Poverty Reduction and Economic Structure: Comparative Path Analysis for Mozambique and Vietnam

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While economic growth generally reduces income poverty, there are pronounced differences in the strength of this relationship across countries. Typical explanations for this variation include measurement errors in growth-poverty accounting and countries’ different compositions of economic growth. We explore the additional influence of economic structure in determining a country’s growth-poverty relationship and performance. Using multiplier and structural path analysis, we compare the experiences of Mozambique and Vietnam – two countries with similar levels and compositions of economic growth but divergent poverty outcomes. We find that the structure of the Vietnamese economy more naturally lends itself to generating broad-based growth. A given agricultural demand expansion in Mozambique will, ceteris paribus, achieve much less rural income growth than in Vietnam. Inadequate education, trade and transport systems are found to be more severe structural constraints to poverty reduction in Mozambique than in Vietnam. Investing in these areas can significantly enhance the effectiveness of Mozambican growth to reduce poverty.

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1. Introduction

Economic growth is generally thought to reduce poverty – a relationship supported by cross-country empirical studies. However, global averages conceal wide variation at the country-level, where even rapid growth may not significantly improve the incomes of the poor (see Ravallion 2001). Thus while fast growing Asian economies like China and Vietnam have generated substantial declines in poverty, there are equally fast growing countries like India where poverty has fallen far more modestly (World Bank 2010).[[1]](#footnote-1) More troubling is that poverty rates have remained virtually unchanged over the last decade in some of Sub-Saharan Africa’s fastest growing countries, like Mozambique and Tanzania (DNEAP 2010; NBS 2008). These instances of “growth *without* poverty reduction” raise concerns over the effectiveness of more growth-oriented development strategies.

One explanation for a weak relationship between growth and poverty outcomes is differences in the methods and accuracy of national growth and poverty accounting. Numerous studies have examined various aspects of these measurement issues (see Deaton 2001; 2005) and how they might lead to different poverty trends (Sala-i-Martin and Pinkovskiy 2010). However, Ravallion (2003) concludes that, while consumption *levels* do vary between national accounts and expenditure-based household surveys, their growth rates are correlated in most developing countries. A second explanation lies in the *composition* of economic growth. To illustrate, agricultural growth is typically more poverty-reducing than other sources of growth (Ravallion and Datt 2002; Diao et al., 2010). Differences in countries’ sectoral growth patterns may, therefore, lead to different national poverty-growth elasticities (PGE) and thus explain why countries with similar growth rates generate different rates of poverty reduction. A third and related explanation lies in a country’s *structural characteristics*, which define the size and nature of economic linkages between productive sectors and households’ incomes (Thorbecke and Jung 1996). Even when two countries have similar levels and compositions of growth their economic structures may produce different poverty outcomes.

In this paper we examine the role of economic structure in determining poor households’ incomes. We take Mozambique and Vietnam as case studies, given their equally strong growth performance over the last decade; their similar sectoral composition of economic growth; and yet their widely different successes in reducing poverty. Section 2 considers our two case studies’ comparability in light of their economic histories, structure and performance. We then use two comparable social accounting matrices (SAMs) to decompose the growth linkages (or multipliers) of Mozambique and Vietnam’s using structural path analysis (SPA). Section 3 describes this methodology and our databases, and Section 4 presents the results of our analysis. We find that Vietnam’s economic structure more readily lends itself to generating broad-based growth. A similar expansion of agricultural demand in Mozambique will, ceteris paribus, achieve far less rural income growth than in Vietnam. We conclude that structural characteristics explain at least some of the variation in the growth-poverty relationships observed across countries. The final section summarizes our findings and their policy recommendations.

2. Case Study Countries: Mozambique and Vietnam

The economic histories of Vietnam and Mozambique have much in common. After gaining independence from colonial rule (in 1954 for Vietnam and 1975 for Mozambique), both countries underwent 15 years of civil war and destruction (i.e., 1959-75 in Vietnam and 1977-92 in Mozambique). Emerging from war, both countries faced the enormous challenge of reconstruction and development. Although the initial national strategies of both countries were inspired by socialist central planning and the administrative allocation of resources, their recent strategies have been characterized by more market-oriented approaches.

