



Progress on CGE Modeling and Role in CGIAR Impact Assessment

**Impact of Agricultural Productivity Growth for Poverty
Reduction in Ethiopia and Ghana and Nutrition in Yemen**

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Recent Achievements in Poverty Reduction

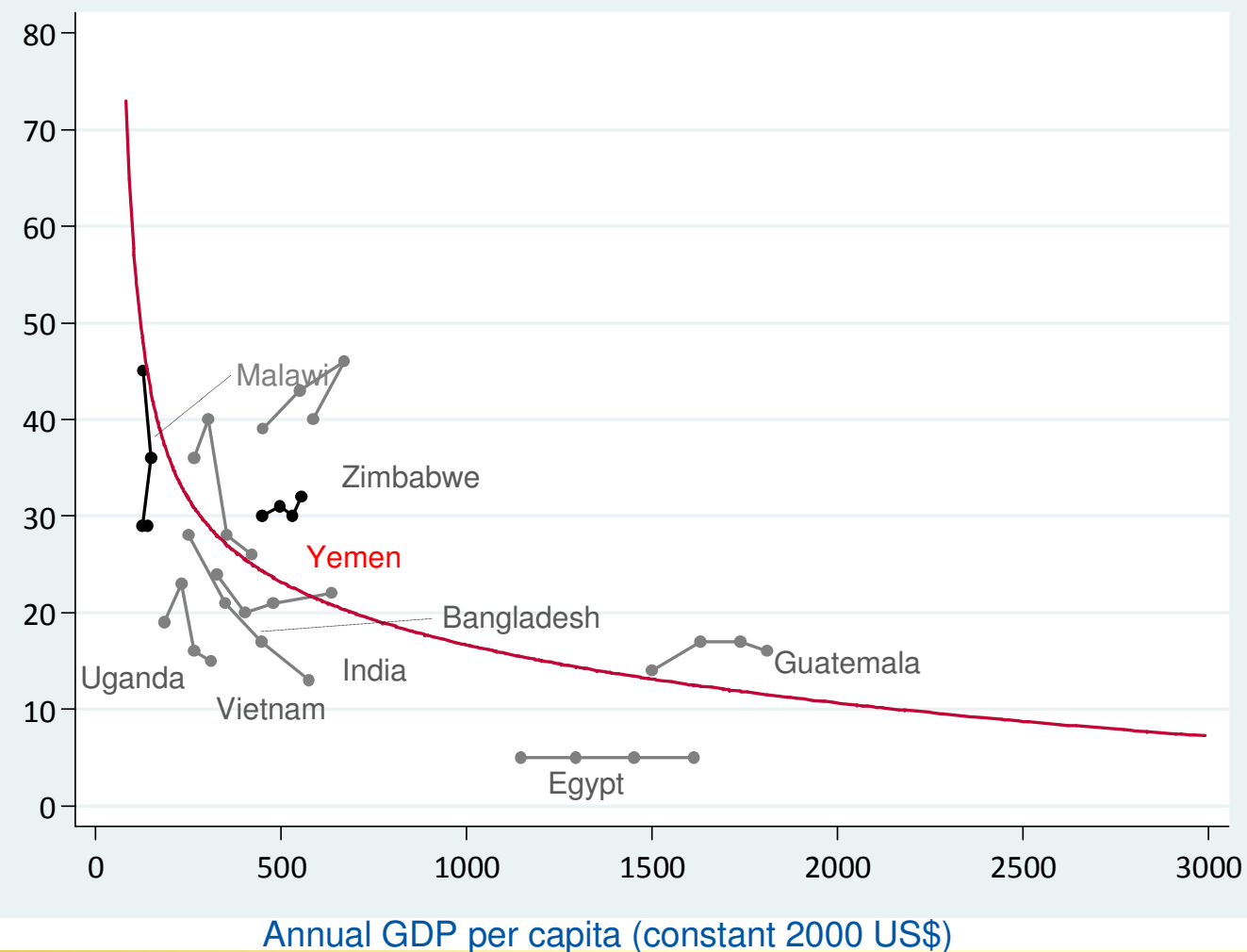
Ethiopia			
	1995/1996	1999/2000	2004/2005
National	45.5	44.2	38.7
Rural	47.5	45.4	39.3
Urban	33.2	36.9	35.1
Ghana			
	1991/1992	1998/1999	2005/2006
National	51.7	39.5	28.5
Rural	63.6	49.5	39.2
Urban	27.7	19.4	10.8

