

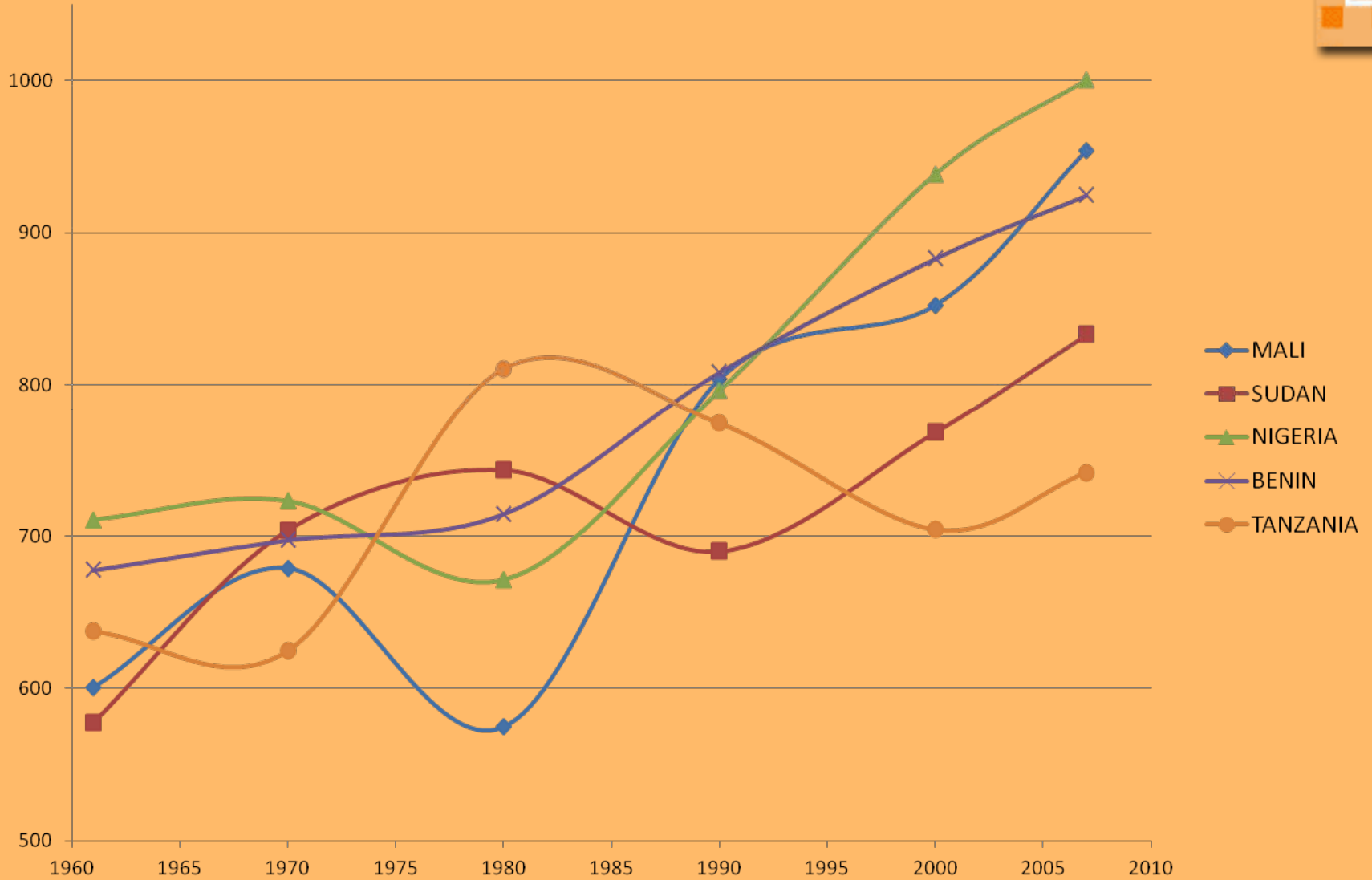
Agricultural development in Africa and food security



