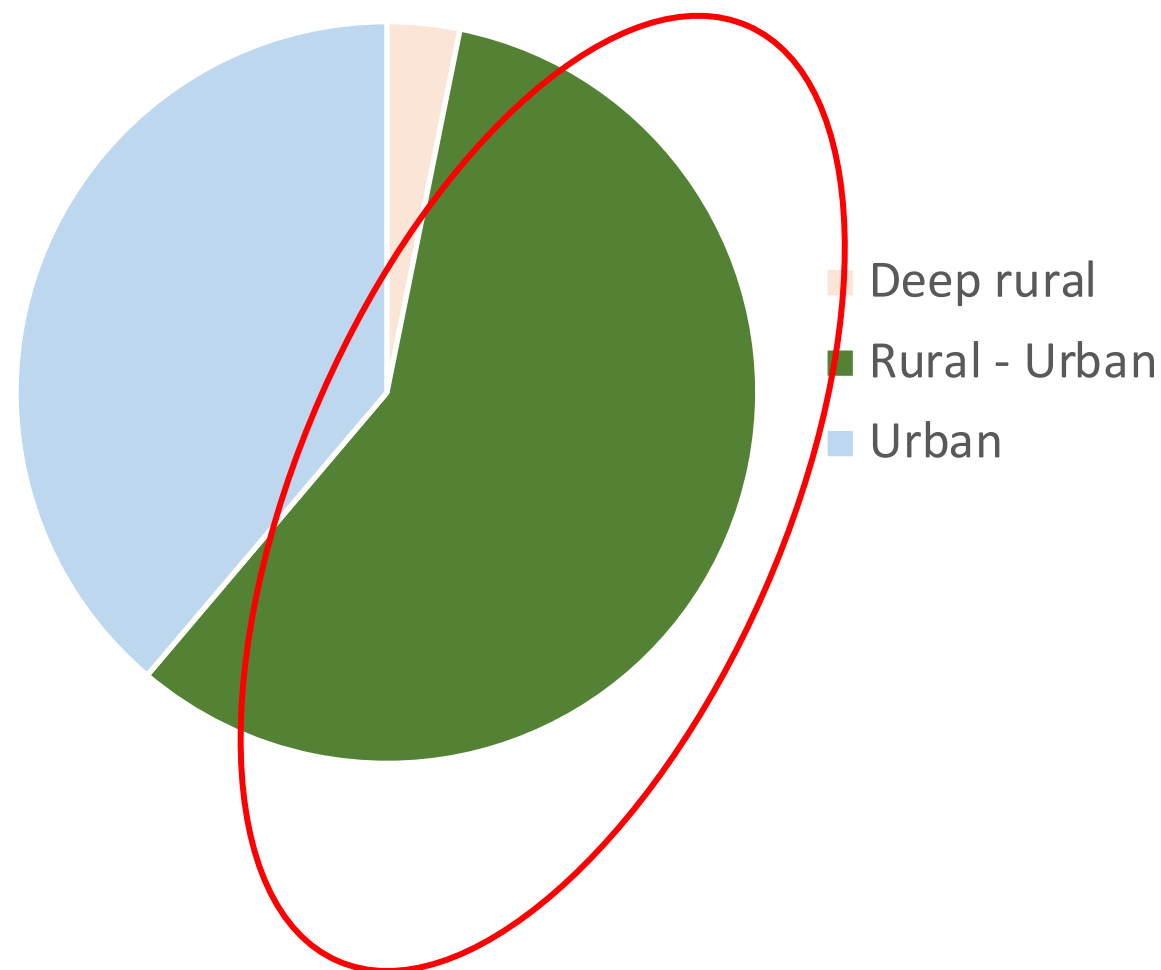
Beyond the Urban-Rural Dichotomy, LAC 2020
(Percentage of Total Population)

