

A Brief Recapitulation Urban-Rural Land Linkages: Concept, Framework and Evidence

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SUMMARY

Urban (including peri-urban) and rural development, particularly in the countries of the global South, operate in isolation from each other. As unique spatial units, they operate under different, socioeconomic, cultural, environmental and spatial situations, living standards and general liveability conditions. Despite these differences, they share many commonalities. This is true in terms of their development needs and their search for solutions to their various inter-related land problems. For instance, people in rural areas rely on essential finished goods produced in urban areas while people in urban areas rely on critical raw materials (including agricultural produce) available in rural areas. This shows that they co-exist for mutual benefits. This review provides a recap of the urban-rural land linkages (URLLs) concept, including the challenges, evidence of occurrence, strategy and framework for action.

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