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The Emerging “Quiet Revolution” in African Agrifood Systems: Challenges for Mozambique

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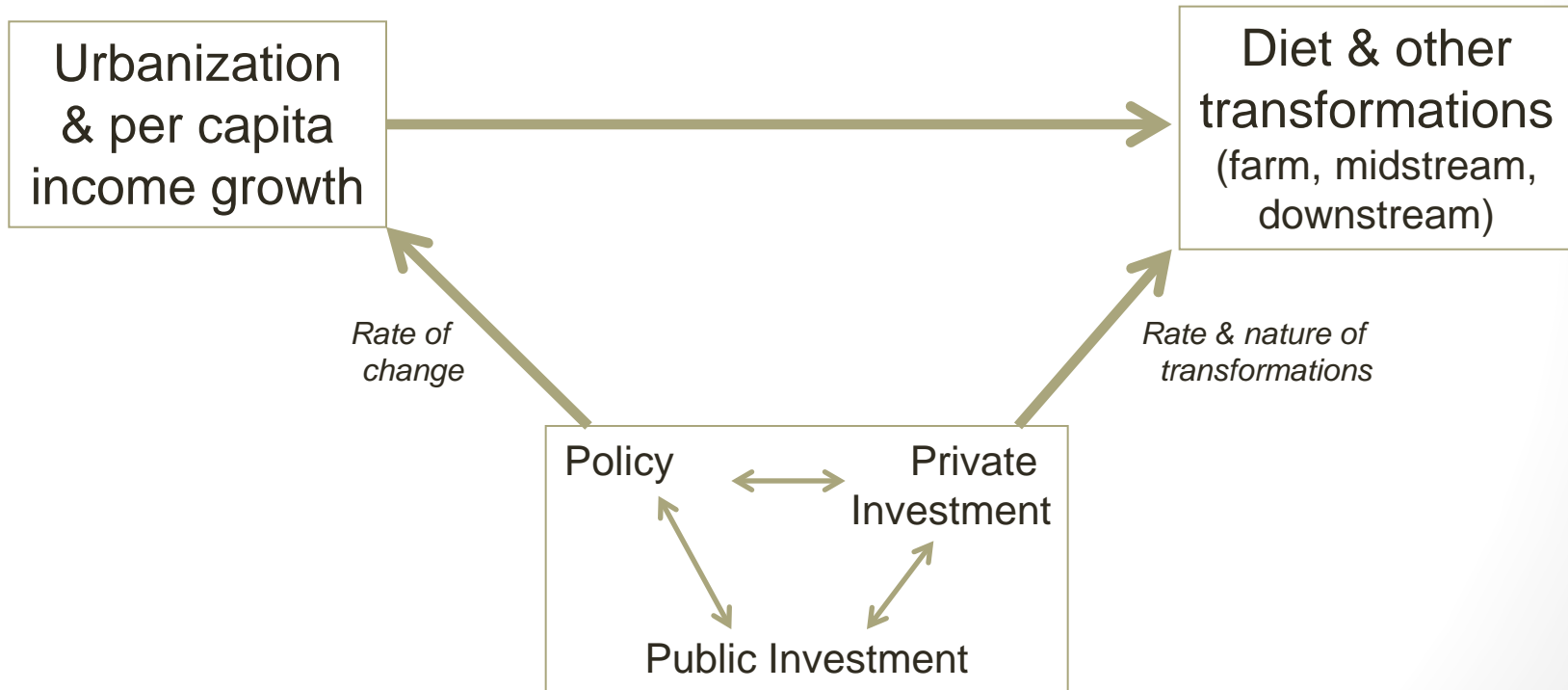
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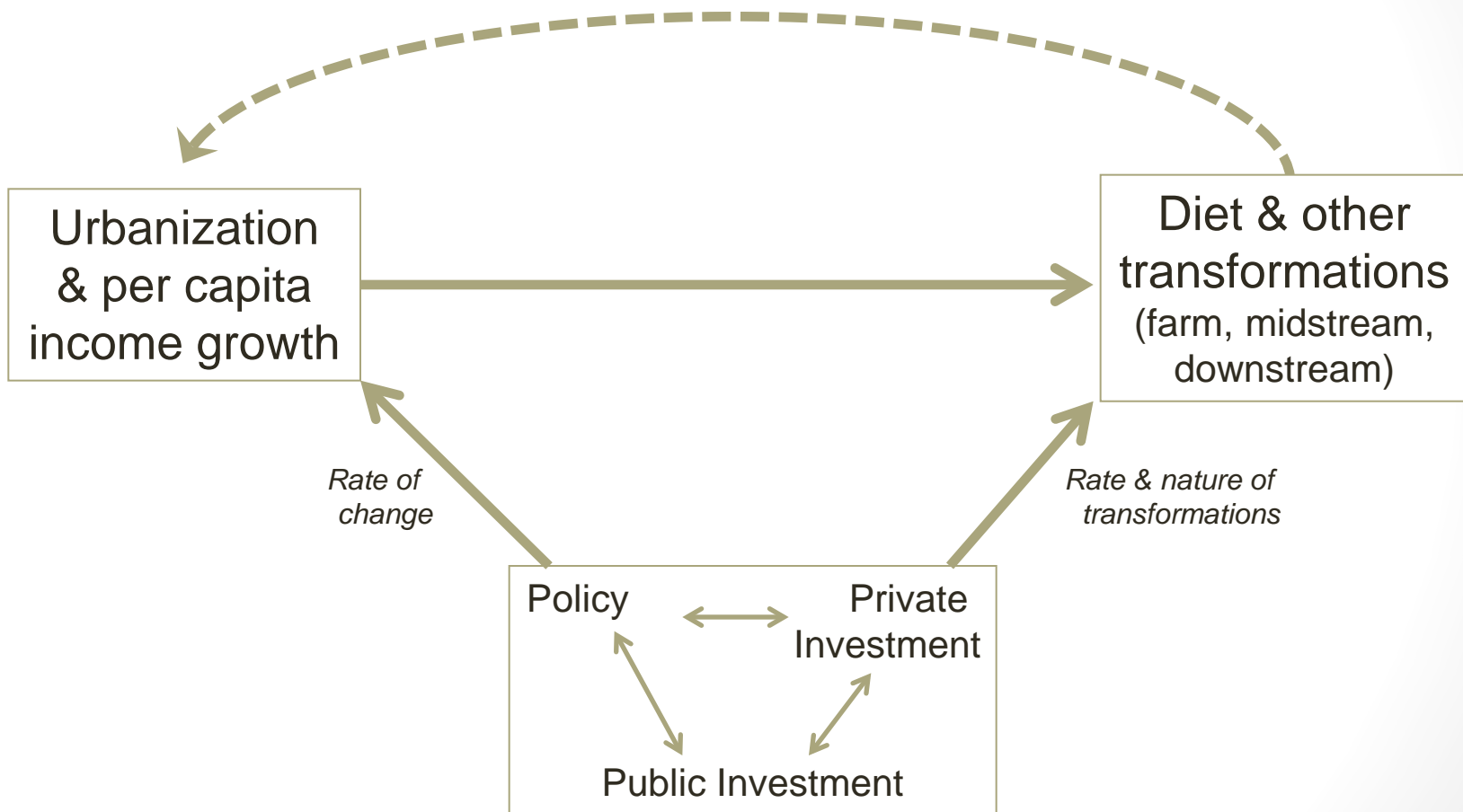
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Approach (2)