Sources: National poverty data calculated from two countries' living standard surveys in the respective years

- **Ghana will achieve MDG1 several years before 2015.**
- **Ethiopia is unlikely to, based on 1995 – 2004 trends. However, growth has started to accelerate in recent years.**

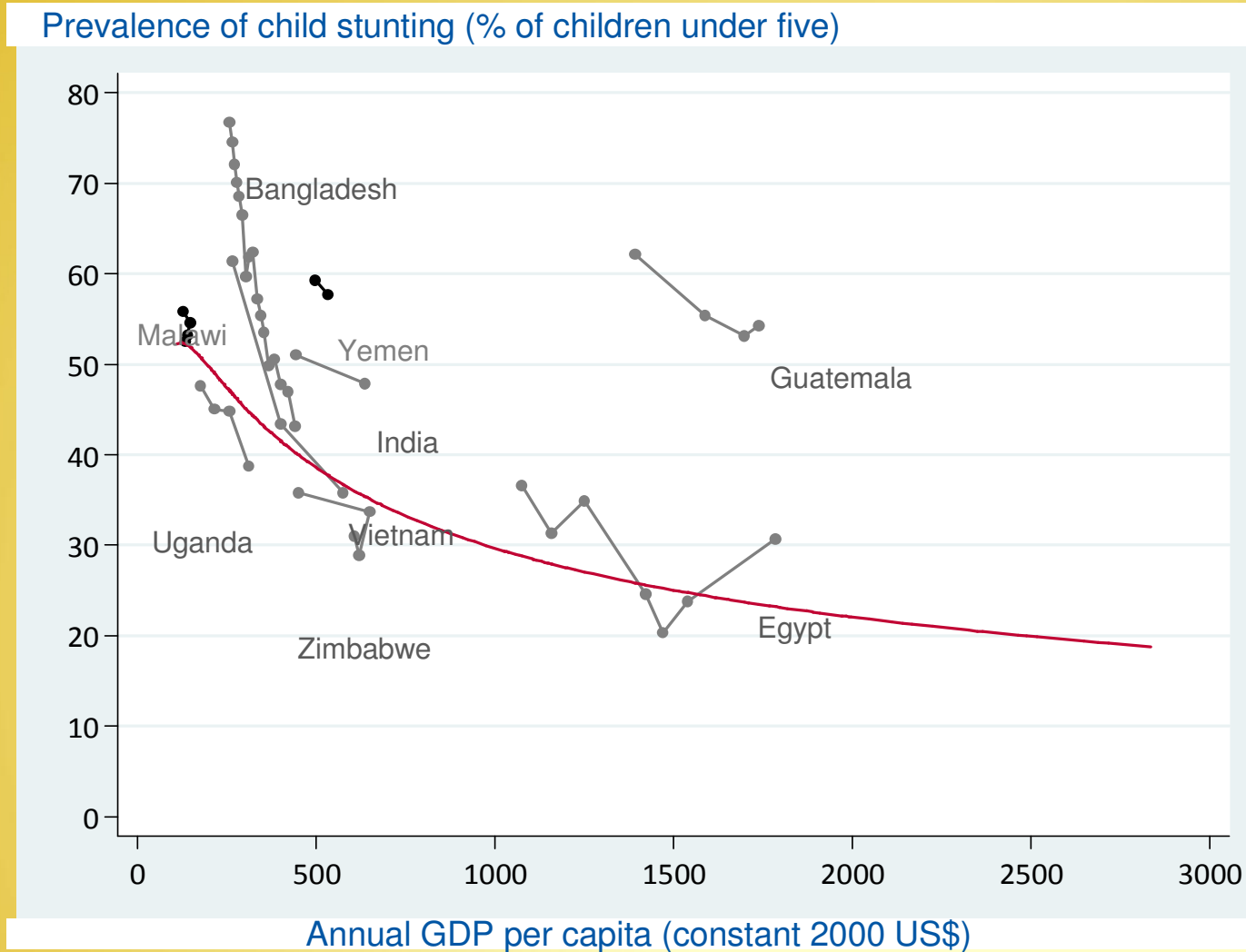
Global Nutrition-Growth Trend

Proportion of undernourished people (% of population)



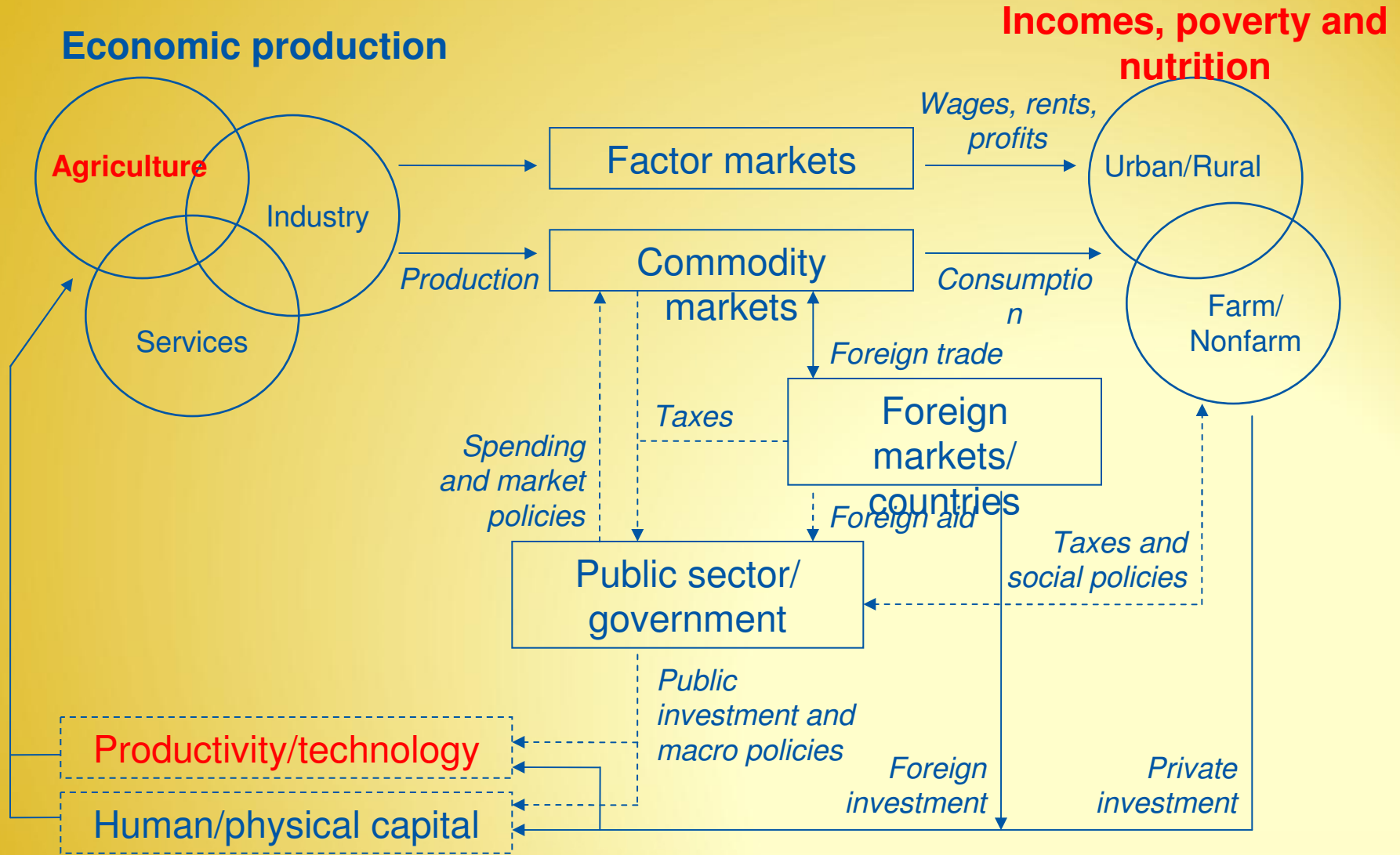
Source: World Development Indicator (WDI) database (World Bank), accessed Nov. 2010.

