



# The Rise of Medium-Scale Farms in Africa

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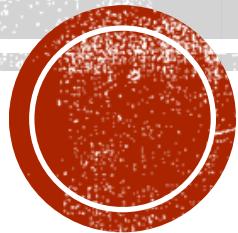
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# **RISE OF MEDIUM-SCALE F FARMS IN AFRICA**



# EMERGING EVIDENCE

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1. Major changes in farm size distributions
2. Rise of medium-scale farms
3. Mainly urban-based people and influential rural people
4. Emerging land markets allocating land to those with wealth and political connections
5. Very small fraction of small-scale farmers able to expand into great scales of production
6. Grain marketing systems are changing as MS farms becoming more important



# EVIDENCE OF MEDIUM-SCALE FARMERS

	Number of farms		% growth in number of farms	% of total cultivated area	
	1992	2005		1992	2005
<b>Ghana</b>					
0-2 ha	1,458,540	1,725,024	18.3	25.1	12.5
2-5 ha	578,890	957,722	65.4	35.6	24.1
5-10 ha	116,800	256,620	119.7	17.2	14.6
10-20 ha	38,690	110,076	184.5	11.0	12.0
20-100 ha	18,980	46,143	143.1	11.1	11.7
>100 ha	--	6,958	388.6*	--	25.0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,211,900</b>	<b>3,102,543</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Ghana Living Standards Surveys



# EVIDENCE OF MEDIUM-SCALE FARMERS

	Number of farms		% growth in number of farms	% of total cultivated area	
	2001	2012		2001	2012
Zambia					
0 – 2 ha	638,118	748,771	17.3	34.1	16.2
2 – 5 ha	159,039	418,544	163.2	45	31.7
5 – 10 ha	20,832	165,129	692.6	14.3	25.0
10 – 20 ha	2,352	53,454	2272.7	6.6	15.0
20 – 100 ha	--	13,839	53.3**	--	12.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>820,341</b>	<b>1,399,737</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Source: Zambia MAL Crop Forecast Surveys, 2001 and 2012



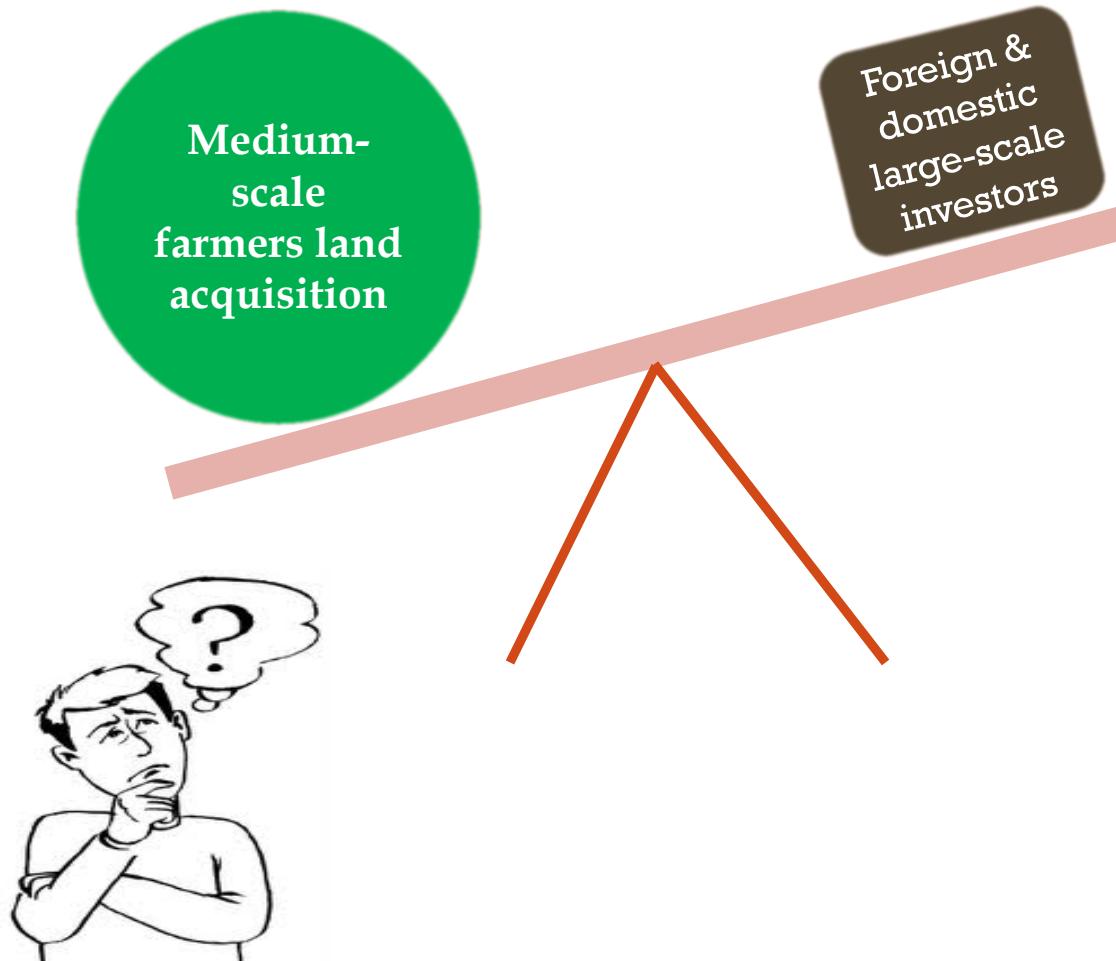
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	<b>Number of farms</b>		<b>% growth in number of farms</b>	<b>% of total cultivated area</b>	
	<b>1994</b>	<b>2006</b>		<b>1994</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>Kenya</b>					
0 – 2 ha	1,692,343	2,640,020	56	29.2	46.4
2 – 5 ha	525,363	332,011	-36.8	32.3	23.5
5 – 10 ha	93,871	17,451	-81.4	21.4	2.1
> 10 ha	92,498	19,493	-78.9***	24.5	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,404,075</b>	<b>3,008,975</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>100</b>