- Focus primarily on East and Southern Africa
 - LSMS data from Ethiopia, Uganda, Tanzania, Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia
- Mozambique's characteristics fit very well into the regional picture
- Possible exceptions / differences
 - Pattern of urban population settlement
 - Import dependence now and moving forward

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- African urbanization
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Urbanization

- Africa is urbanizing rapidly
- Occurring more rapidly in smaller cities and towns than in large cities
 - Good for rural-urban linkages
 - Mozambique has the most deconcentrated urban population distribution in SSA
 - ***Major potential advantage***
- Urban demand is already > 50% of the food market in ESA
- ***Food security – including rural – is increasingly about rural-urban supply chains***

Income growth

- Widely known that growth has been much faster over past 15 years
- Its distribution across HHs in ESA – the equity of growth in the region - has been:
 - Generally unequal, but
 - Highly variable, and
 - Overall, broad enough to drive rapid transformation if it continues

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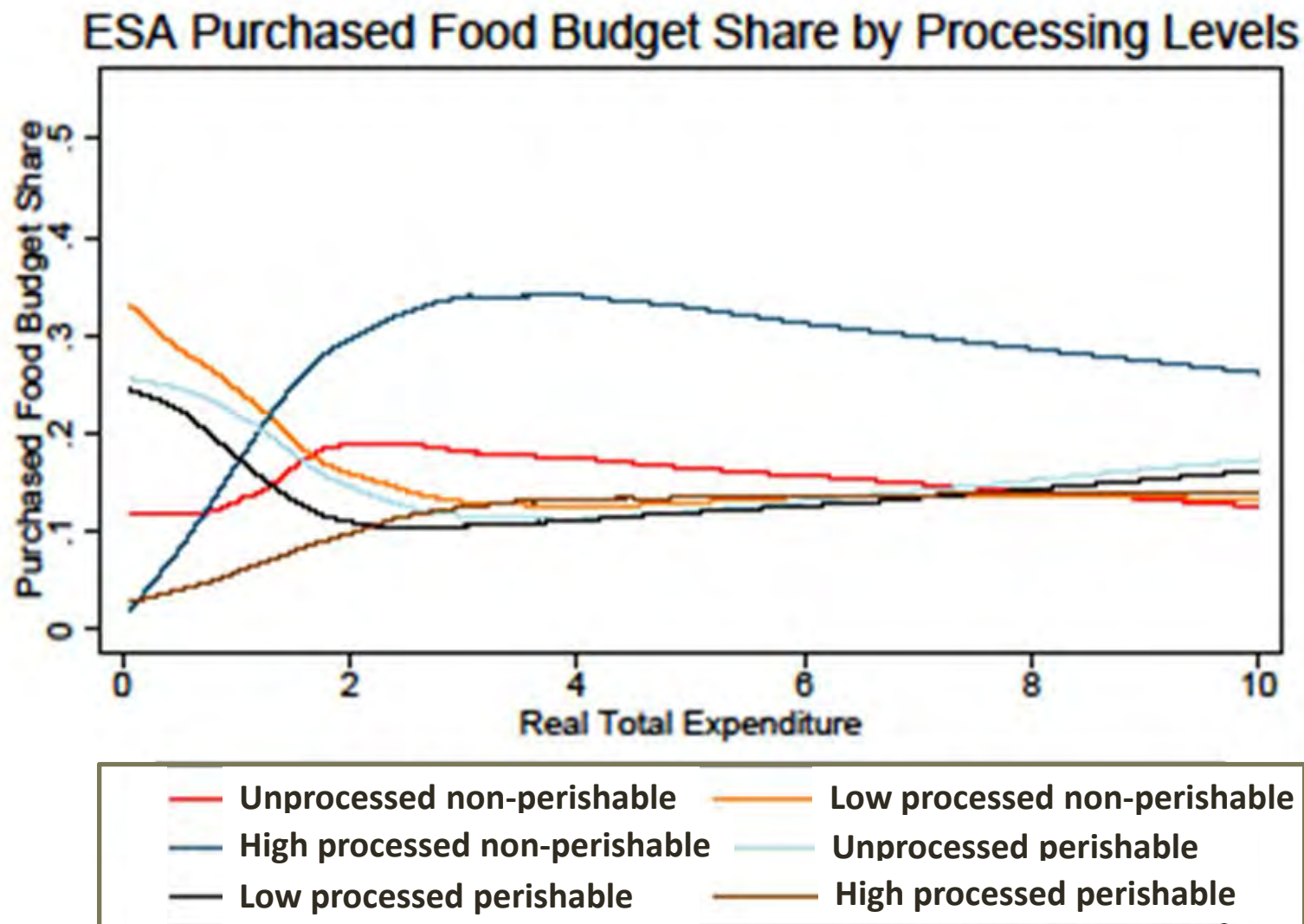
The rise of processed foods