Global Child Malnutrition-Growth Trend



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What is agricultural productivity's role in poverty reduction and nutrition?

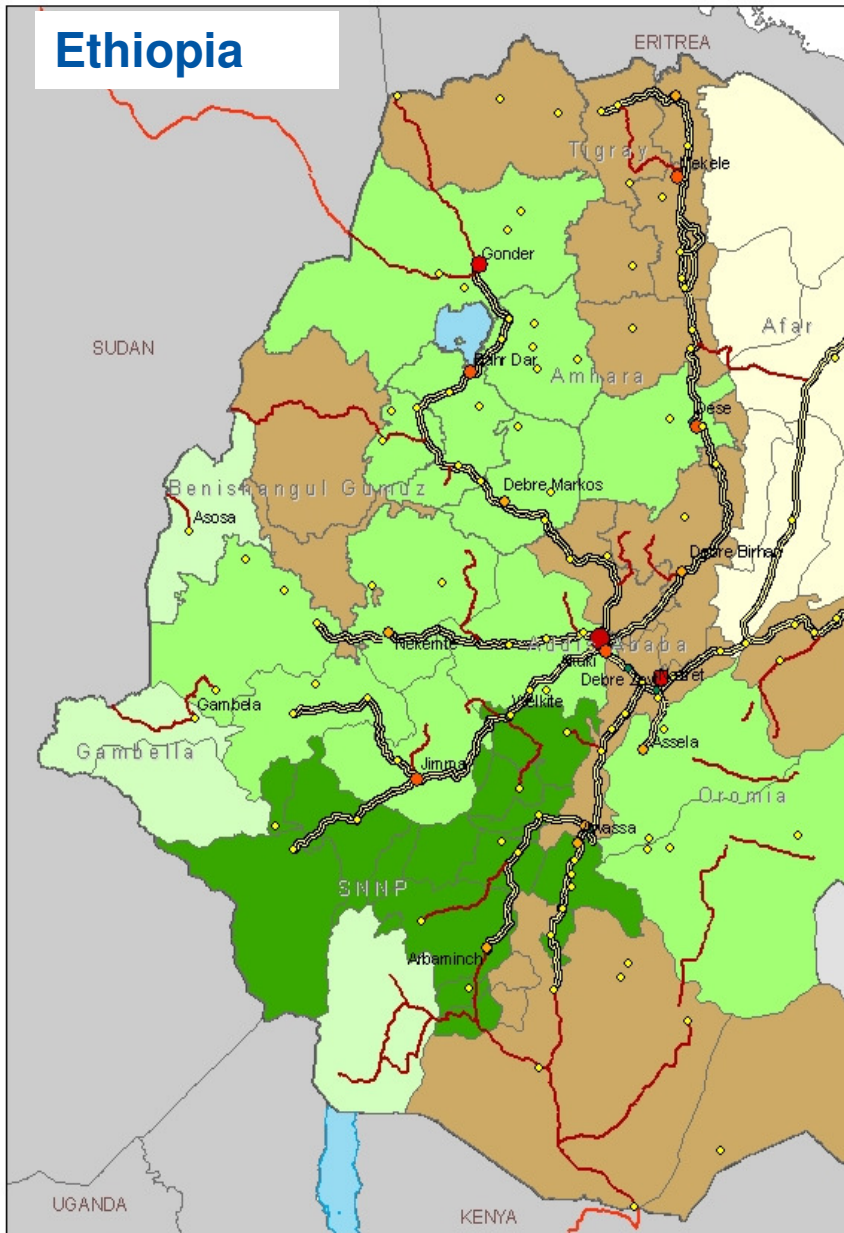


A Macro-Micro Linkage Method

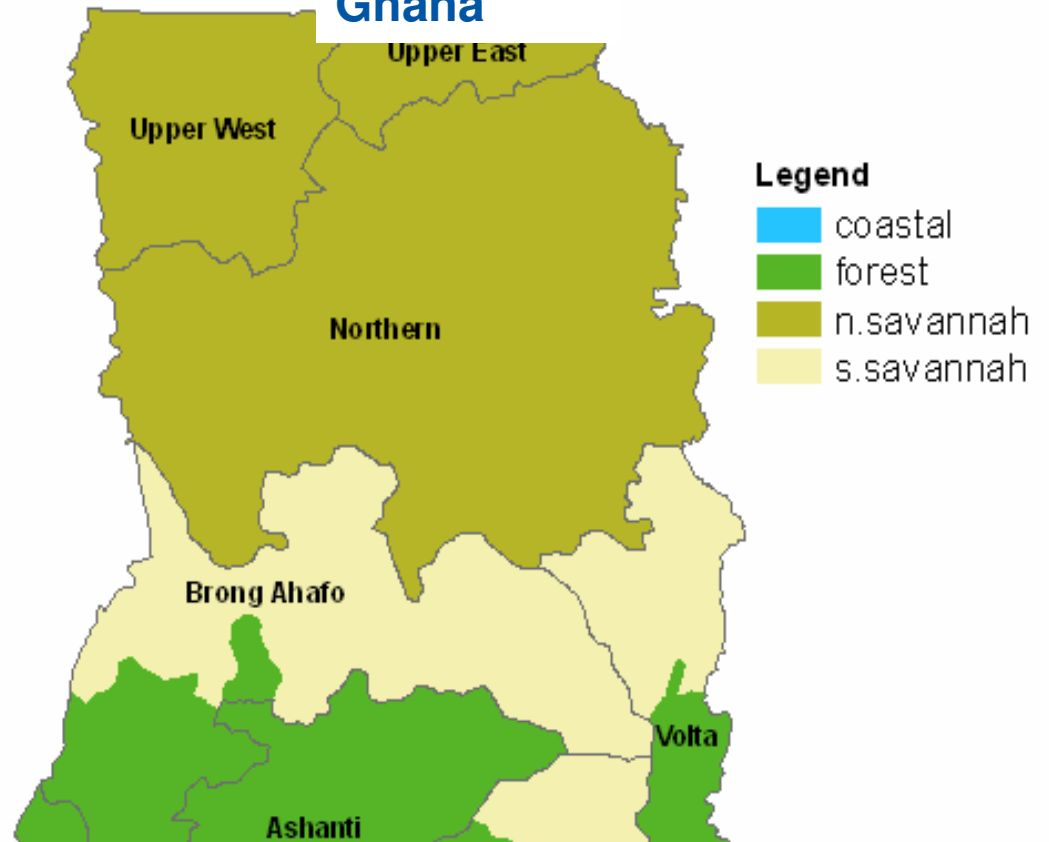
- The **dynamic CGE** models with **spatially disaggregated, detailed agricultural** production and highly disaggregated household data, for example according to **gender**
- The **microsimulation** models defined for all sample households in the most recent country living standard surveys (Ethiopia: HICE 2005; Ghana: GLSS5 2005/06, Yemen 2005/06)
- Macro-to-micro link to measure the **poverty** (example Ethiopia, Ghana) **and under- nutrition effect** (Yemen)
- **Forward looking** scenarios to simulate accelerated **agricultural growth and other options** using the dynamic CGE models

