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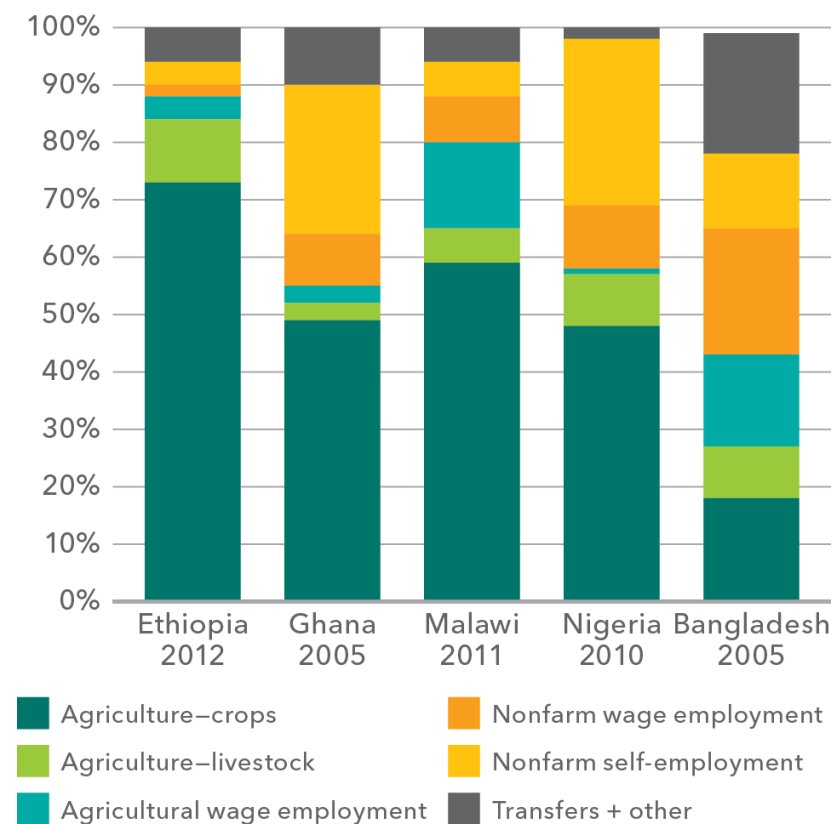
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Agriculture is at the heart of revitalizing rural areas

- Africa's economies are transforming, but **agriculture is still the main income source** for most rural households
- **Africa needs more and better jobs** for young rural women and men
- Fortunately, **food demand is growing**, driven by urban consumers, **creating new job opportunities** in rural areas

Share of income-generating activities in total rural household income, by country

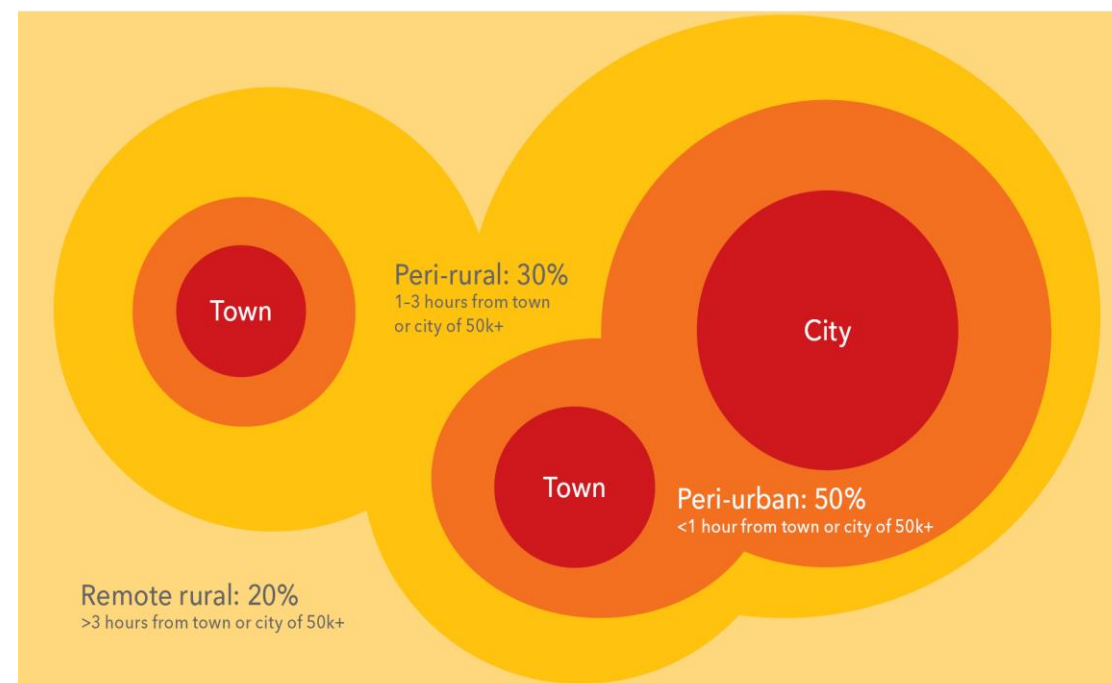


Source: Davis et al. (2017)

Policies for rural revitalization and employment

- Most rural Africans live close to cities, but **need government support** to access market opportunities:
- **Nest rural employment strategies** in broader development strategies
- **Modernize and diversify agriculture** to promote youth employment
- **Invest in basic services and human capital** to spur rural nonfarm economy

Population of peri-urban, peri-rural, and remote rural areas in Sub-Saharan Africa, 2015



Source: Dorosh and Thurlow (forthcoming)