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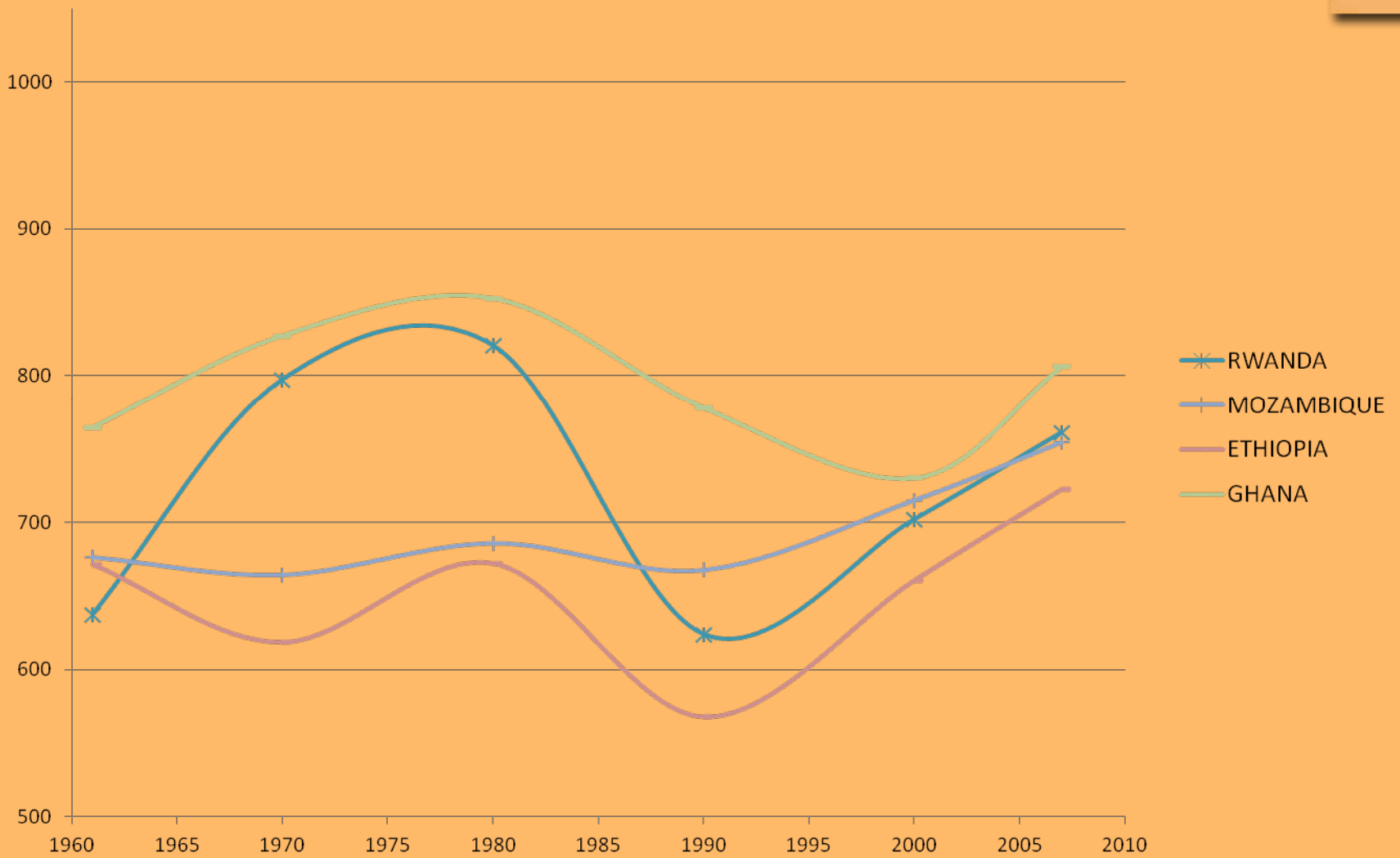


