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## Some of the Constraints in Agricultural Production and Trade

### About this poster

This poster illustrates some of the socio-economic constraints in agricultural production and trade. The photo series is a conceptual journey through a productive community let down by circumstances beyond its control. It follows agricultural produce from the fields around Mbale – eastern Uganda - to the market in Kampala. Poor infrastructure and inefficient processing are among the factors responsible for the vast gap between market and farm gate prices.



1 Family affair; farming is mainly at subsistence level and productivity is low



2 Hard labour; for much of the commercial farming, the tools and methods are basic and output is relatively small



7 Survival of the fittest; access to distant markets is made difficult by poor road conditions



8 Heavy loss; commodity value falls due to transport obstacles



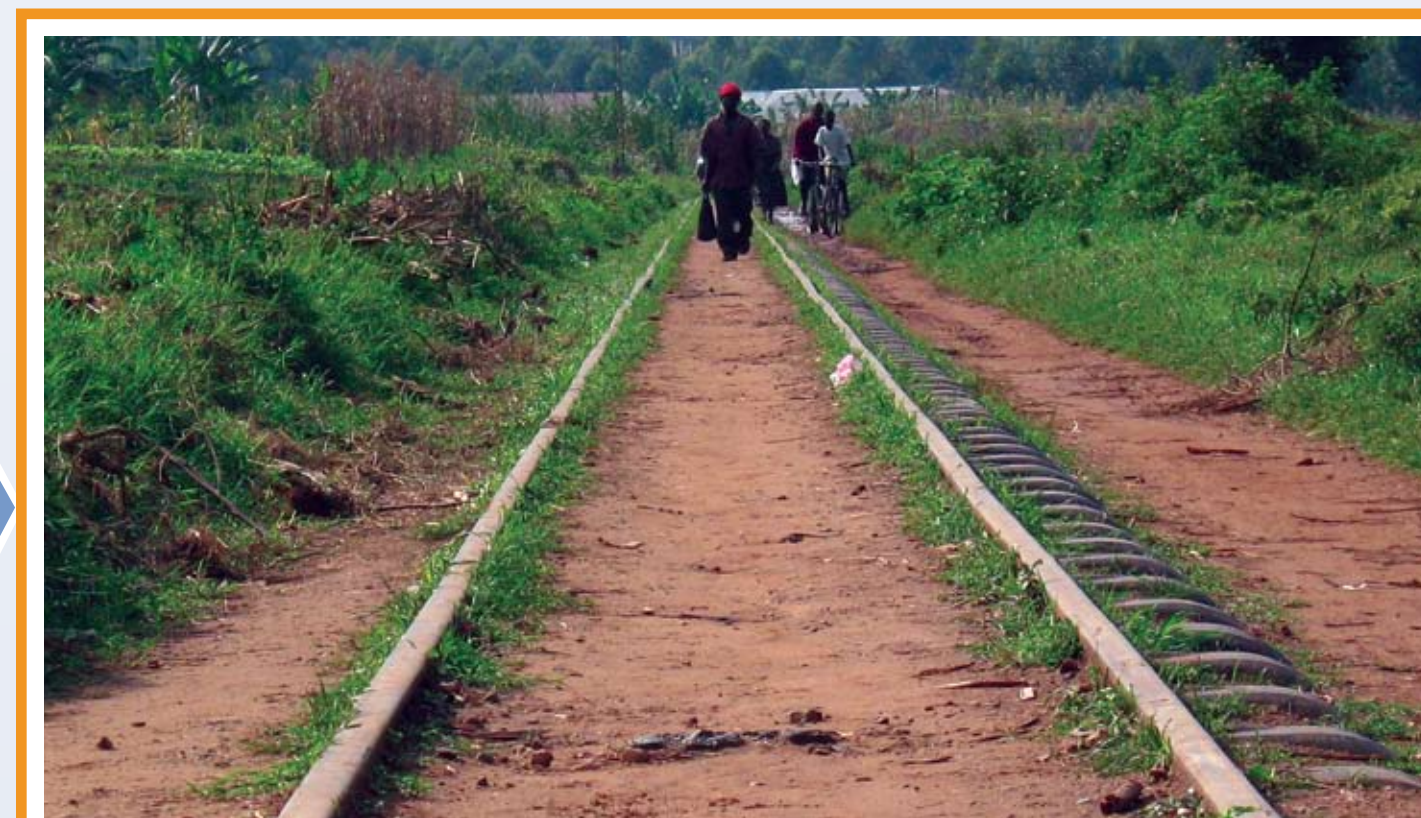
13 Pressure or potential? High urban population would suggest readily market