Agriculture and Households in the CGE Model

Ethiopia



Ghana



- 28 agricultural sectors disaggregated by 4 agro-ecological zones
- 42 nonagricultural sectors
- 90 representative households by rural and urban, zones, and 10 decile groups



Growth scenarios (based on potential)

Ethiopia:

- 1. Cereal-led growth:**
 - Additional TFP growth in 5 cereals only
- 2. Export-led growth:**
 - Additional TFP growth in 7 export crops only
 - Additional land expansion for export crops
- 3. Livestock-led growth:**
 - Additional TFP growth in 4 livestock sectors only
- 4. Agriculture-led growth:**
 - Combination of 1-3
- 5. Nonagriculture-led growth**
 - Additional TFP growth in the private nonagricultural sectors
- 6. Combined growth:**
 - Combination of 4 and 5

Ghana:

- 1. Staple-led growth:**
 - Additional TFP growth in 20 staple crops and livestock only
- 2. Export-led growth:**
 - Additional TFP growth in 6 export crops only
 - Additional land expansion for export crops
- 3. Agriculture-led growth:**
 - Combination of 1 and 2
- 4. Industry-led growth**
 - Additional TFP growth in the industrial sectors excluding mining
- 5. Service-led growth**
 - Additional TFP growth in the private service sectors
- 6. Combined growth:**
 - Combination of 3 - 5

Yemen: Phasing out of petroleum subsidies

Simulation Results of Ethiopia CGE Model – Annual Growth

		<i>Growth led by</i>					
	Base-run	Cereals	Export agriculture	Livestock	All agriculture	Non agriculture	Combined
GDP	6.1	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.8	7.2	7.8
AgGDP	4.2	4.8	4.5	4.7	5.9	4.4	6.0
Cereals	4.8	6.6	4.8	4.8	6.7	4.8	6.7
Export crops	5.0	5.0	7.6	5.0	7.6	5.0	7.6
Livestock	3.9	4.0	3.9	5.6	5.7	4.0	5.8
NonagGDP	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.5	7.6	9.2
Manufacturing	7.7	7.6	7.7	7.8	7.7	9.7	10.0
Agro-processing	6.9	6.9	7.0	6.9	7.1	8.4	8.7
Private services	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.0	8.1	10.0	10.0

Simulation Result of Ghana CGE Model – Annual Growth

		<i>Growth led by</i>					
	Base-run	Staples	Export agriculture	All agriculture	Industry	Private services	Combined
GDP	5.2	5.5	5.4	5.7	6.0	6.0	7.3
AgGDP	4.5	5.4	5.2	6.1	3.9	4.0	5.8
Cereals	4.9	6.6	4.8	6.6	3.9	4.7	6.9
Export crops	4.4	4.3	7.1	7.0	4.2	4.6	7.1
Livestock	5.9	6.8	6.6	6.3	6.5	6.4	8.4
Industry	5.0	4.9	4.8	4.8	7.8	5.0	7.8
Manufacturing	5.2	5.3	4.8	4.9	8.2	7.1	8.5
Services	6.1	6.2	6.1	6.1	6.1	8.4	8.2
Private services	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	9.4	9.3

Poverty Reduction Results through Macro-to-Micro Link: Ethiopia

		<i>Growth led by</i>					
	Base-run	Cereals	Export agriculture	Livestock	All agriculture	Non agriculture	Combined
Poverty rate by 2015							
National	28.6	26.1	28.1	27.9	24.8	27.0	23.9
Rural	29.6	27.0	29.2	29.0	25.6	27.5	24.4
Urban	23.5	22.1	22.9	22.5	20.7	24.5	21.5
Additional number of the poor lifted out poverty by 2015 from base-run (1,000)							
National		2,075	422	600	3,194	1,357	3,922
Rural		1,871	328	460	2,799	1,502	3,629
Urban		204	94	140	395	-145	294
Poverty-growth elasticity	-1.13	-1.40	-1.16	-1.16	-1.41	-1.05	-1.24

Note: poverty-growth elasticity is the ratio of % reduction in poverty rate over % change in GDP pc growth rate. Base-year (2008) national poverty rate is **37.3%** and **37.8%** for the rural.