Average Landholding Size:  
 1994: 13 ha  
 2006: 31 ha

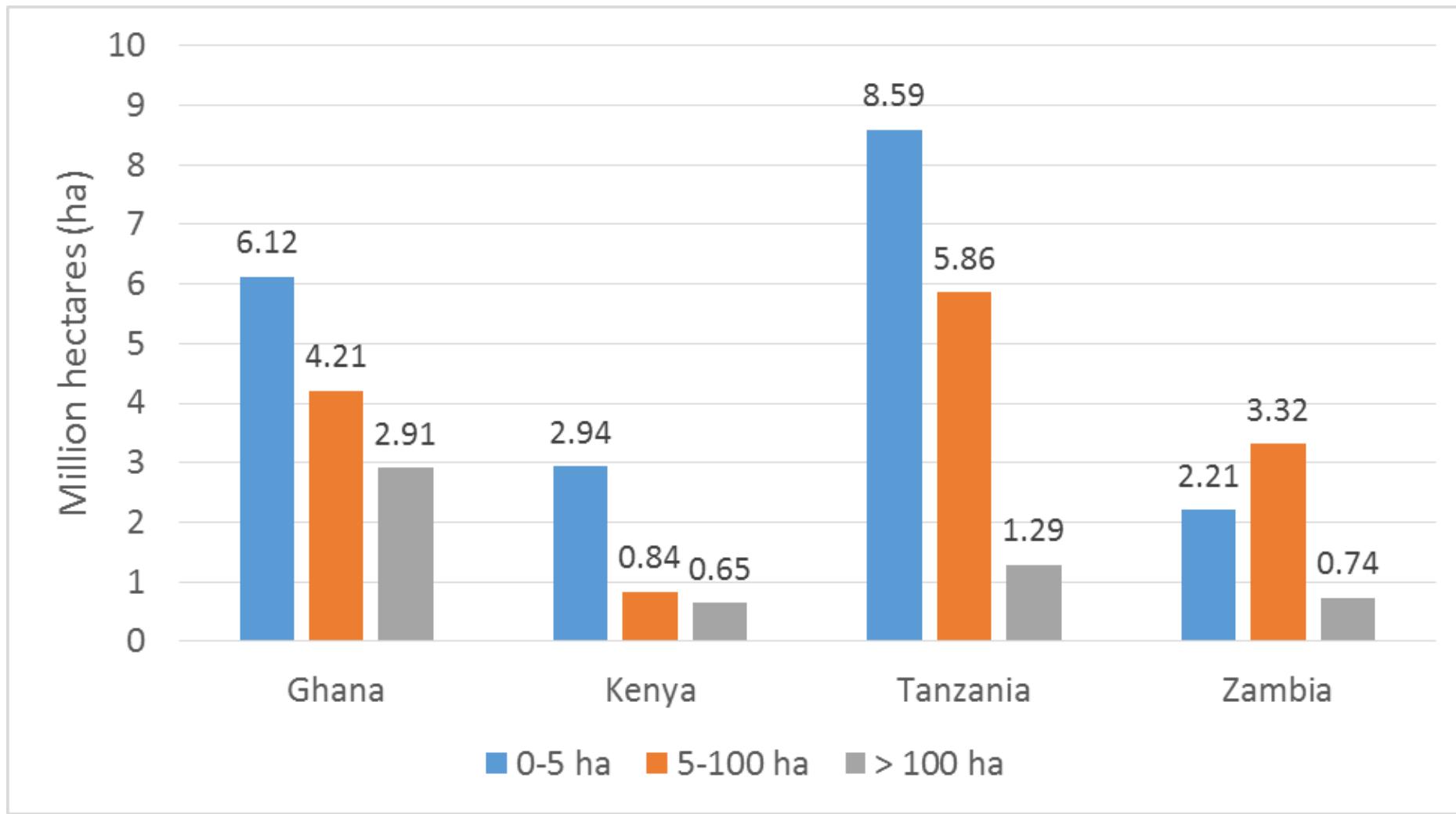


# RISE OF THE MEDIUM-SCALE FARMER



	Large scale	Medium -scale (5-100 ha)	Small-scale (0-5 ha)	Potentially available cropland remaining
Millions of hectares				
Ghana	2.91	4.21	6.12	3.56
Kenya	0.65	0.84	2.94	1.01
Zambia	0.74	3.32	2.21	3.35