14 Living with underemployment; the youth would rather sit at market stalls than work on farms



3 Food insecurity; due to monetary demands and to avoid theft, much of the produce is sold soon after harvest, and at rock bottom prices, leaving granaries empty



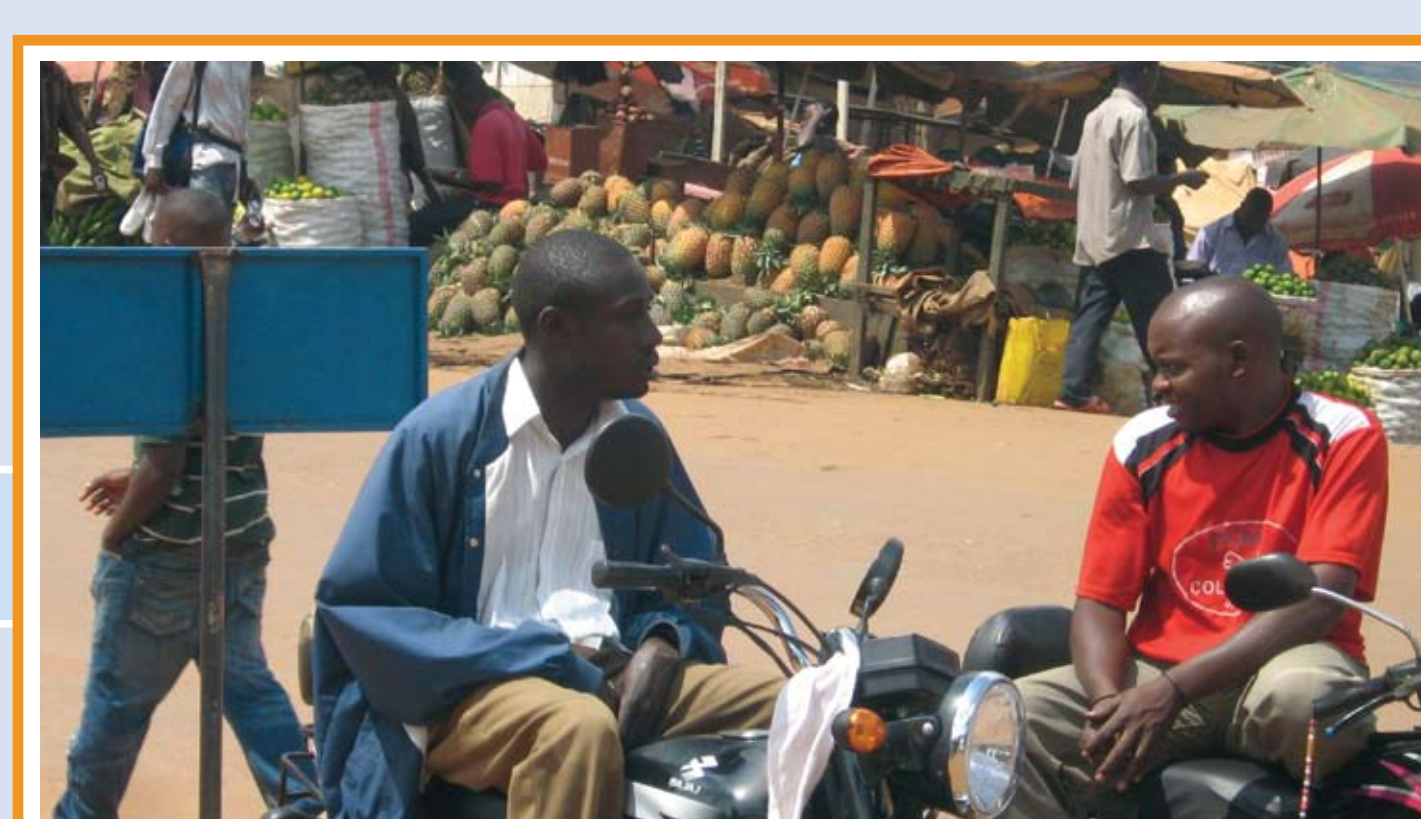
6 From railway line to footpath; transport for bulk produce not cheap anymore