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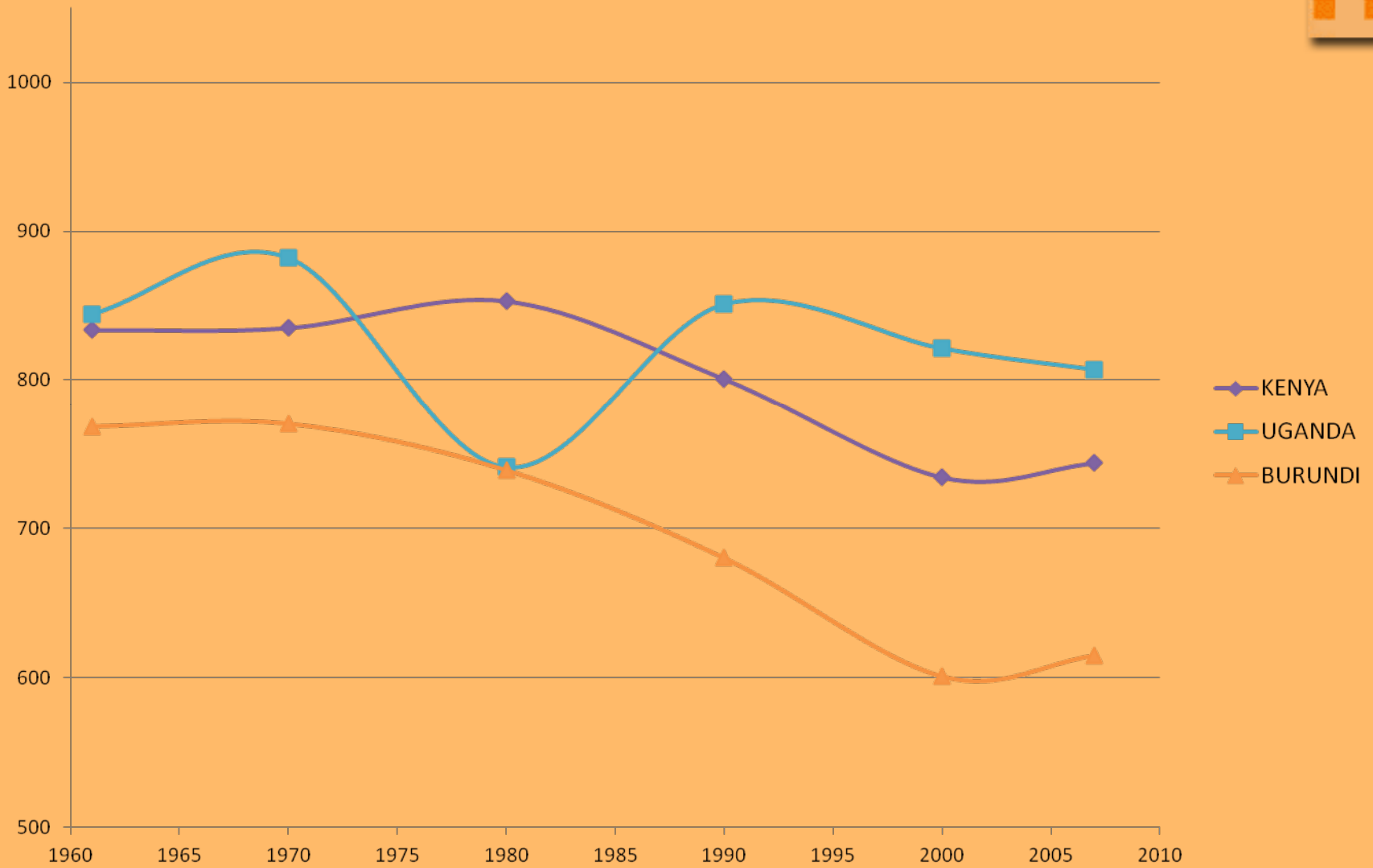