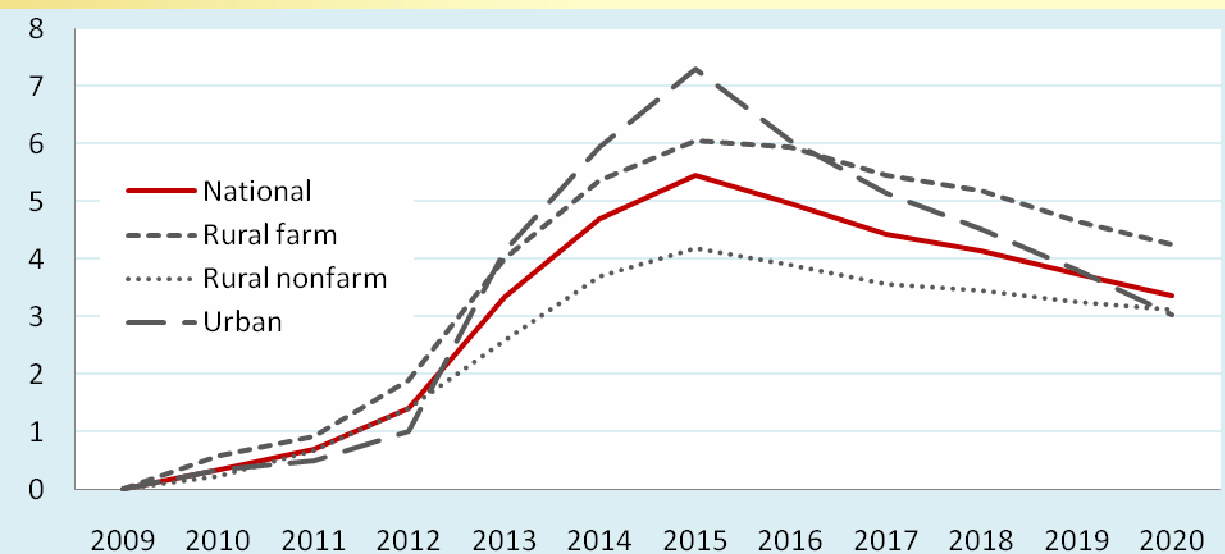
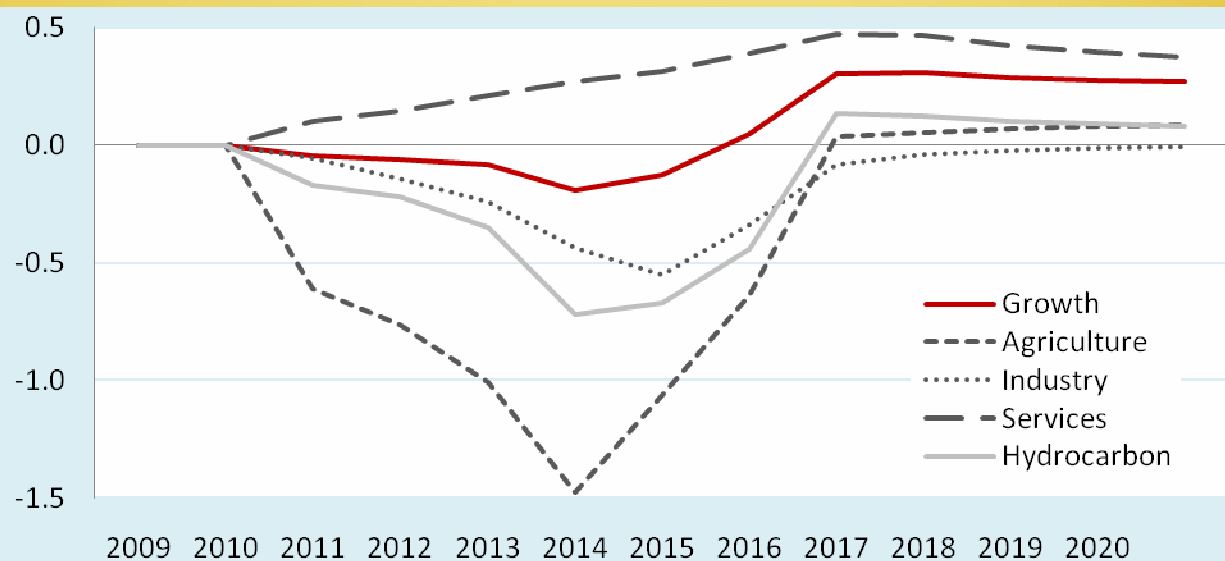
Poverty Reduction Results through Macro-to-Micro Link: Ghana

