



FOOD ECONOMY CASE STUDY: ANGOLA

HOW FOOD ECONOMY ANALYSIS HELPS INFORM REHABILITATION PROJECTS

The Context:

During years of civil war in Angola, massive numbers of rural families moved to government-controlled enclave towns to escape UNITA brutality. These households developed various means of obtaining food, combining relief food with a modest harvest and sales of charcoal or firewood. No option on its own was sufficient for survival.

A temporary peace, initiated at the end of 1994, encouraged aid agencies to establish rehabilitation projects to move households back to rural areas. However, most households were reluctant to move, as their immediate survival depended on access to urban areas.

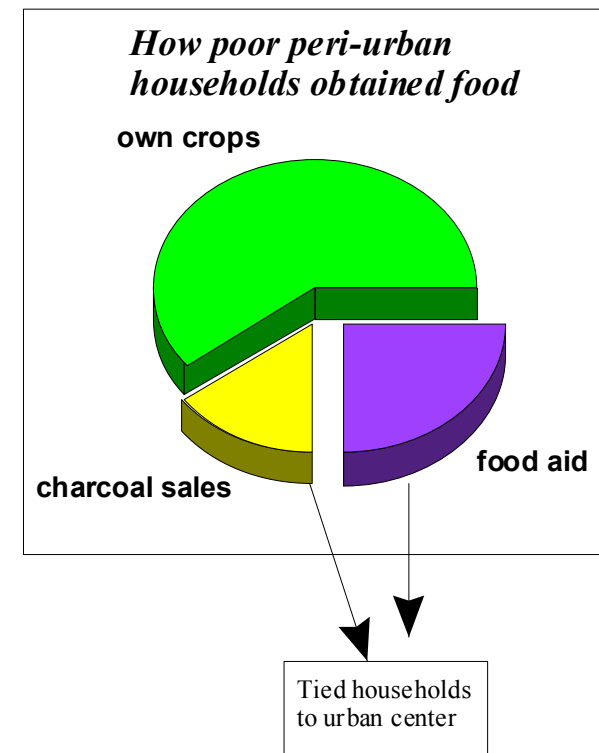
Food economy analysis provides contextual information about household livelihood strategies - a pre-requisite for planning successful rehabilitation projects

Rehabilitation projects in Angola were predicated on...

moving people to rural areas.

But food economy analysis revealed that...

household survival strategies depended on close proximity to urban centers.



*The pie represents 100% of annual food needs for a typical family
Source: Save the Children Fund-UK*