	Unprocessed	Processed, Low Value Added	Processed, High Value Added
Non-perishable	Legumes Maize grain others	Maize meal Milled Rice Sugar Others	Veg oils Breads Food away from home Others
Perishable	Vegetables Fresh fish Fruit Others	Beef Other meat (incl. poultry) Dried/pkgd fish Others	Food away from home Dairy Others

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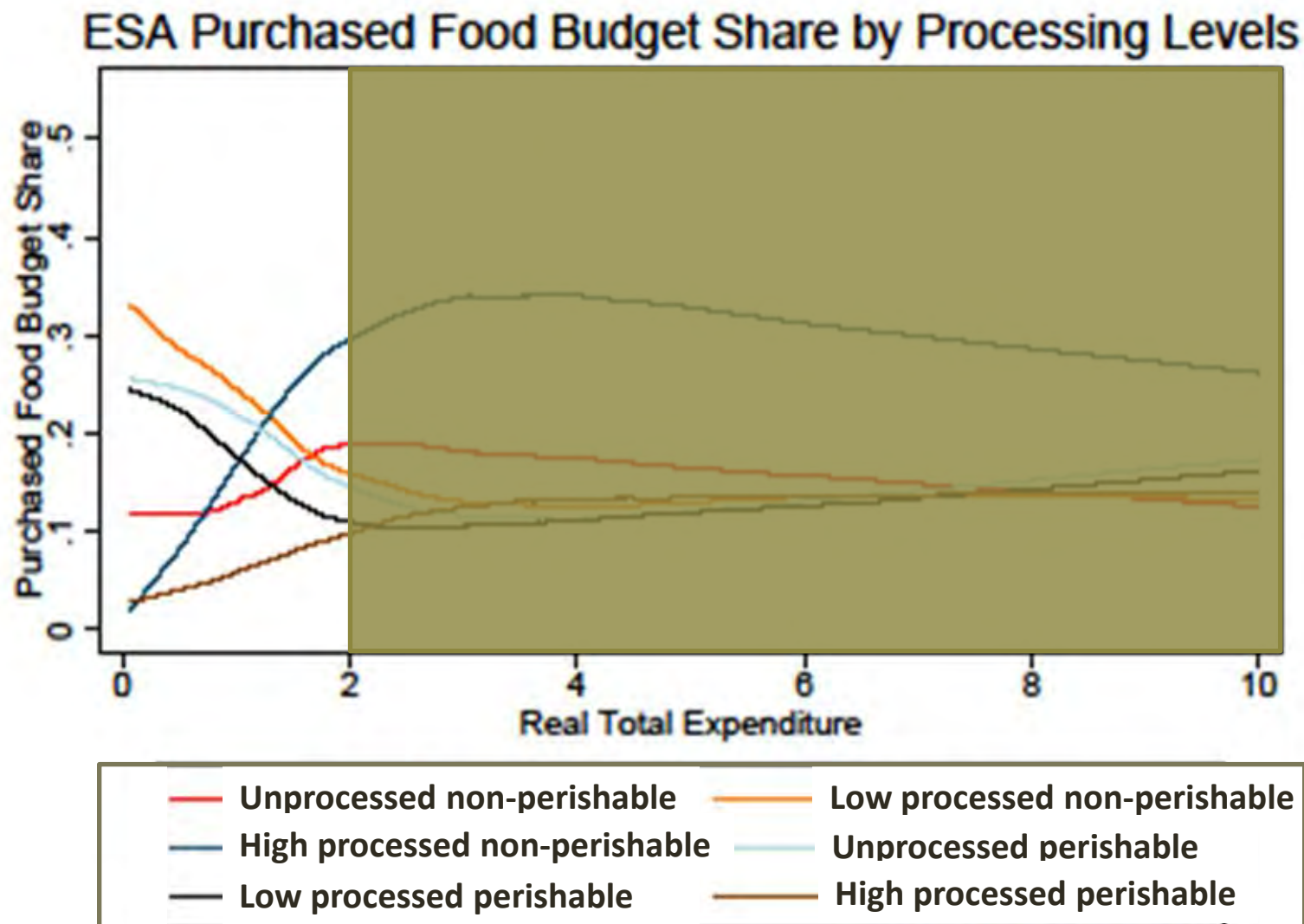
- Processed foods have penetrated
 - Deeply (69% share of all purchased food)
 - Broadly
 - comparable in rural- and urban areas,
 - among poor and upper class
- Dramatic change in consumption patterns below the international poverty line