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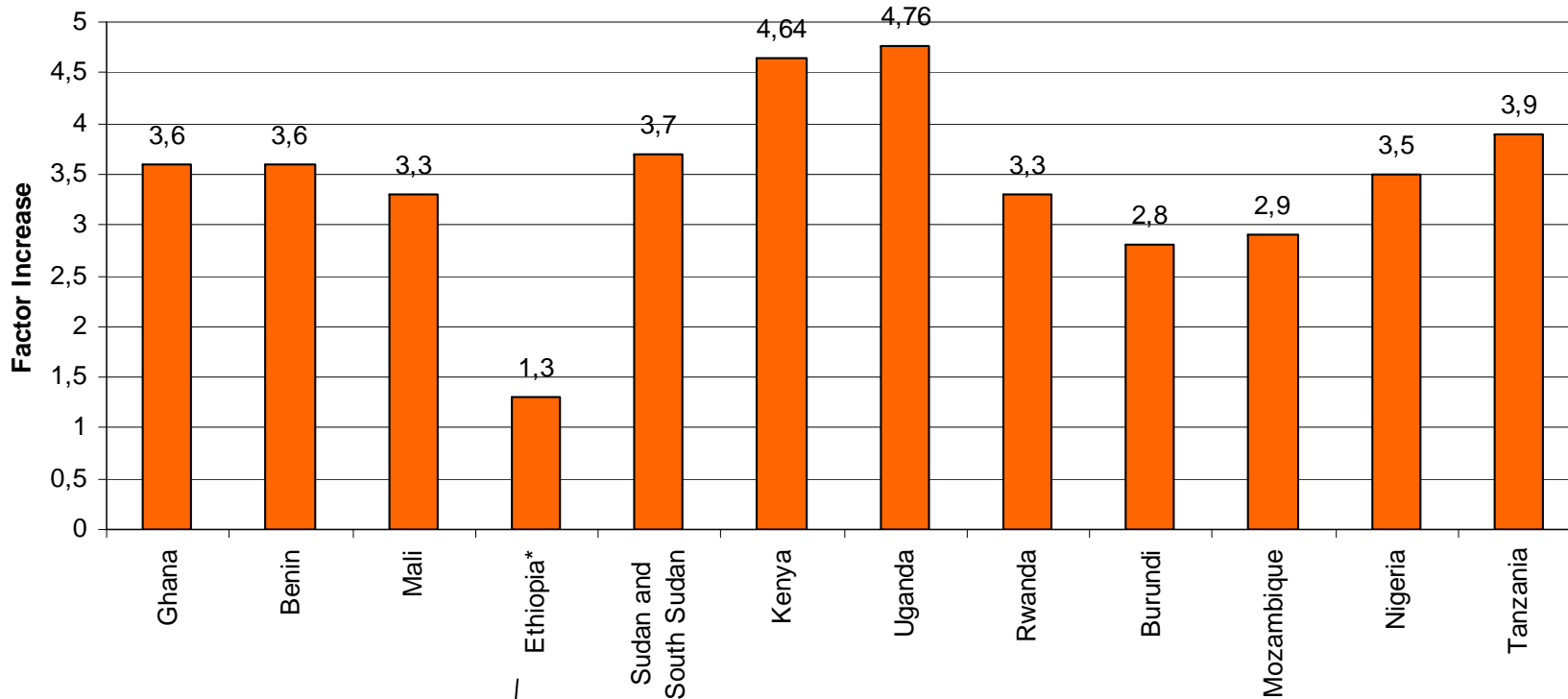