## AREA OWNED/CONTROLLED BY SMALL-SCALE (0-5 HA), MEDIUM-SCALE (5-100 HA) AND LARGE-SCALE (>100 HA) FARM HOLDINGS



# Characteristics of the “emergent farmers”



# RISE OF THE MEDIUM-SCALE FARMERS

## Three sub-categories of medium scale farmers

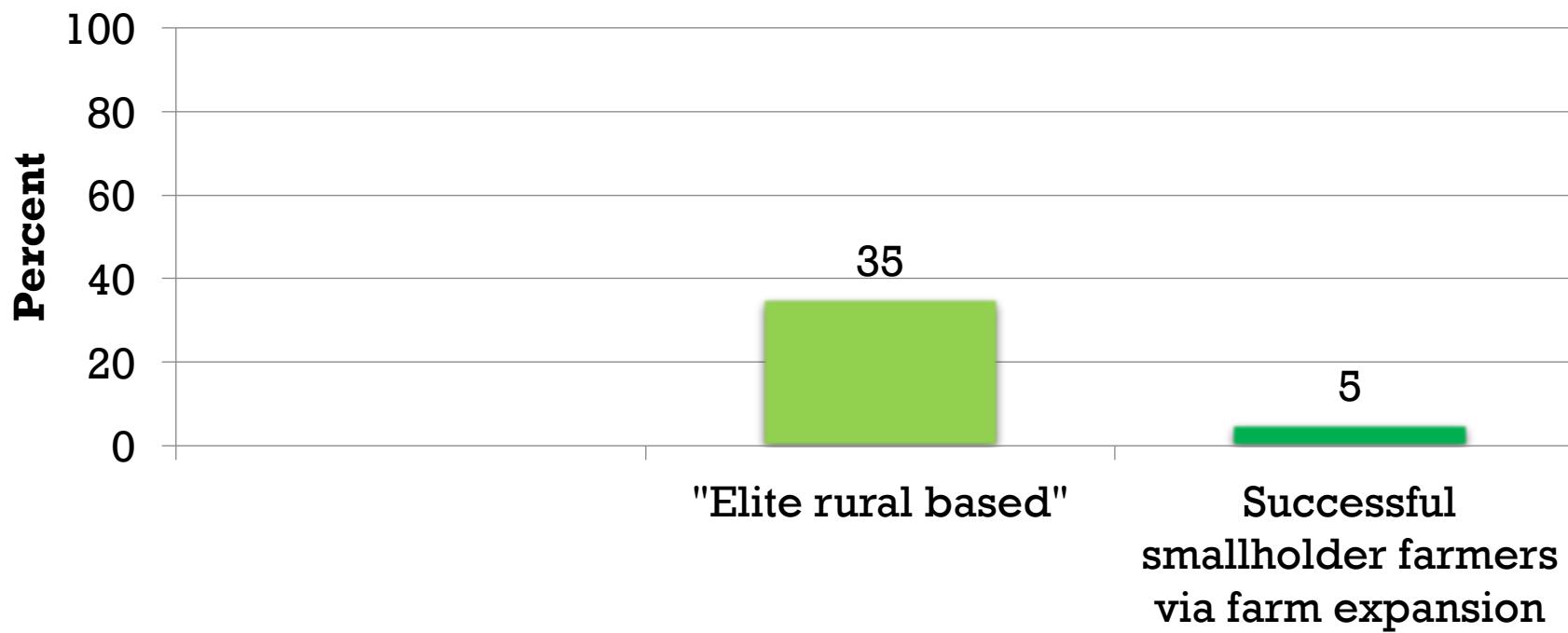


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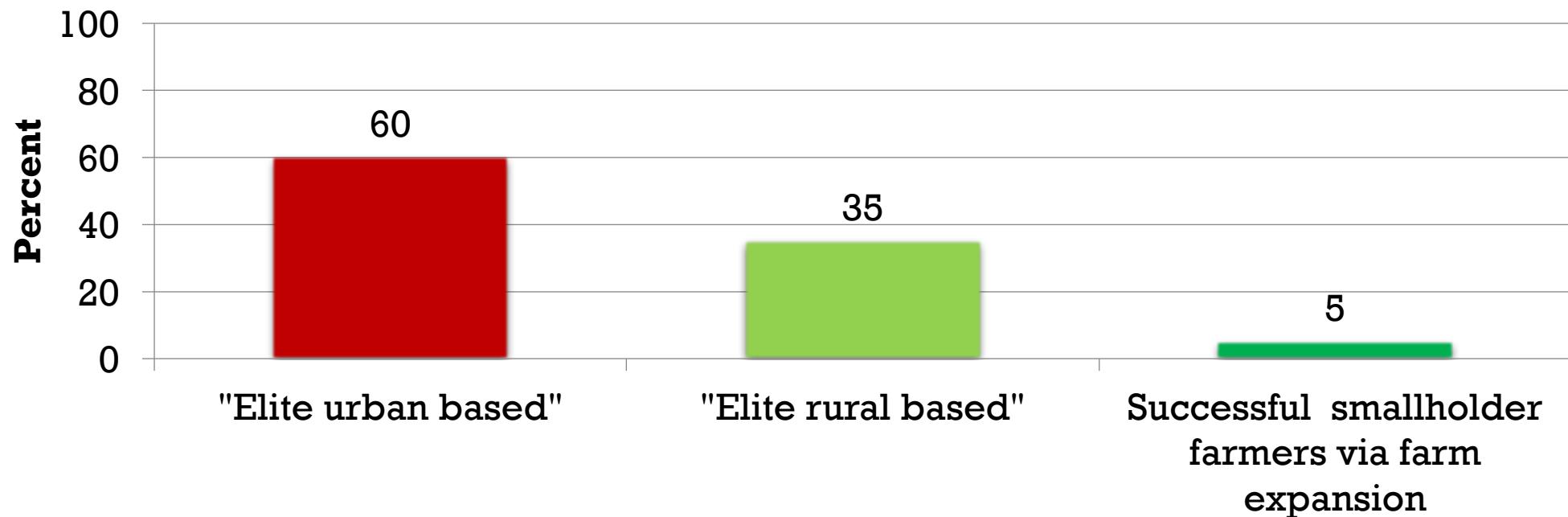


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# TYPE 1A: INVESTOR FARMER

	Mode of entry into medium-scale farming status	
	----- Zambia -----	----- Kenya -----
	Acquisition of land from non-farm employment (n=164)	Acquisition of land from non-farm employment (n=180)
% of cases	58	60
% men	91.4	80
Year of birth	1960	1947
Years of education of head	11	12.7
Have held a job other than as a farmer (%)	100	83.3
Formerly /currently employed by the public sector (%)	59.6	56.7
Current landholding size (ha)	74.9	50.1
% of land currently under cultivation	24.7	46.6
Decade when land was acquired		
1969 or earlier	1.1	6
1970-79	5.1	18
1980-89	7.4	20
1990-99	23.8	32
2000 or later	63.4	25