	<i>Growth led by</i>						
	Base-run	Staples	Export agriculture	All agriculture	Industry	Private services	Combined
Poverty rate by 2015							
National	20.2	19.1	19.3	18.3	20.3	19.7	16.3
Urban	7.6	7.1	7.4	7.1	7.1	6.6	5.6
Rural	29.6	28.0	28.3	26.7	30.0	29.3	24.2
North	58.1	56.3	58.0	56.1	61.7	61.1	53.1
Additional number of the poor lifted out poverty by 2015 from base-run (1,000)							
National		231.6	182.9	398.1	-17.4	108.5	799.8
Poverty-growth elasticity	-1.45	-1.62	-1.60	-1.71	-1.16	-1.30	-1.49

Note: Base-year (2007) national poverty rate is 28.5% and 39.2% for rural.

Example: Micro simulation nutrition: Phasing-out Fuel Subsidies in Yemen

- High negative effects without add. measures
- Agriculture will be hardest hit due to rising irrigation costs.
- Food insecurity will increase significantly.
- Reform frees ample fiscal resources.



Conclusion

- Agriculture, especially staple crops driven growth remain a main driver of growth and poverty reduction
- CGE models are good tools for capturing farm-non farm at **very disaggregate spatial and agricultural** sector levels and poverty effects
- Progress is made in the fields of linking growth on **nutritional outcomes**, more research is needed
- CGE models can help integrate different impact assessment tools, for example **micro-level adaptation studies and farm-level models**
- Potential **WIN-WIN** situation of CGIAR Impact assessment and pushing the research frontier in integrating different levels of analysis

Measuring and assessing the poverty impacts of the diffusion of improved maize varieties in Africa: A proposal jointly submitted to SPIA-Bioversity by CIMMYT, IFPRI, Uni. of Life Sciences (UMB), Norway

- Existing maize variety **adoption and productivity change probabilities** are **econometrically** estimated across different household groups in the three major maize growing countries (Ethiopia, Malawi and Zambia)
- This information is used in the CGE model developed for each country in **modeling productivity change in maize sector** over time (through an adoption curve).
- **Maize sector is further disaggregated** according to technology adoption, use of different seed varieties and relevant inputs (fertilizer). Country level different policies on seed and input delivery systems are considered.
- The CGE model allows to study both the direct and indirect effects and various linkages exist between the farm and non-farm economies. Combining CGE model outputs with information from published household living standard surveys on the distribution of **poverty and malnutrition** allows for assessing impacts on poverty and malnutrition



Other

Remarks on Ghana and Ethiopia results

- No single sector has a dominant role in all aspects along the development process:
 - Staple-led growth is more effective in poverty reduction through its strong consumption linkage effect, while high productivity in staple production will release labor and has limitation in job creation
 - Export-agriculture-led growth increases labor demand, while the size of the sector is rather small
- Avoid to favor a few selected staple crops or livestock products to mitigate price effect
- Importance of concurrent growth of agriculture and non-agriculture for stabilizing agricultural prices
- Pay attention to the rising food price accompanied by accelerated nonagricultural growth, which has become more important in these days
- Pay attention to urban poor, which has become increasingly important