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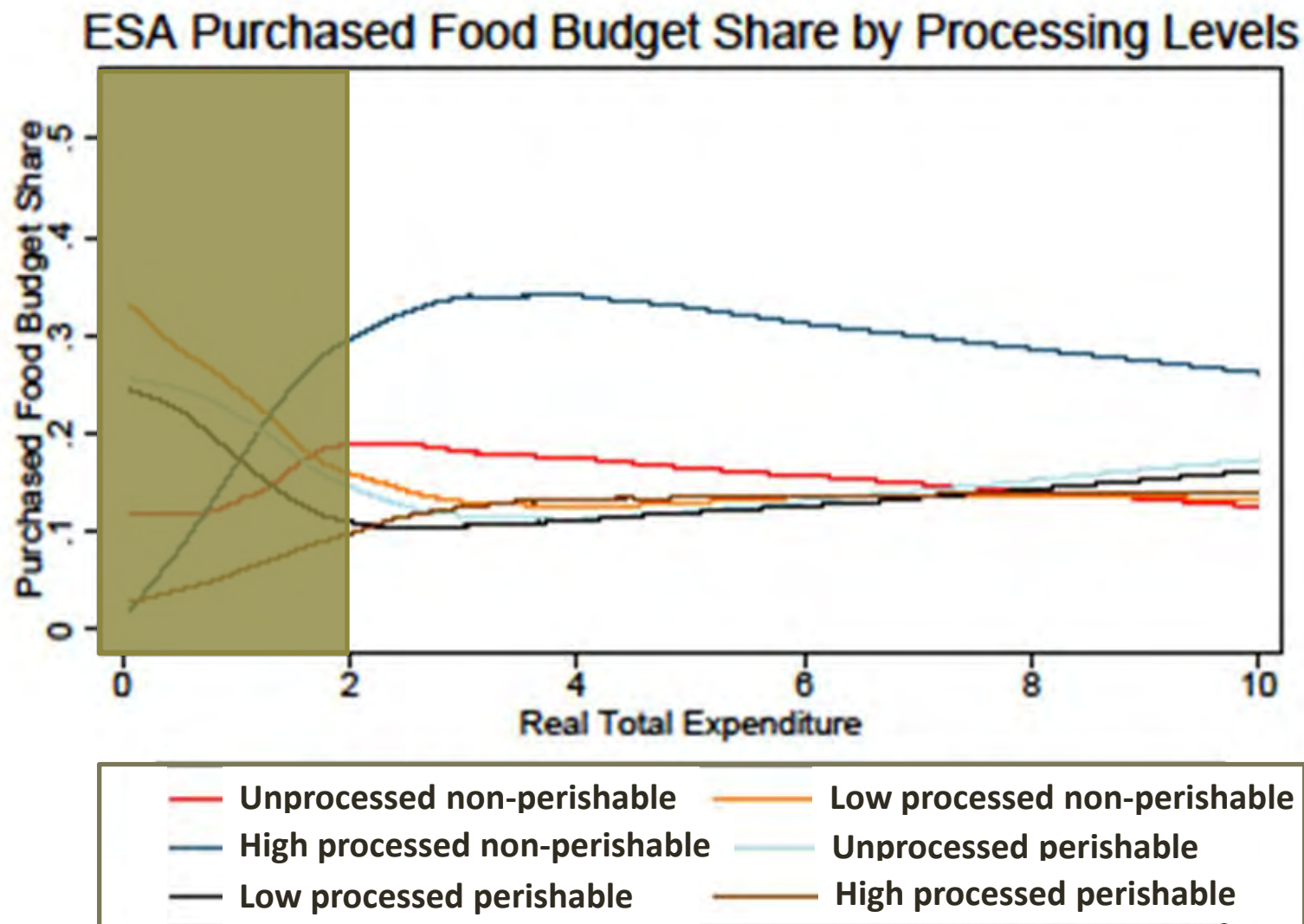
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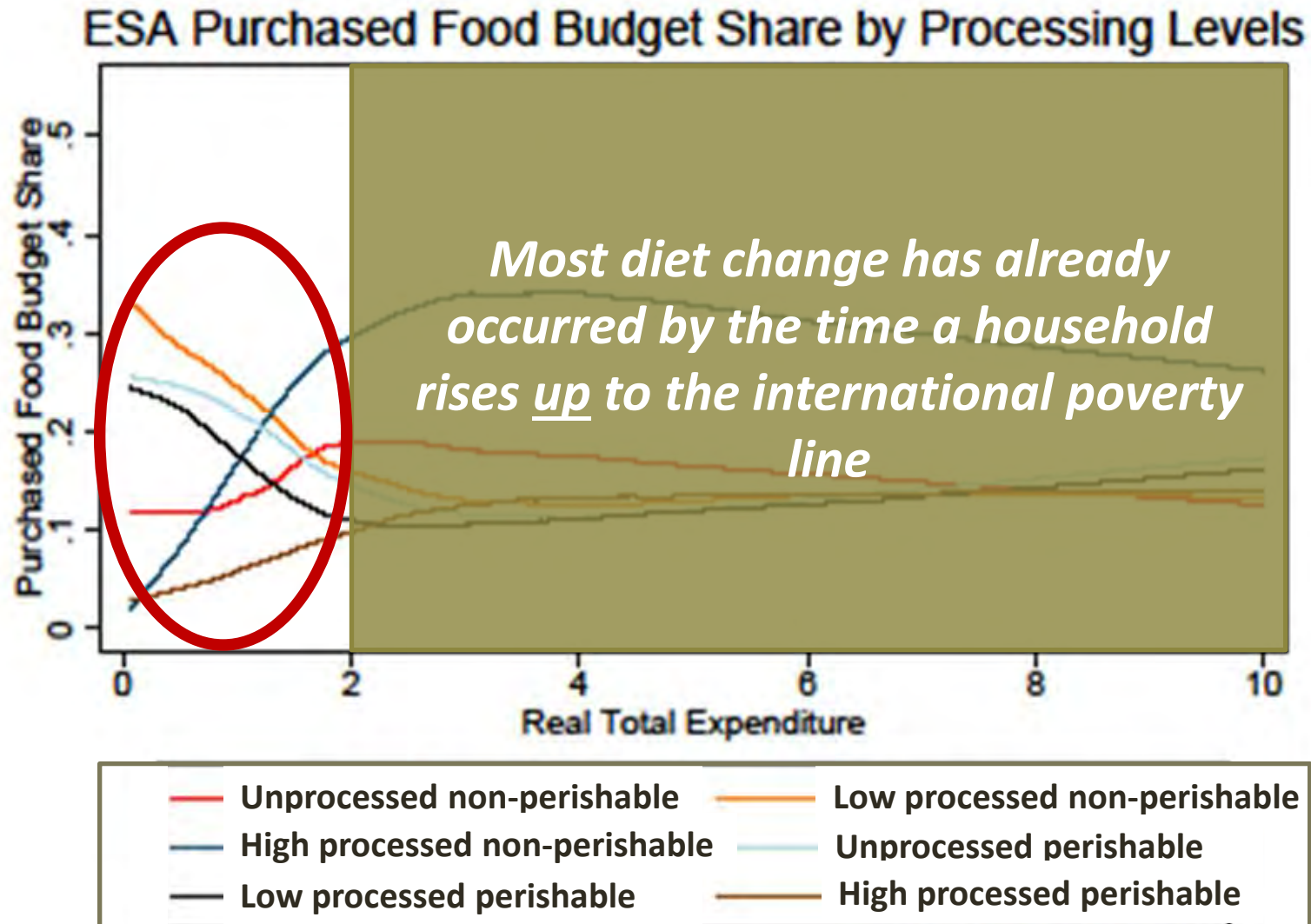
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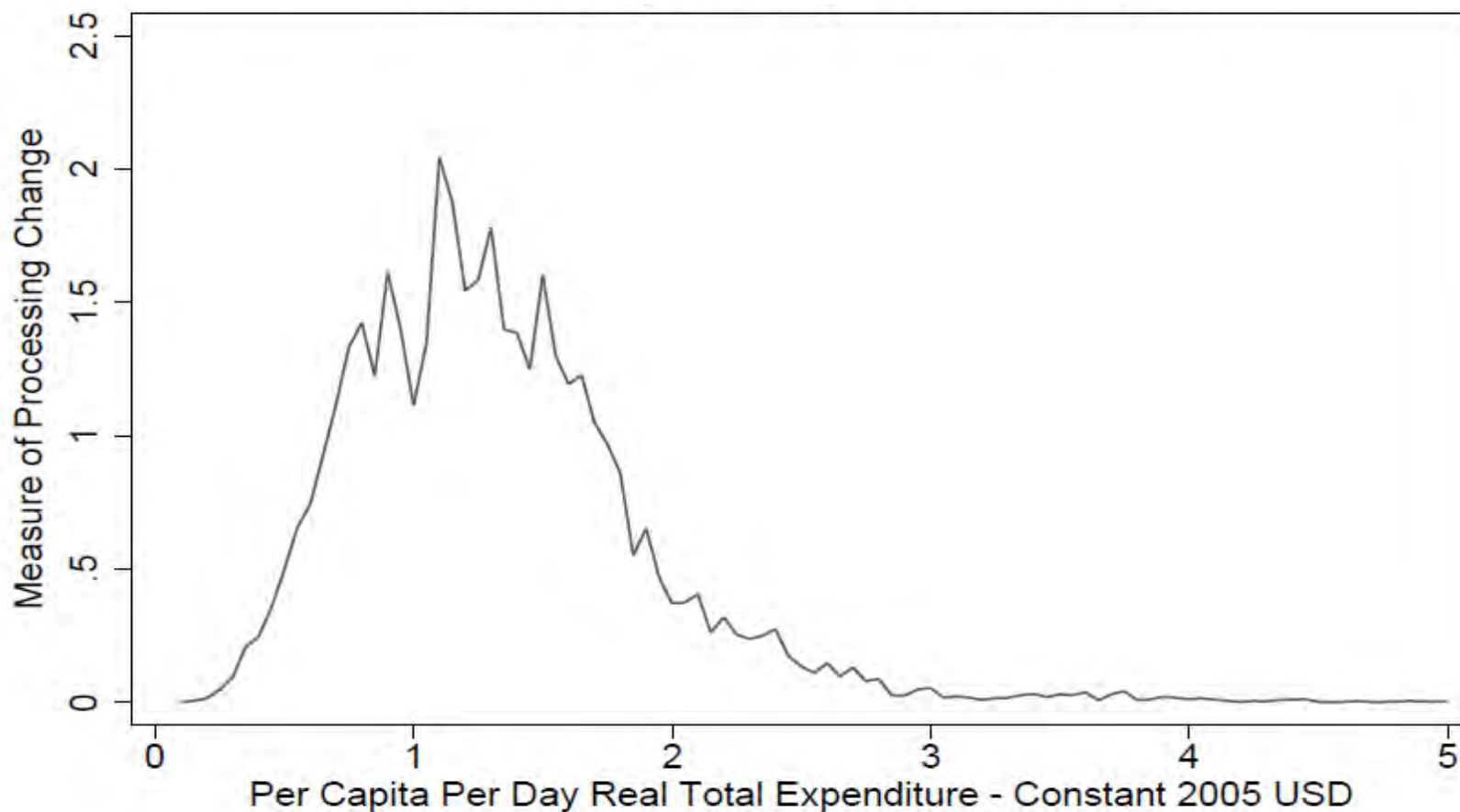