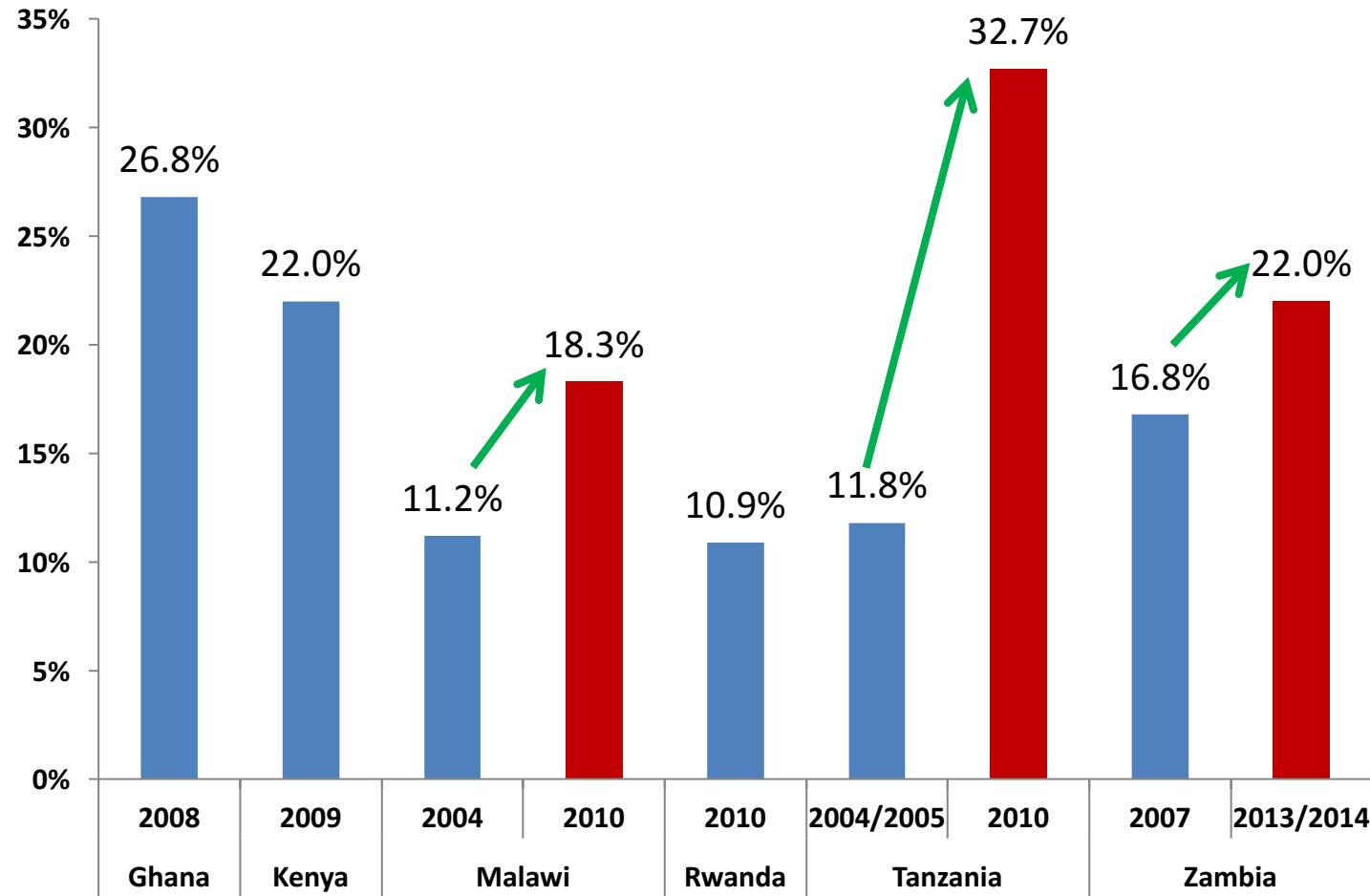
# TYPE 1B: RURAL-BASED ELITE

	<b>Mode of entry into medium-scale farming status</b>	
	<b>Zambia</b>	<b>Kenya</b>
	<b>Expansion of rural elite</b>	<b>Expansion of rural elite</b>
	<b>(n=118)</b>	<b>(n=120)</b>
% of cases	42	40
% men	92.9	82.5
Year of birth	1966	1945
Years of education of head	8.2	7.5
Have held a job other than as a farmer (%)	32.9	17.5
Formerly or currently employed by the public sector (%)	5.8	12.5
Current landholding size (ha)	38.2	32.7
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Source: MSU, UP, and ReNAPRI Retrospective Life History Surveys, 2015