9 From human food to animal feed; the reject is fed to urban livestock



12 Quality produce; but the farm gate price is a small fraction of the retail price



15 Its a cash economy; former producers would not return to the fields after finding alternative employment in cities



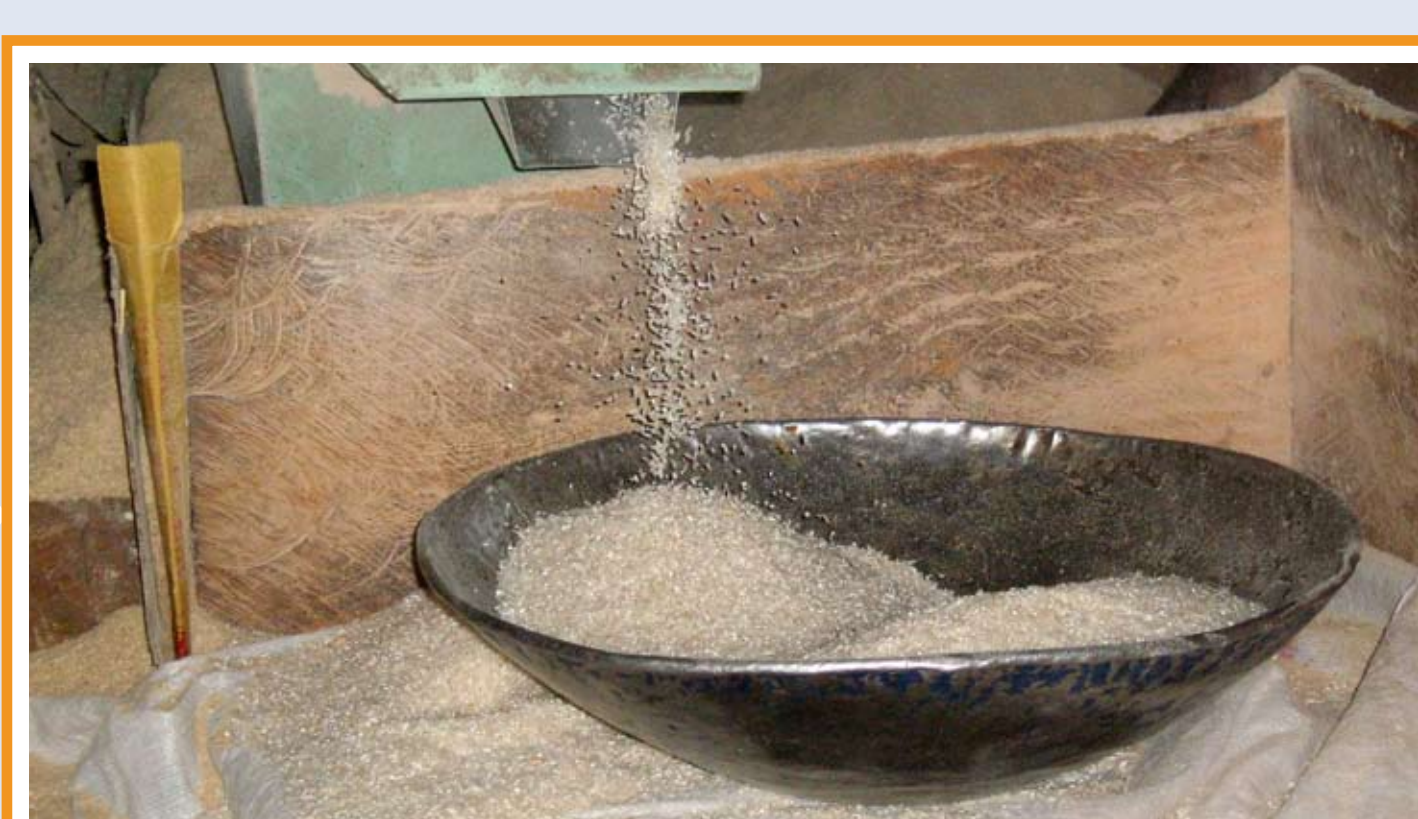
4 To push, or to ride? The status of infrastructure makes transport to nearby markets a nightmare