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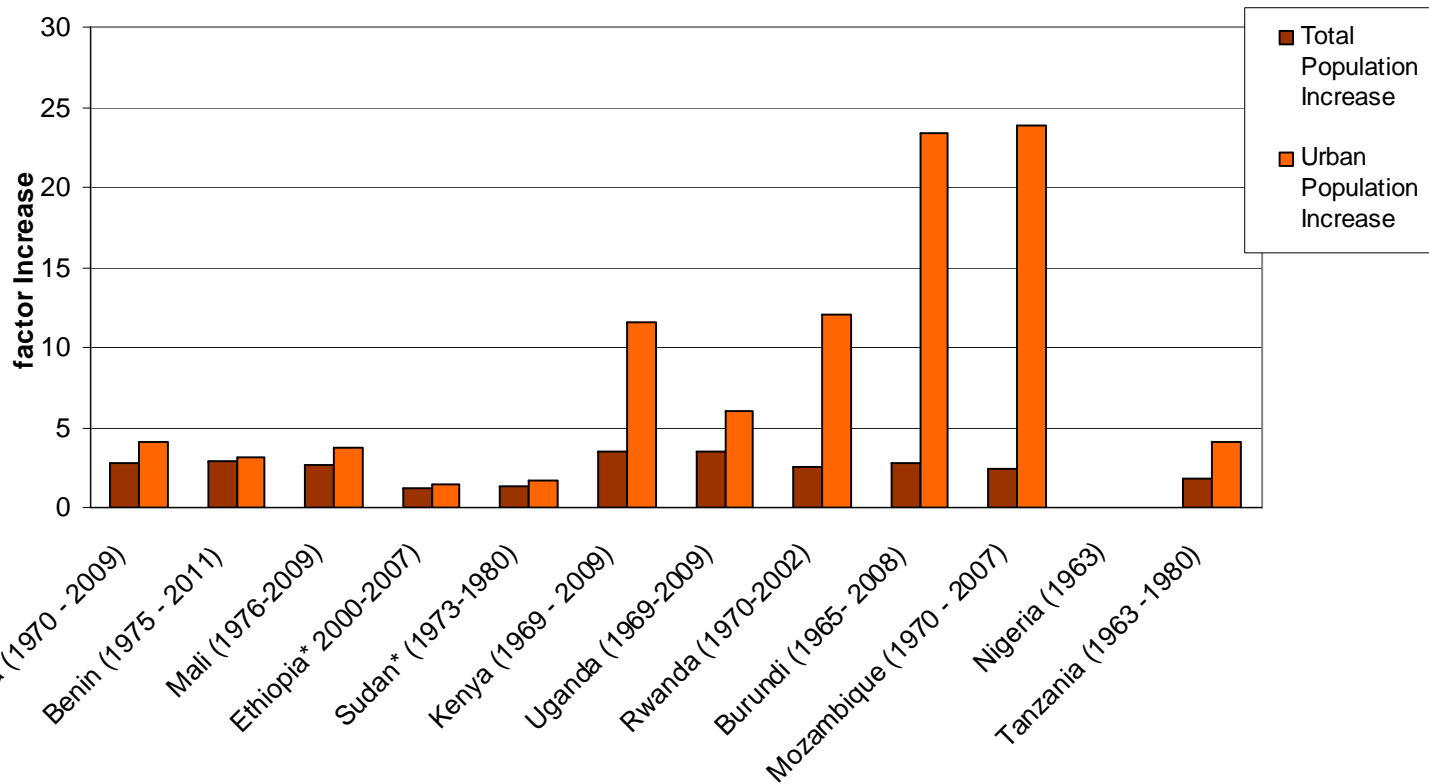
Population Factor increase, 1961-2010



*Ethiopia 2000-2010



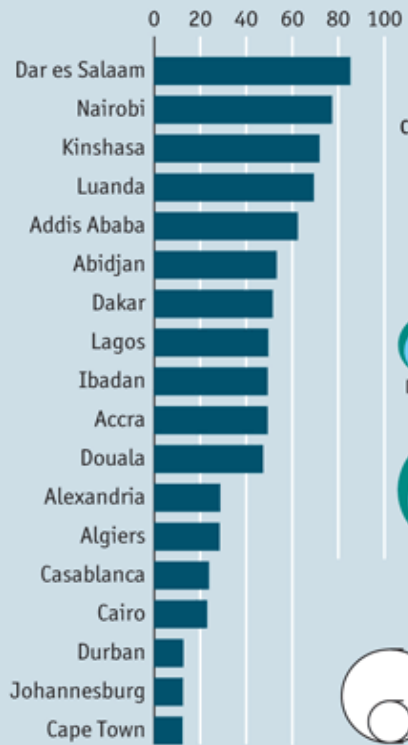
Total Population Increase vs Urban population Increase (Selected Years.