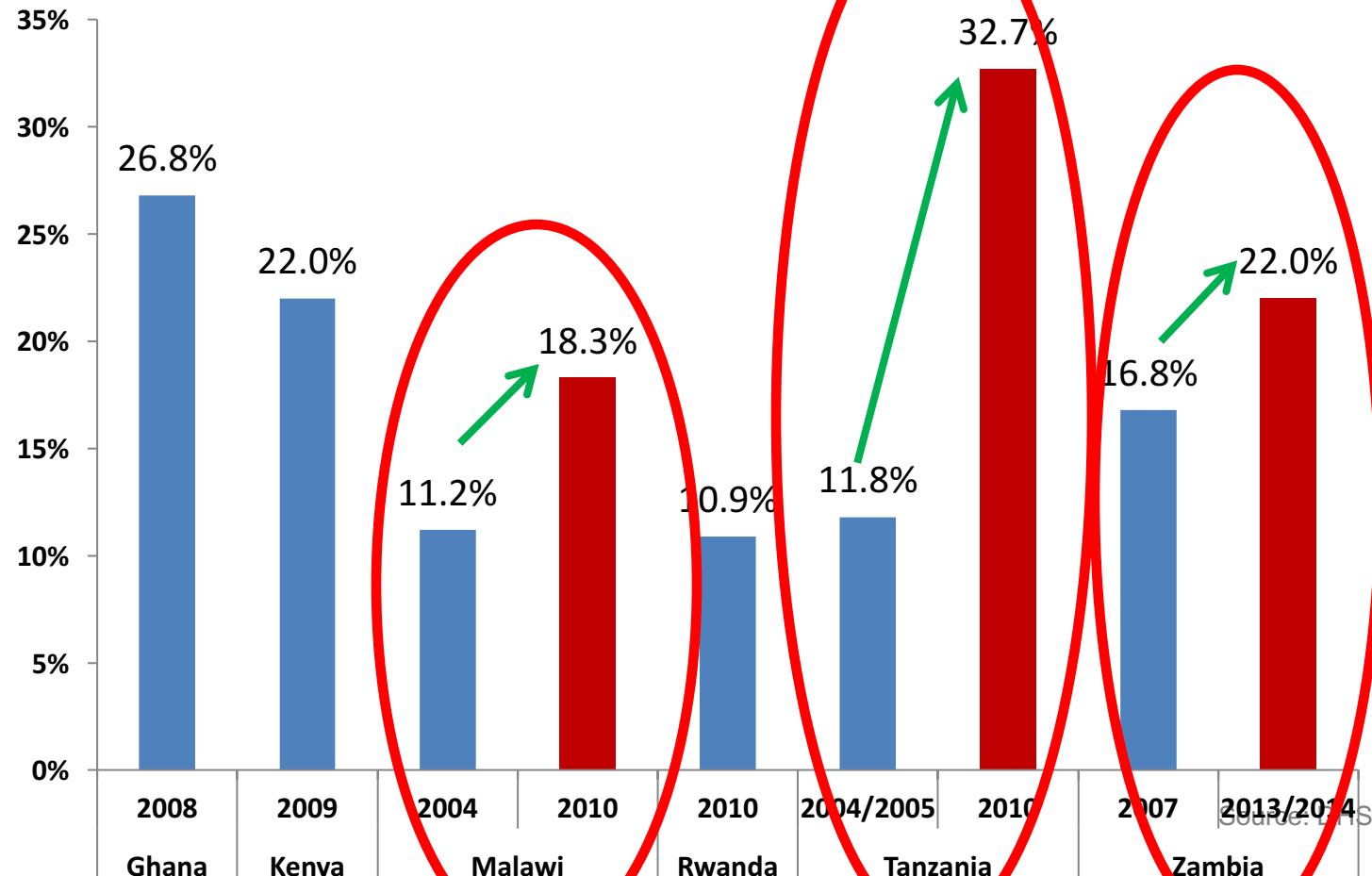
## % OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LANDS HELD BY URBAN HOUSEHOLDS



Source: Demographic and Health Surveys, various years between 2004-2014.



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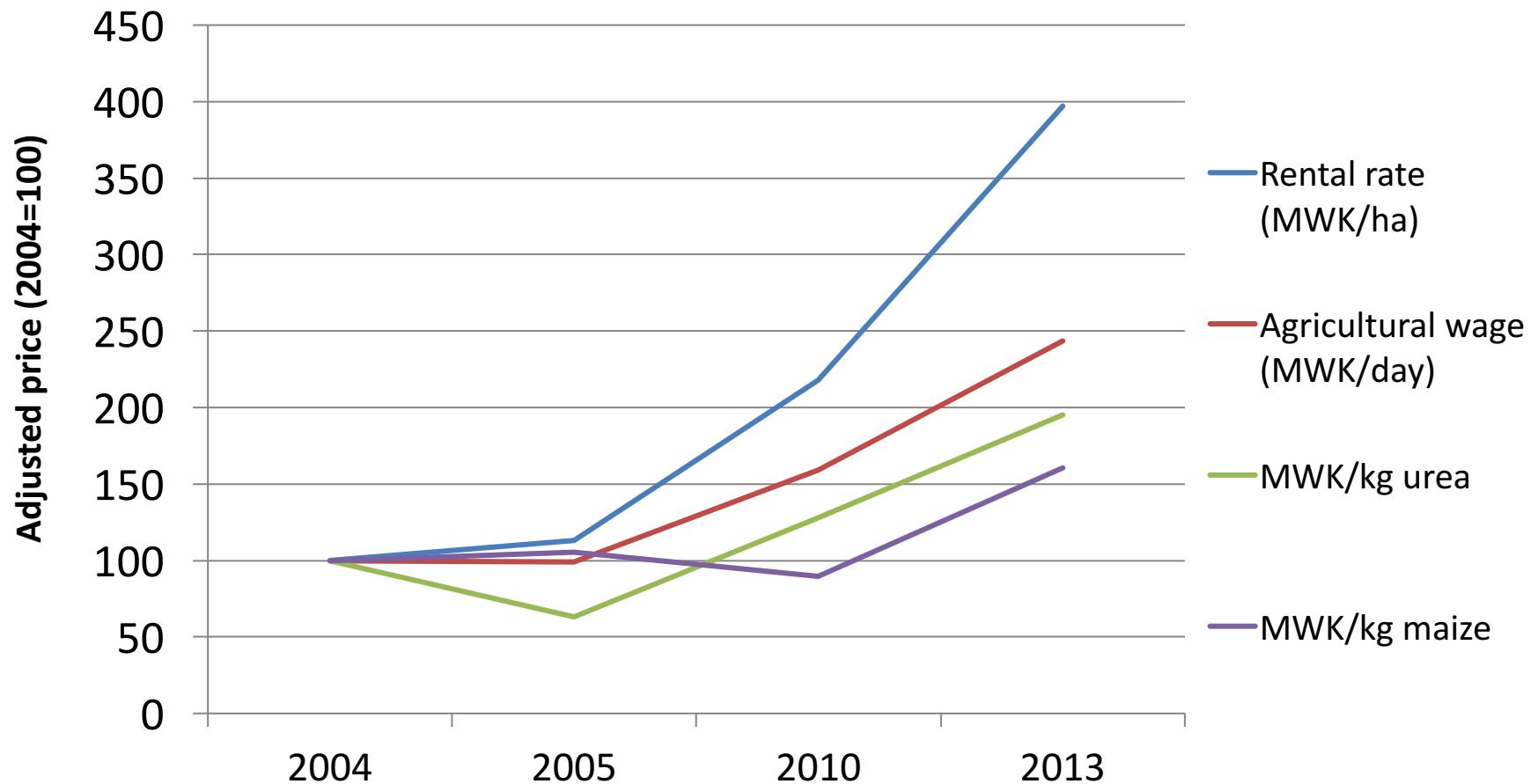
# Rising landholding concentration

