Political Economy of Conflict and Food Security

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Linkages and Feedbacks

1. Food insecurity and extremist/rebel recruitment
2. Livelihood insecurity and communal conflicts
3. Agricultural policy, food prices, and urban unrest
Key takeaways

1. Negative feedbacks: food insecurity exacerbates conflict, which further exacerbates food insecurity and affects linked economies and food systems

2. Effects vary across conflict types; policy responses to one type may exacerbate other types

3. Knowledge gaps in how agricultural transformations lead to knowledge-intensive development

4. Agricultural development policies must be conflict-sensitive, but also politically-sensitive

5. Tensions between the “two food securities”