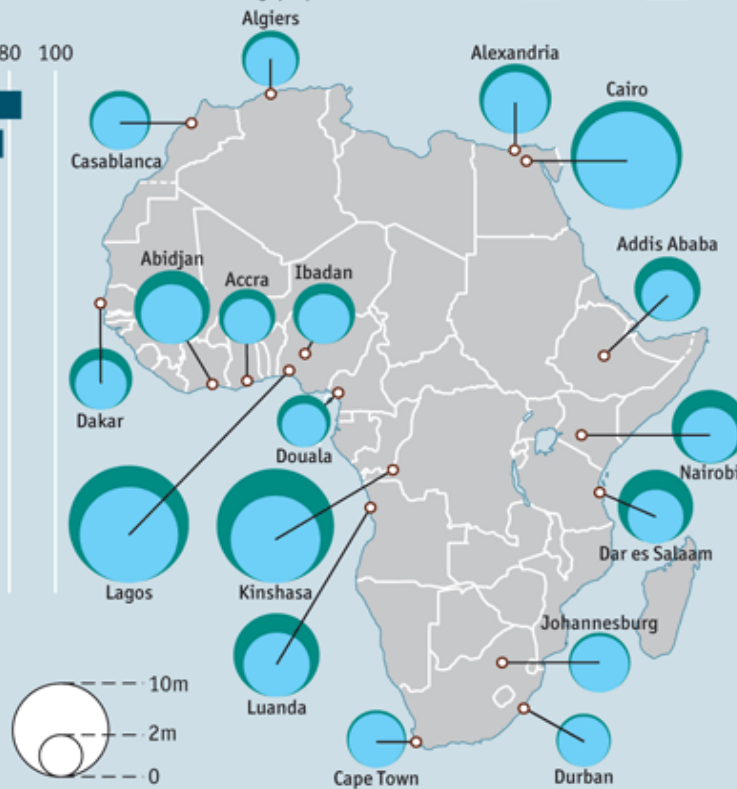


Growth of African cities

% increase, 2010-2025 forecast



City population, forecasts, 2010 2025



Source: UN-HABITAT

Major trends in African food situation-I



- 1 Enormous population growth
- 2 But despite that: higher growth in agricultural production, both by major increases in food crop areas and by growth of productivity.
- 3 Decrease in relative position of exports, but increase in total exported volumes; partly luxury crops, feed and meat, and partly exports of basic food, e.g. to Middle East

Major trends in African food situation-II



- 4 Stronger increase in imports of basic food; at prices that were rather low most of the last fifty years, but sudden increases in 2007, and now again: all-time high.
- 5 Food production as well as food supply in most countries positive per person trends, but certainly not everywhere. Of the Dutch focus countries more positive trends in West Africa (like in Nigeria) than in East Africa.

Major trends in African food situation-III



- 6 Enough food supply in a country does NOT mean: equal access.
 - Growing urban middle classes: more varied diet, more meat and eggs, more luxury foods;
 - Urban and rural poor: often not enough for a healthy life; not yet a lot of improvement for the 30% ultra poor.
- 7 Strong growth of urban food demand: metropolitan food security is a growing focus of policy and research. Around the big cities: A lot of autonomous production growth, not very much influenced by government or donor policies.

Major trends in African food situation-IV



- 8 1990s:
 - how to get rid of negative government policies, which blocked improvement of agricultural performance.
 - 2000s:
 - how to improve public-private partnerships to improve urban-rural food linkages (value chains), and better food production contexts. But also: how to develop a separate policy to reach the urban and rural poor, who consume below health standards. That is often a task of governments, e.g. via school feeding programmes.

Major trends in African food situation-V



9 Improving food security is not only about improving food production and value chains. It is also about public-private partnerships to improve agrohubs: knowledge and support clusters in and around the big cities.

And it is about separate policies to reach the poor, both in more marginal rural areas, but also in the cities.