	<b>Period</b>	<b>Movement in Gini coefficient:</b>
Ghana (cult. area)	1992 → 2013	0.54 → 0.70
Kenya (cult. area)	1994 → 2006	0.51 → 0.55
Zambia (landholding)	2001 → 2012	0.42 → 0.49

Source: Jayne et al. 2014 (JIA)



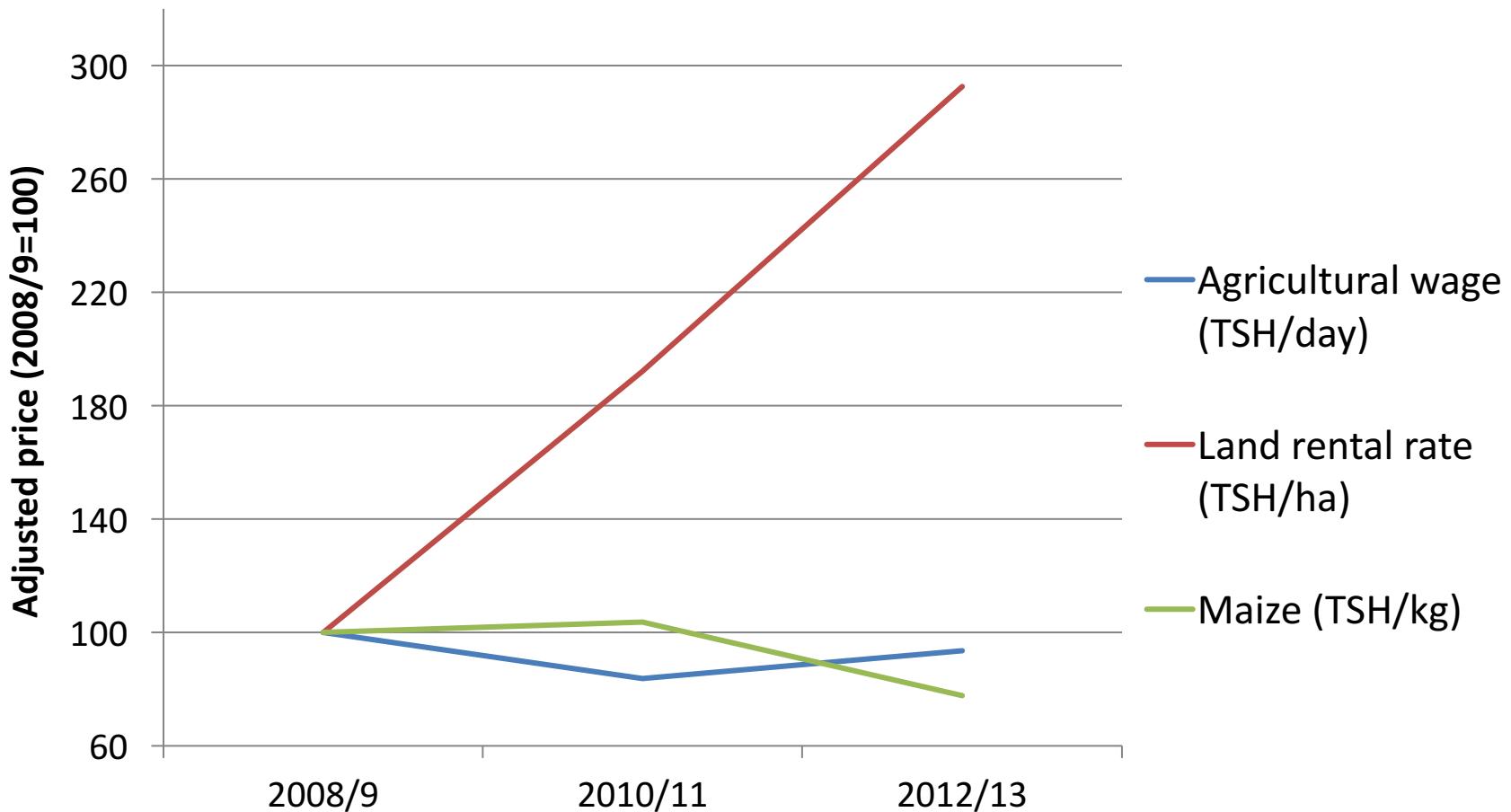
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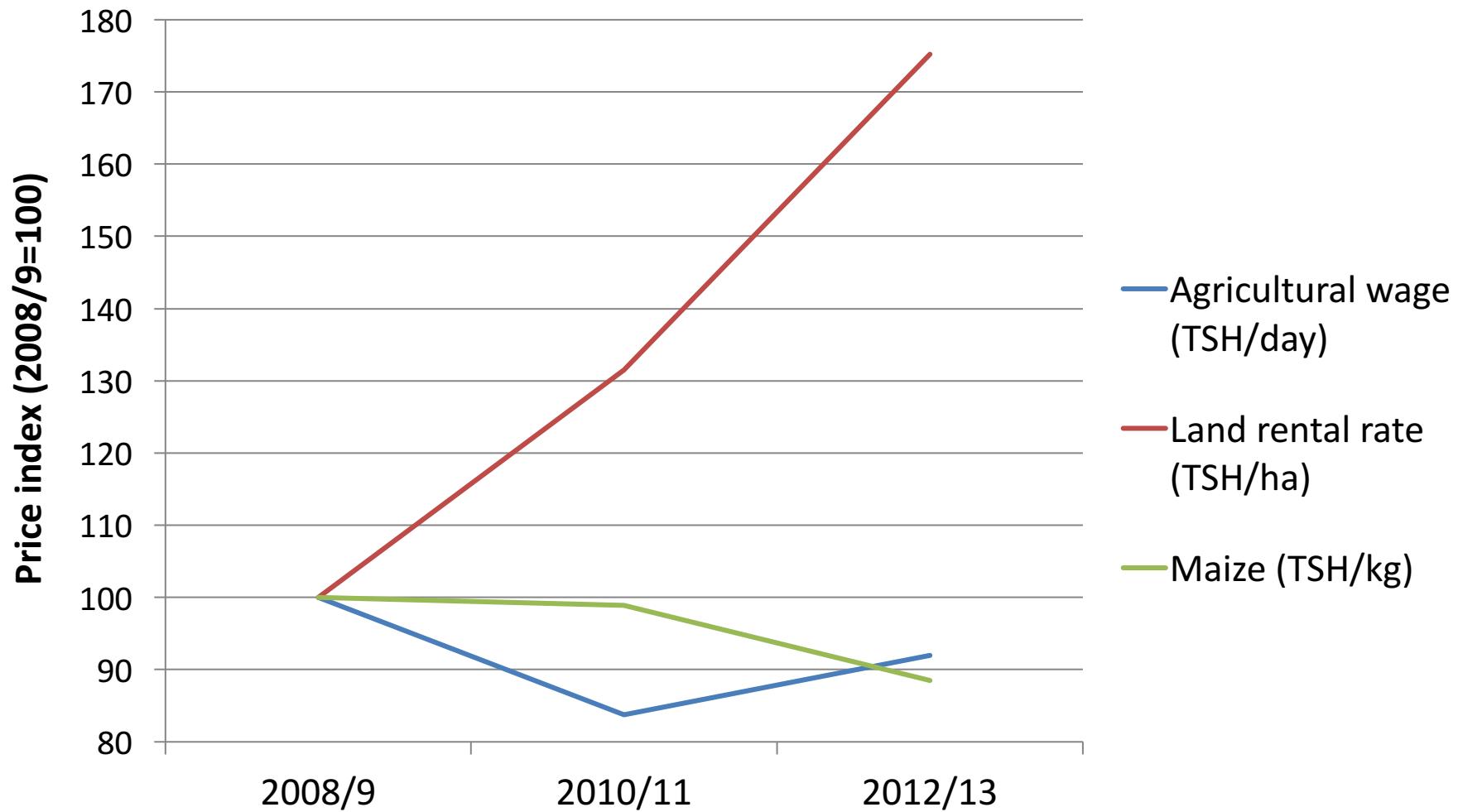
Sources: IHS for land and wages; FEWSNET for urea and maize



