

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

## RURAL INEQUALITIES:

### EVALUATING APPROACHES TO OVERCOME DISPARITIES

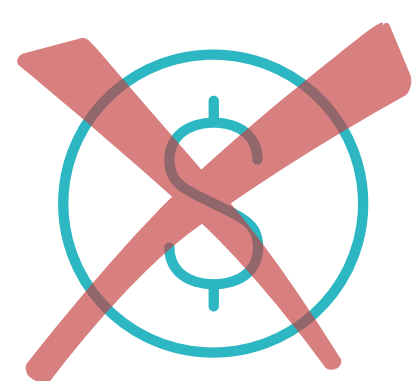
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#### WHY TALK ABOUT INEQUALITY IN RURAL AREAS?



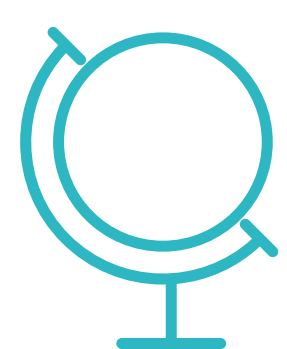
**836  
million**

People living  
in extreme poverty



**815  
million**

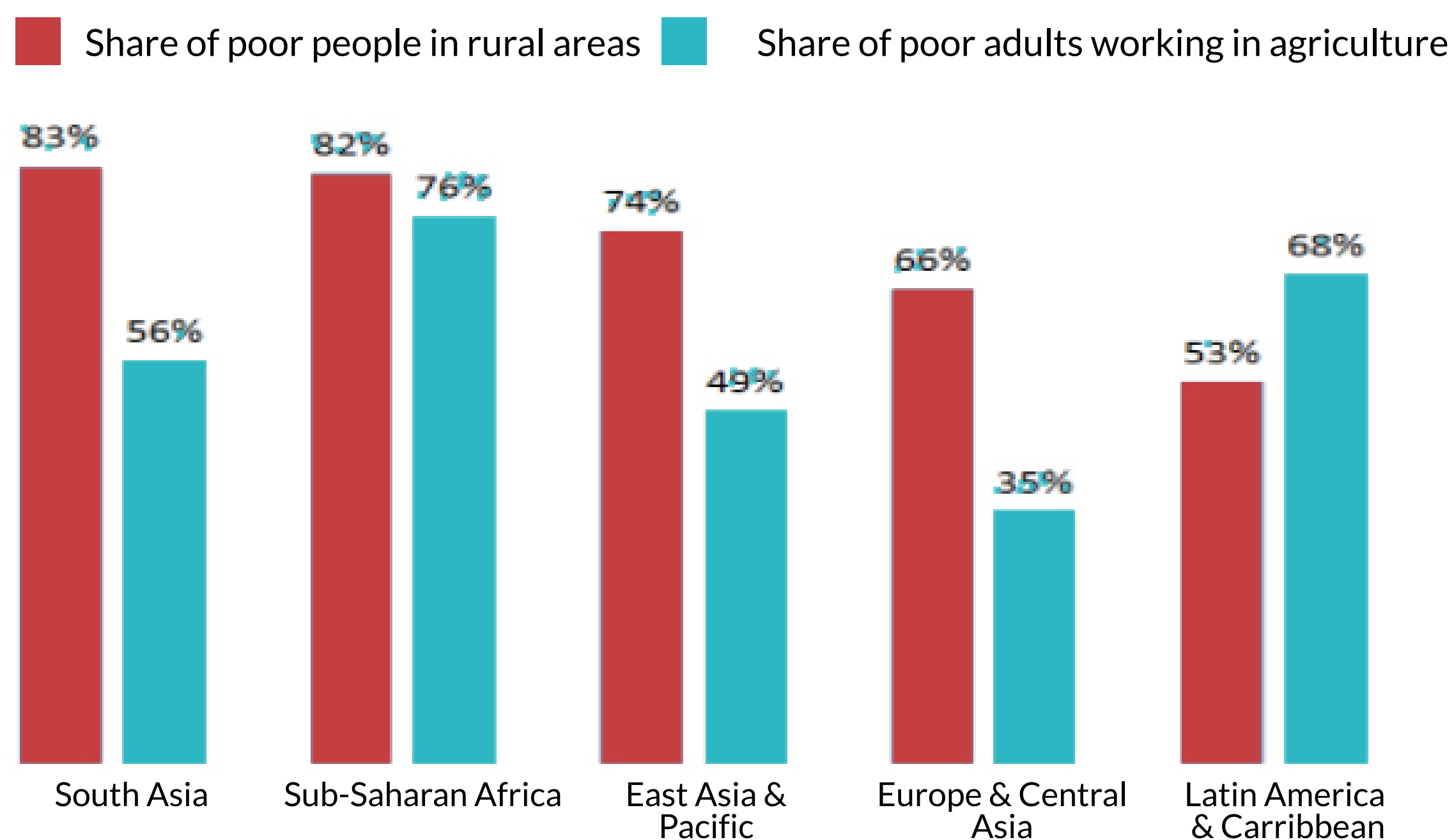
Number of undernourished  
people rose between 2015 and  
2016