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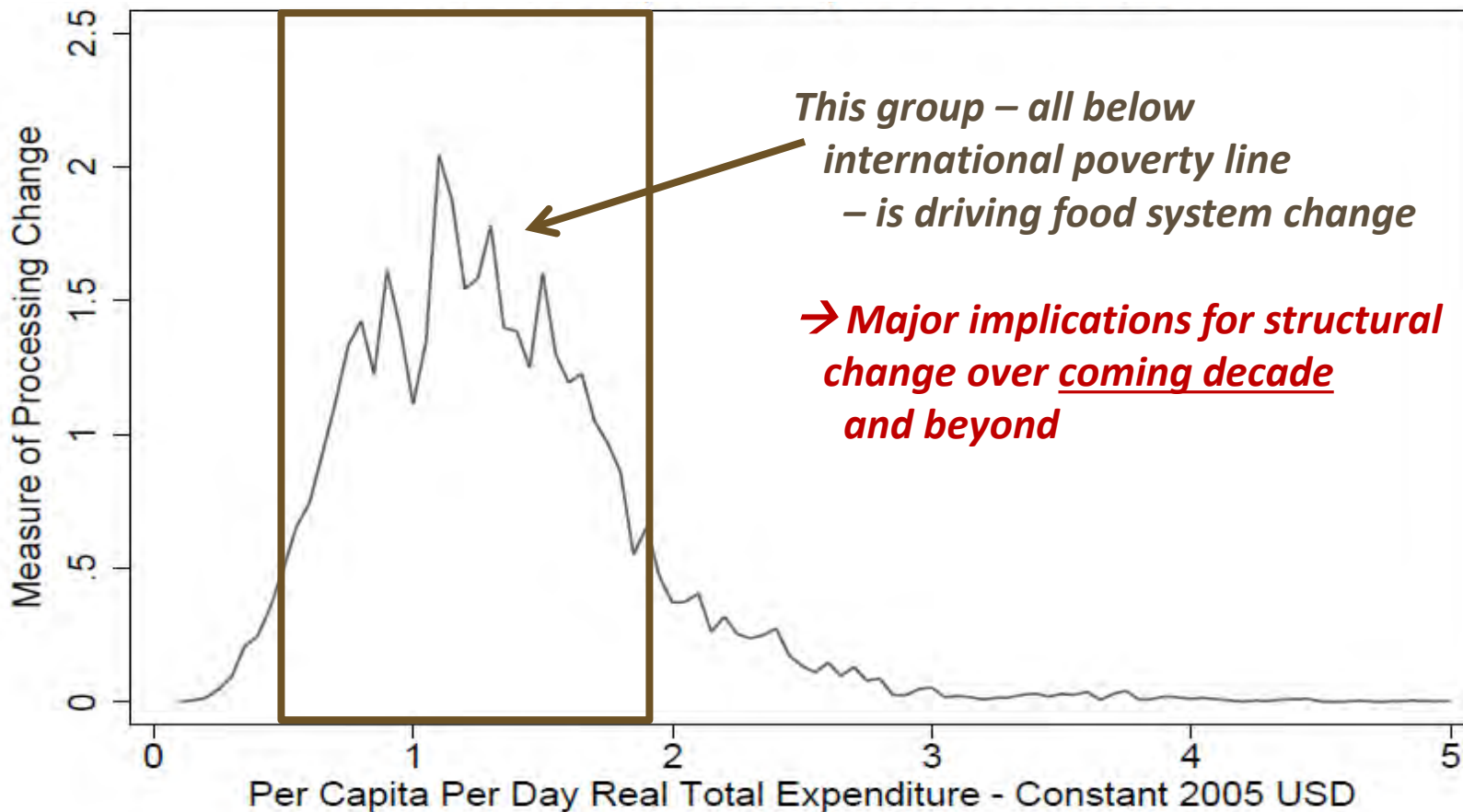