## OUTPUT AND FACTOR PRICE INDICES, WESTERN TANZANIA



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# RISE OF LARGE MAIZE BUYERS - ZAMBIA

	Small-scale traders		Large-scale traders		Millers/processors		FRA			
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# RESEARCH QUESTIONS FOR WS3:

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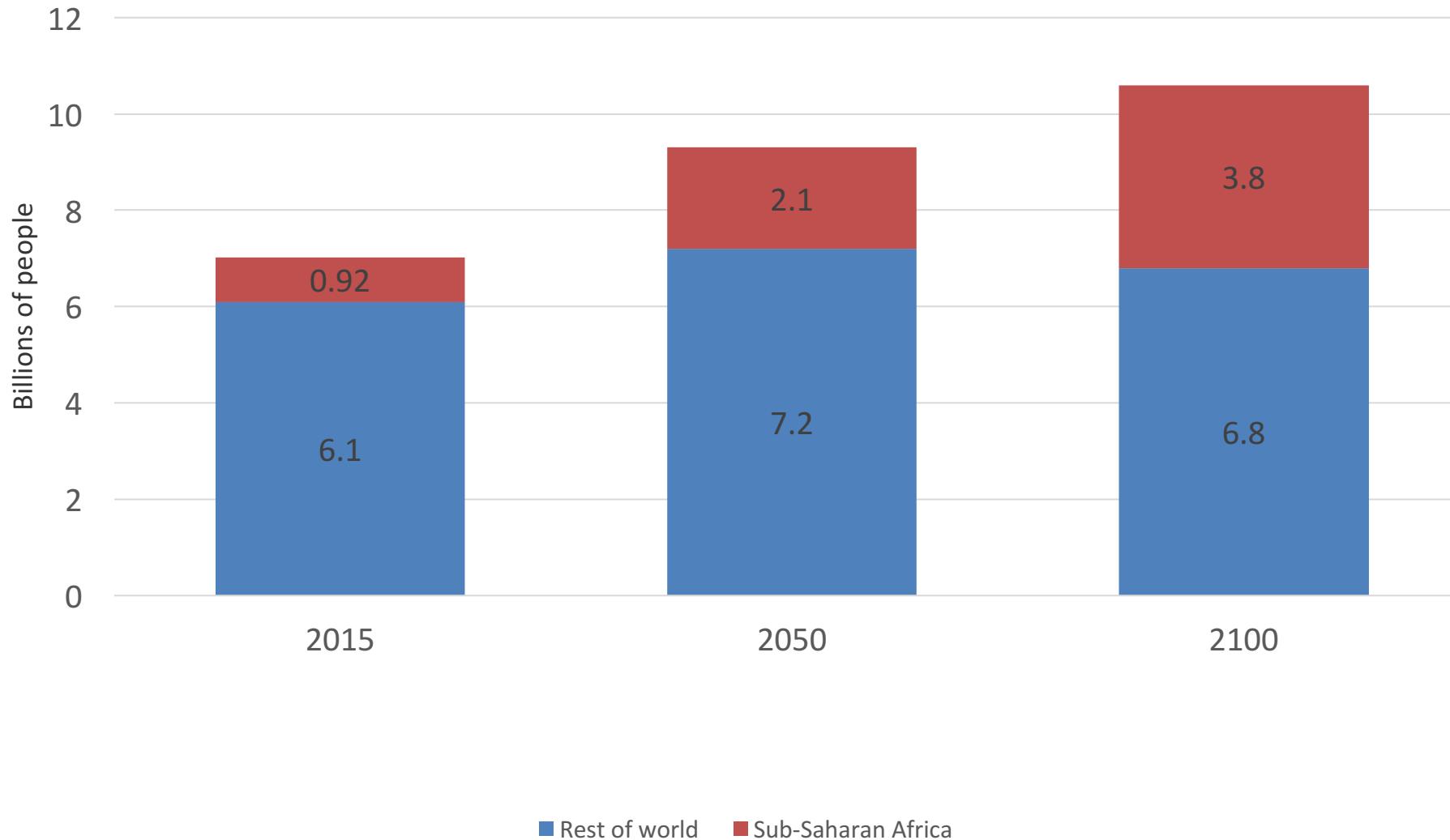
- Causes of rapid changes in farmland ownership:
- Consequences of rapid changes in farmland ownership:
  - Impact on downstream organization and concentration of food systems
- Policy implications for African governments?
  - Land policy?
  - Youth access to land?
  - How to achieve synergies between MS and SS farms?
  - Governments need information on how rising urban-based investor farmers are affecting national policy objectives