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Extreme poor and food  
insecurity live in rural areas

#### Share of poor people in agriculture



#### CONFERENCE APPROACHES

Despite the many interventions designed to reduce rural poverty, few have measured their impact on **reducing inequalities within rural areas**

This conference seeks to examine approaches to rural poverty reduction that have had a **redistributive** impact on four main areas of inequality in rural areas:



**Resources.** Rural poverty results from inequality in the access of groups, households and individuals to resources such as income, land, inputs, capital, education and public transfer payments.

**What resources need to be redistributed, to what extent and how?**



**Resilience.** The rural poor often lack the ability to cope with environmental degradation, climate change, economic shocks and risks.

**How to redistribute risk to eliminate the "double punishment" of the most vulnerable?**



**Relationships.** Social relationships are a key determinant of an individual's ability to access resources and cope with shocks. Unequal power relationships tend to underlie other inequalities, particularly for women, youth and indigenous peoples.

**How can relationships be rebalanced so that those "left behind" count, are recognized and have voice?**



**Rights.** Political rights and voice, ensured through the enactment and enforcement of laws and policies, are fundamental if rural **poverty is to be truly eradicated**. Marginalized groups such as women, youth and indigenous peoples face particular challenges in asserting their rights.

**How can policies, laws and rights serve as a remedy and means of institutionalizing equality?**

## EXPERTS WILL DISCUSS HOW REDISTRIBUTION CAN RESULT IN SUSTAINED POVERTY REDUCTION IN RURAL AREAS



### APPROACHES AND THEORIES OF CHANGE

Examining the impact on inequality and poverty reduction of different development approaches.



### MEASUREMENT AND DATA

Sharing methods for measuring rural inequality and resulting data from research and development interventions.



### FINDINGS AND LESSONS

Discussing findings from evaluations and research on effective approaches and verified factors that contribute to or exacerbate disparities in rural areas.

## CONFERENCE PURPOSE

### OBJECTIVES

- Identify effective approaches to overcoming disparities in rural areas that contribute to SDGs 1, 2, 5 and 10 and means for evaluating them.
- Identify concrete actions or interventions that will bend the curve towards equitable growth as a means of reducing rural poverty.
- Learn how evaluations can contribute to reducing inequality in rural areas and to draw lessons for designing policies and projects.

### DISCUSSANTS

- Experts on rural poverty and inequality from development agencies, academia, think tanks, the private sector, social movements, evaluation and policy institutions, as well as government representatives.
- Discussants will have specialist knowledge in at least one of the thematic issues, experience in monitoring and evaluation, or play a significant role in promoting the evaluability of rural inequalities.



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