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Food Category	Rural	Urban	ESA-Wide
Consumed own production	0.95	0.39	0.82
Non-perishable			
Unprocessed	0.81	0.55	0.75
Processed Low	0.87	0.70	0.83
Processed High	1.07	1.00	1.05
Perishable			
Unprocessed	0.73	0.80	0.75
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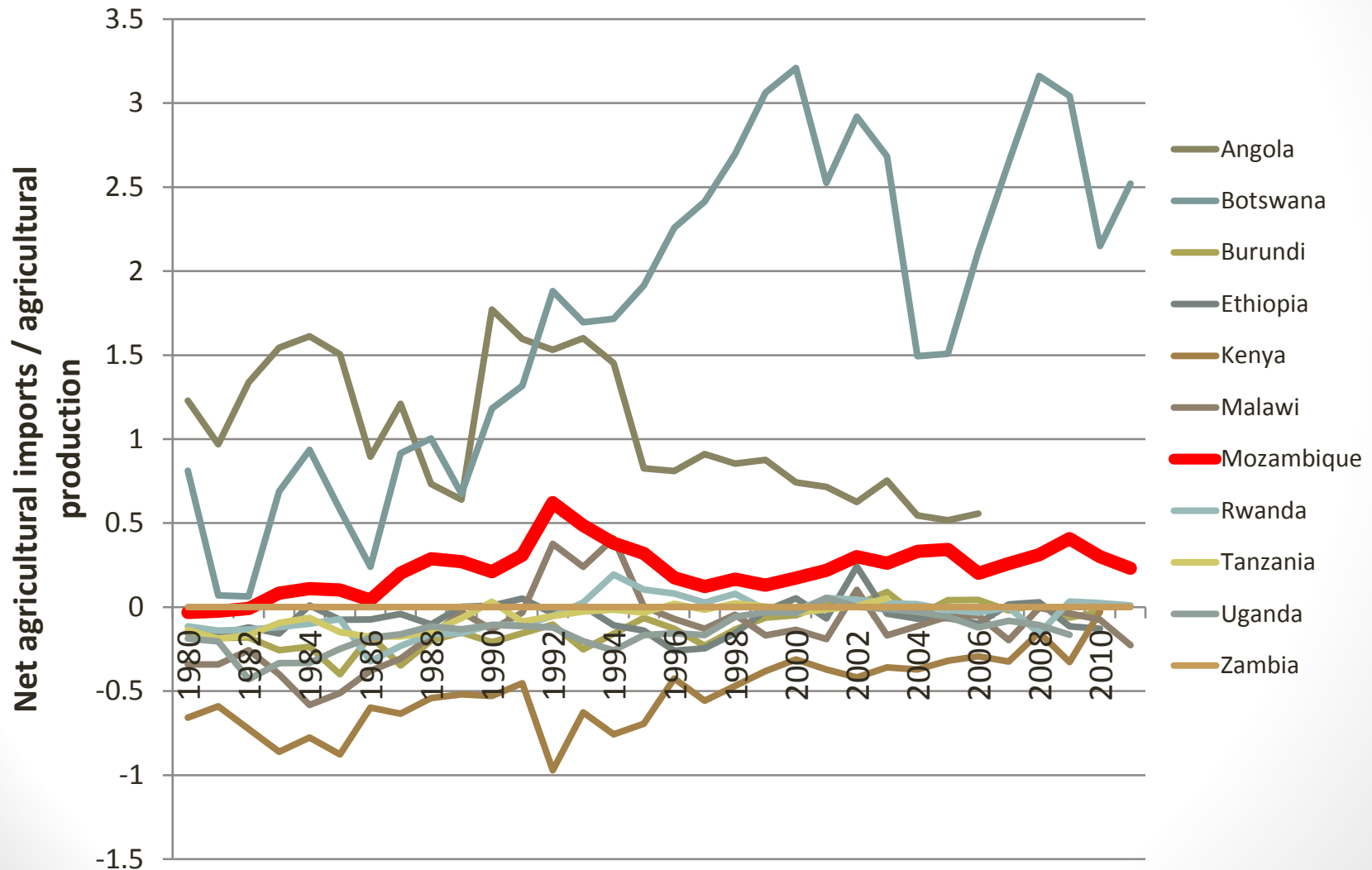
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Will imports capture the surge in demand?