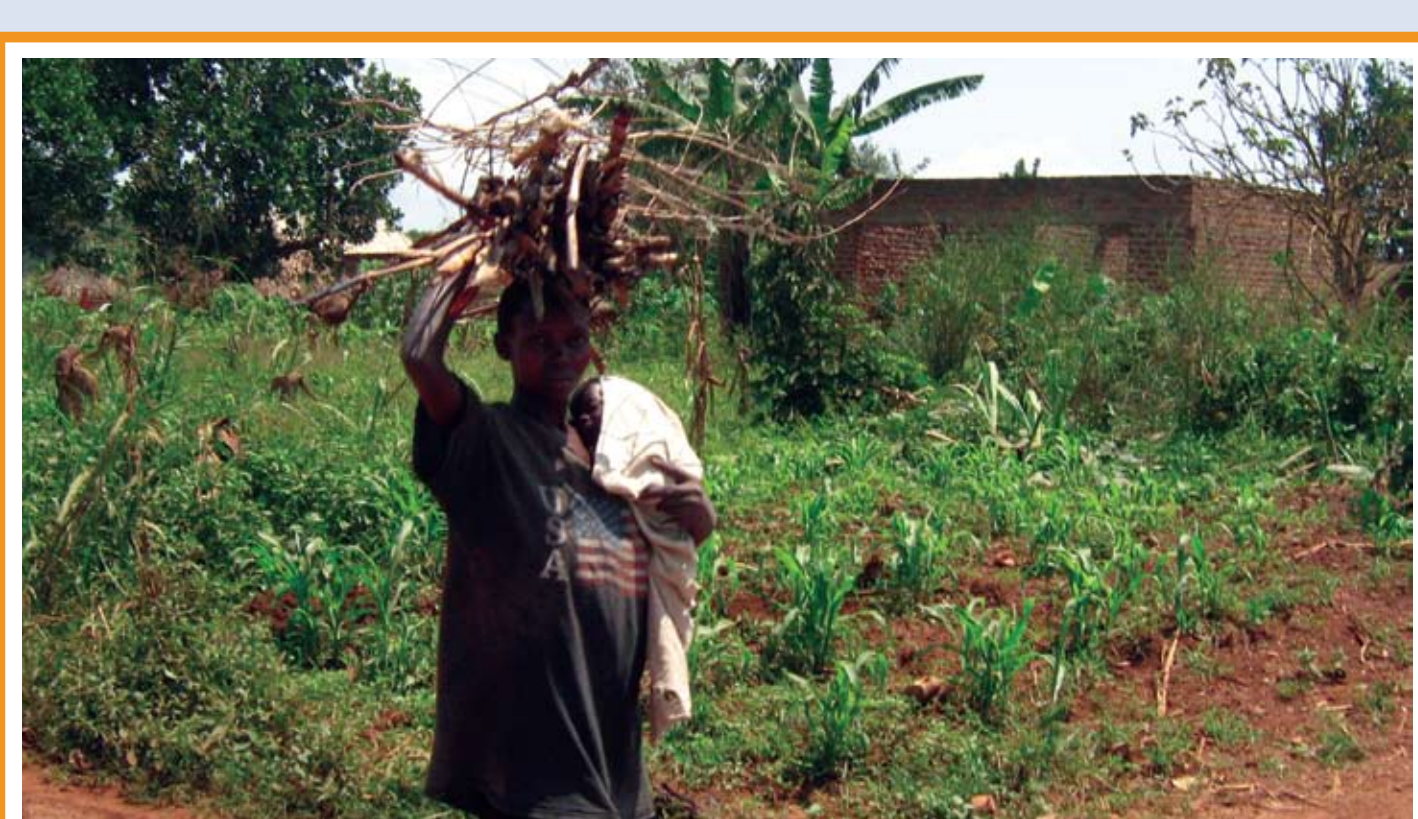
5 Smooth road, hard load; the quality of produce reaching the market cannot be guaranteed



10 Adding value; much of the processing is done at small scale, handling is poor, and wastage is high



11 Just a trickle; inefficient technologies and high energy costs lead to high production costs



16 The struggle continues...

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