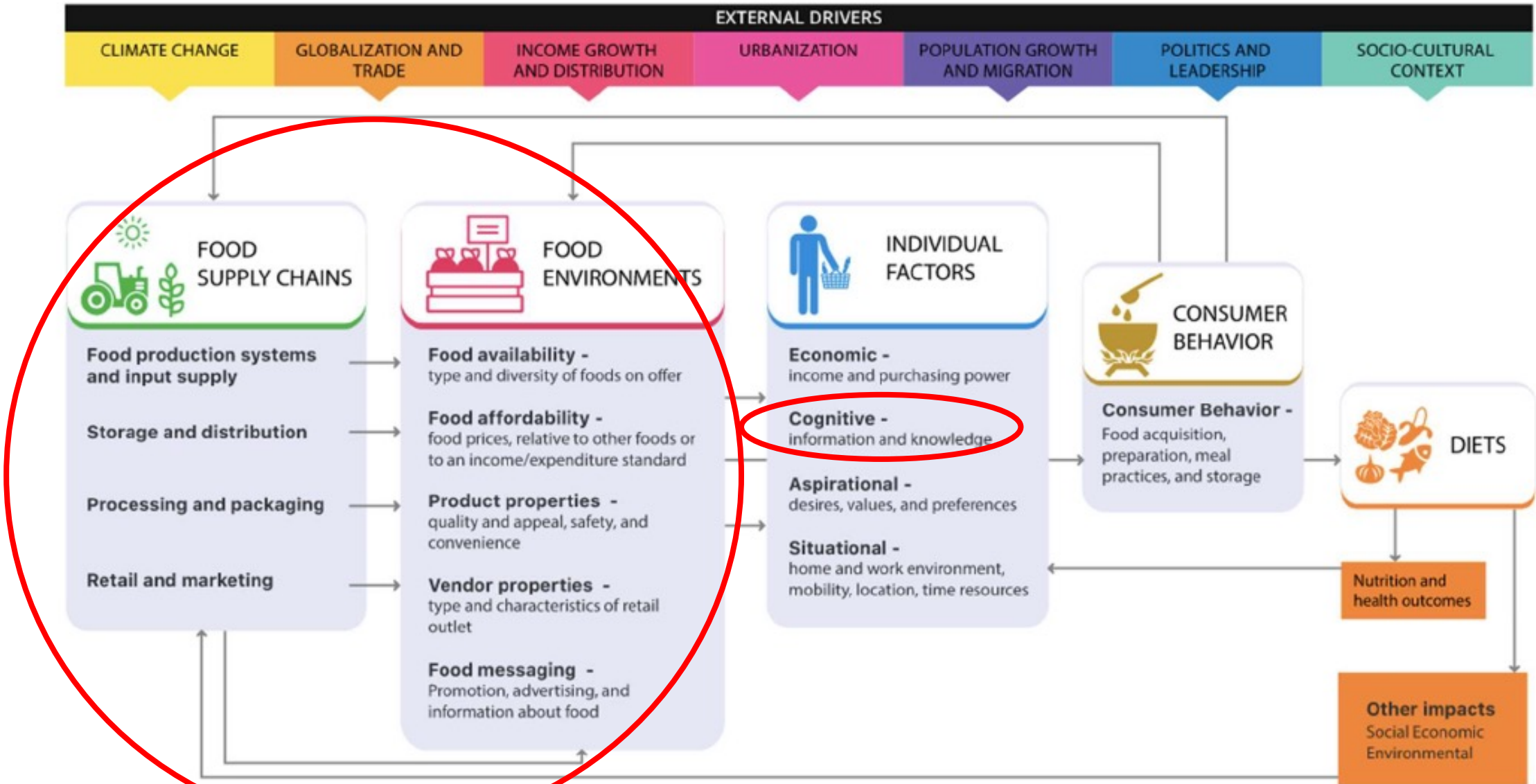


80% of rural people live within 90 minutes of a small or medium city

Food systems in the rural-urban territories

- ▶ Close to 100% of food primary production
- ▶ Very large proportion of:
 - Food processing
 - Services to agriculture
- ▶ Seven in 10 consumers
- ▶ Majority of poor urban and rural consumers (WB)
- ▶ Source of environmental services underpinning food and agriculture





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Traditional action areas for local governments

▶ Food supply

- Technical assistance to small-scale family farmers
- Market information to small-scale family farmers
- Rural roads
- Wholesale, municipal and local market infrastructure and services
- Regulation of informal trade

▶ Food Environment

- Enforcement of food safety regulations
- Regulation and enforcement of informal trade
- Technical assistance and business advisory services to food system SMEs

New action areas for local governments

- ▶ **Food systems governance**
 - Public-private food systems fora and councils
- ▶ **Food supply**
 - Digital technical assistance to small-scale family farmers
 - Digital market information to small-scale family farmers
 - Wholesale, municipal and local market infrastructure and digital services
- ▶ **Food Environment**
 - Local regulations and programs to promote healthy and sustainable diets in schools and public spaces
 - Local regulations and programs to reduce food loss and waste
 - Local regulations and programs to promote buying locally-produced foods

New action areas for local governments under COVID-19 crisis

▶ Food supply

- Maintain operations of wholesale, municipal and local markets with high health and safety standards

▶ Food Environment

- Ensure continuous access to healthy foods to people living in extreme poverty

▶ Food system governance

- Food systems councils
- Food systems strategies and action plans

Comprehensive food systems strategies

- ▶ **Argentina** – Green corridor in Santa Fe Province – 12 cities
- ▶ **Colombia** – Food supply action plans in Antioquia, Nariño, Central Region, Putumayo.
- ▶ **Costa Rica** – Municipal strategy on food security and food systems - Canton of Perez Zeledon, Canton of Santana
- ▶ **Jamaica** – Kingston urban food system
- ▶ **Mexico** – Urban food systems in State of Hidalgo – seven cities involved.
- ▶ **Peru** – Network of municipalities on urban food systems, Lima Food Systems Council

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Local governments in small cities are **heavily** under-resourced

Budgets

Legal authority

Technical capacities

Thank you

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