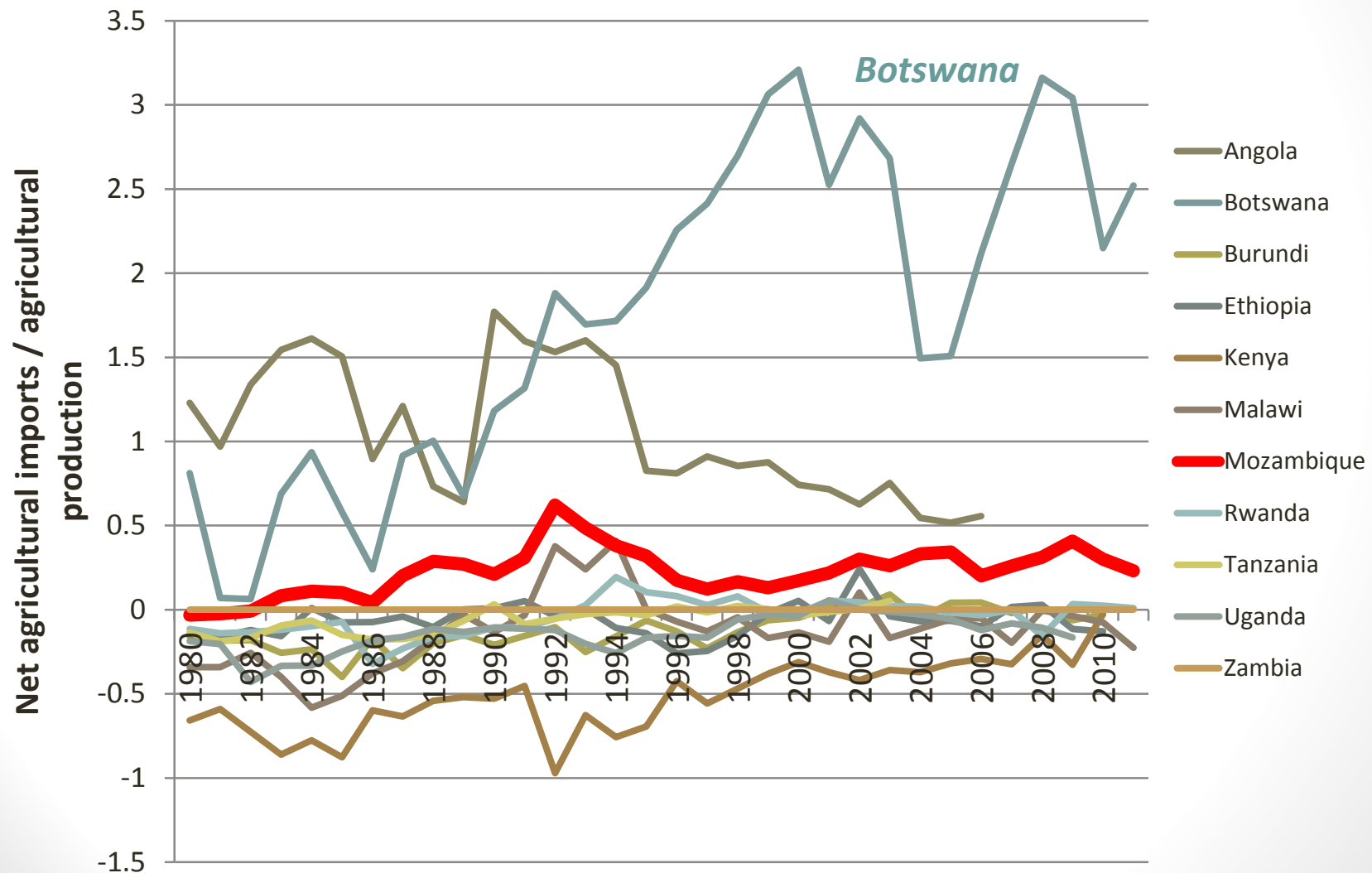
- We found in the region that net import shares in food consumption fall with income in urban areas
- Why?
 - Local cereals → imported cereals, BUT
 - Bennett's Law: Cereals → meat, dairy (also fresh produce)
 - all largely locally produced
- But Mozambique may be very different

Net Agricultural Imports as Share of Agricultural Production, Countries of ESA, 1980 - 2011