# Thank you



# Africa's rapid population growth

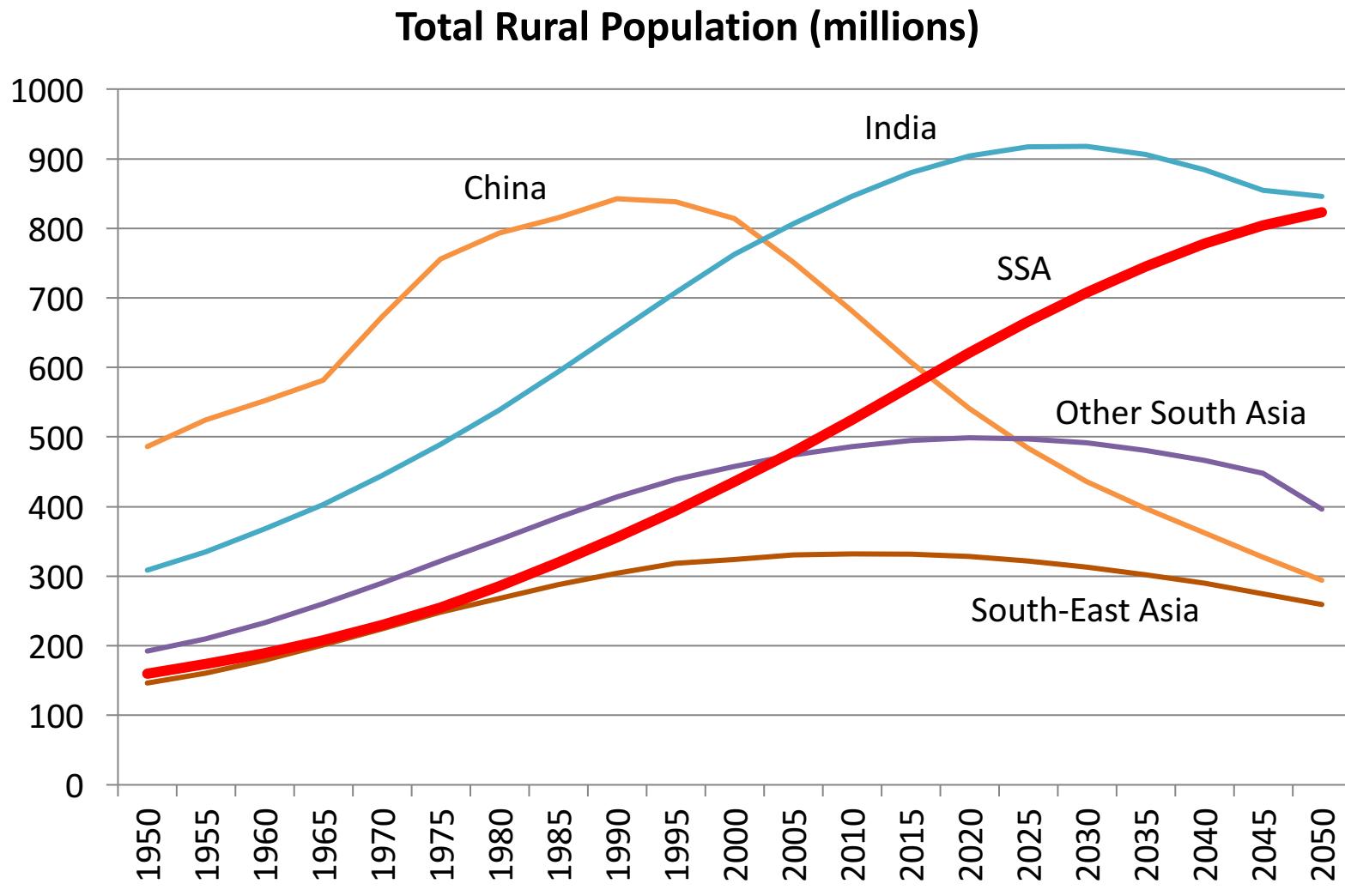


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# LOOMING RURAL EMPLOYMENT CHALLENGE IN SSA



Source: UN 2013