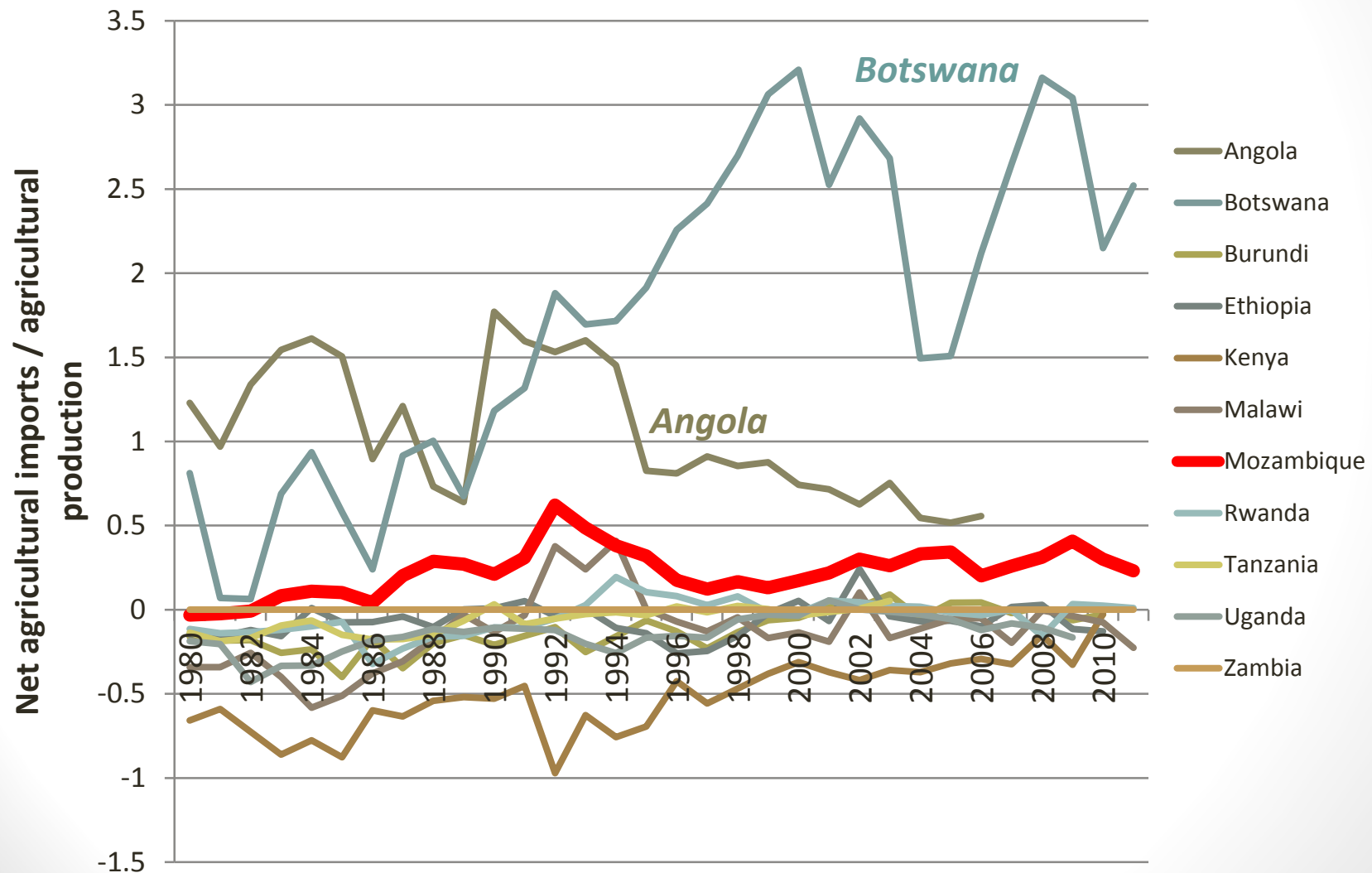
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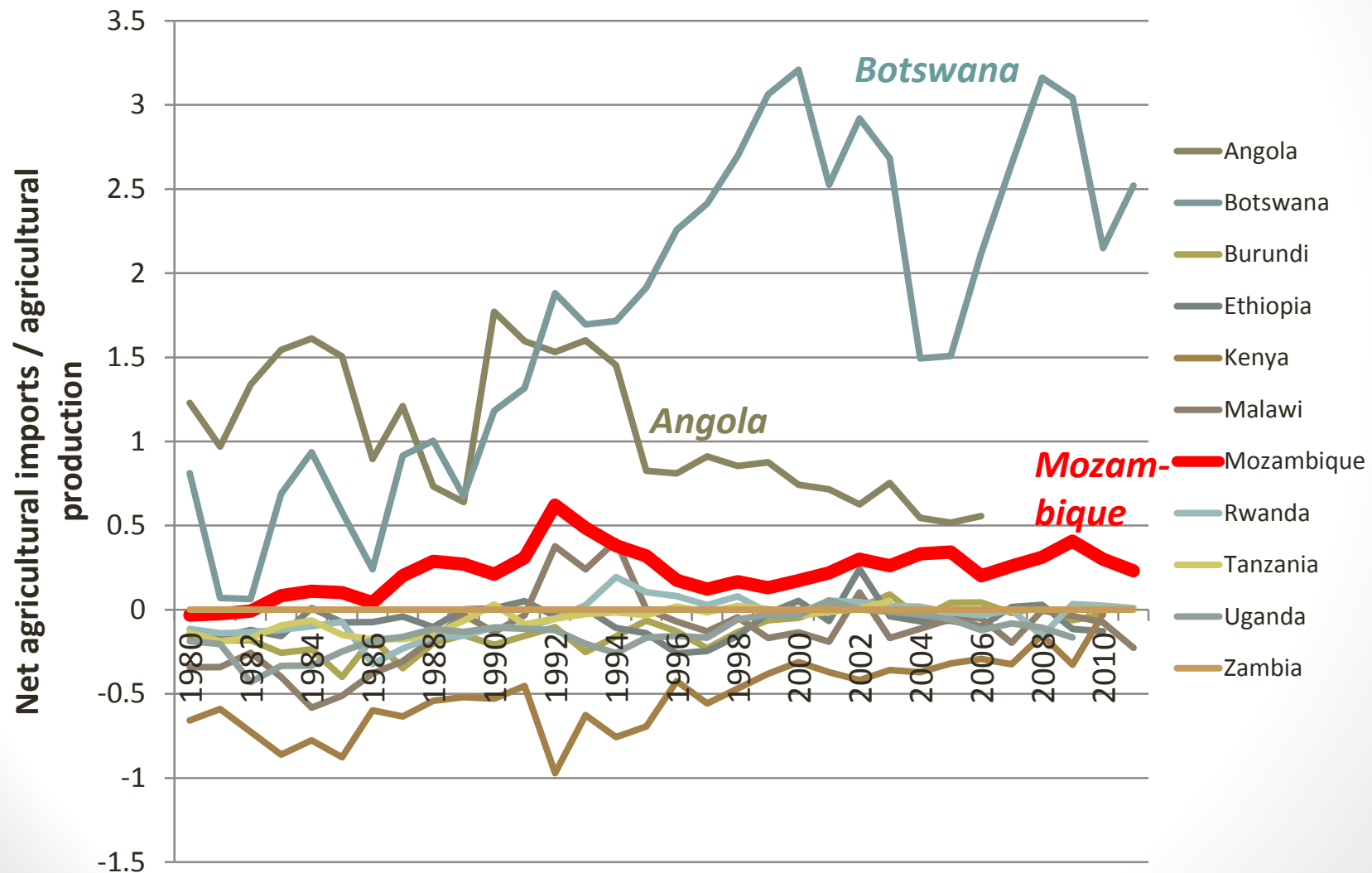
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Implications

- Change is happening very rapidly now
 - Driven by rapid diet change among the poor
 - Huge opportunities for farmers, traders, transporters , processors
- How can Mozambique get the whole agrifood system productivity growth needed to capture these opportunities?
 - Benefit its own farmers and entrepreneurs rather than those in other countries

Implications (2)

- The emerging Quiet Revolution
 - Local micro-small-medium businesses
- Non-western multi-nationals becoming major players
 - OLAM, Export Trading Group, others
 - South Africans (Shoprite/Checkers, Tiger Brands, others)
- Also well known players such as Walmart, Carrefour, Nestle, Parmalat

Implications (3)

- Can micro, small, and medium local firms compete?
 - What packages of assistance can be effectively delivered?
- Can farmers respond?
 - Ag investment needs to increase dramatically and move away from subsidies towards productivity enhancers

“Take Home”

Mozambique’s spatially dispersed urban settlement pattern should be a huge help in building rural-urban supply chains to capture these opportunities

But its low productivity, current high import dependence, and coming resource boom present huge challenges for doing so

Public policy (enabling environment) and productivity enhancing public investment will be crucial

Questions?