In Vietnam, fundamental post-war economic reorientation started with a comprehensive reform program launched in 1986 known as “doi moi” (renovation). These reforms sought to create a “socialist-oriented market economy” by introducing land tenure rights, market-based prices and competition, financial sector reform, and enterprise law targeted towards private sector development. Access to international markets also improved consistently after 1993, when the USA lifted its trade embargo, culminating in Vietnam’s accession to the World Trade Organization in 2007. In Mozambique, economic reforms also began in 1986 under the “Program for Economic Rehabilitation”. However, war was still widespread and it was only after the 1992 peace agreement that recovery began in earnest. Like Vietnam, Mozambique has opened itself to foreign trade and has been a major recipient of foreign direct investment. Other external resources have also played important roles in both countries.[[2]](#footnote-2)

It is not only Mozambique and Vietnam’s economic histories that are similar. As shown in Table 1, around 70 percent of their populations lived in rural areas at the end of the 1990s. Despite urbanization, poverty within Mozambique and Vietnam has become increasingly concentrated in rural areas and so agriculture remains a key economic sector. However, it has been the industrial sector that has grown the fastest at over seven percent per year in both countries. Services has also expanded at similar rates and given the sector’s large contributions to overall GDP it has been the main source of economic growth over the last decade. Overall, per capita GDP grew at 4.9 and 5.9 percent in Mozambique and Vietnam, respectively, reflecting their strong economic performances since the late 1990s.

[Insert Table 1: Summary statistics for Mozambique and Vietnam]

Although the levels and broad compositions of economic growth in Mozambique and Vietnam appear to be similar, the two countries have not experienced similar reductions in poverty. National poverty rates fell in both countries, yet poverty reductions were much more marked in Vietnam in both relative and absolute terms. More specifically, the share of the population categorized as “absolutely poor” using an expenditure-based “cost of basic needs” approach fell from 69 to 55 percent during 1997-2009 in Mozambique, and from 37 to 13 percent during 1998-2008 in Vietnam.[[3]](#footnote-3) These divergent poverty outcomes are reflected in the two countries’ PGEs, which show the percentage change in the poverty rate divided by the percentage change in per capita GDP. Mozambique’s PGE was -0.38 during 1997-2008 while Vietnam’s was -1.69.[[4]](#footnote-4) This means that a one percent increase in national GDP lowered the poverty headcount rate by about 0.4 percent in Mozambique as opposed to 1.7 percent in Vietnam. Economic growth has therefore been far more “pro-poor” in Vietnam than in Mozambique, despite similar levels of growth.

While broadly similar, there are some differences in the composition of growth. Table 1 illustrates that agricultural sector growth was more rapid in Vietnam than in Mozambique. This gap will grow when downwards revisions in the official rate of growth of agricultural production are incorporated into national accounts statistics in Mozambique. These revisions will also reduce the overall growth rate in per capita income somewhat though the rate will remain rapid and comparable to Vietnam. More rapid growth in the agricultural sector in Vietnam may account for some of the differences poverty reduction; nevertheless, other factors may also be at play. In particular, structural differences may exist between the two countries that contributed materially tothe divergence in poverty outcomes. We examine this possibility using multiplier and structural path analysis.

3. Methodology

3.1 *SAM Multipliers*

A SAM is an economy-wide database capturing all income and expenditure flows between economic institutions (or accounts) during a given year, including production activities, households, government, and the rest of the world. A SAM is square matrix with expenditures along columns and receipts along rows, as shown below for a SAM containing accounts:

Each sub-matrix represents a payment from one account to another. For example, the cell shows payments from activities (e.g., agriculture) to factors of production (e.g., land and labour). These factor earnings are then paid to households (in cell ) or to the government as factor taxes (as part of ). Households then purchase the output of activities () and make transfers to other households () and accounts () (e.g., direct taxes paid to government). Row and column totals in the SAM are equal. One account’s expenditure is another’s receipt. This identity can be expressed as follows, where is total income for each account:

The SAM can be separated into two broad sets of accounts. Exogenous accounts include the government, investment (or capital), and the rest of world. They are exogenous because their flows are assumed to be determined outside of our multiplier framework. The remaining endogenous accounts include activities, factors and households (i.e., ). Average expenditure shares are derived by dividing each column entry by its total income:

(1)

where is an individual element of and is a diagonal matrix with entries . The resulting matrix refers only to endogenous accounts:

(2)

Endogenous total incomes can be then be derived by multiplying expenditure propensities in each row from Equation 2 by total income and adding exogenous income :

This equation can then be rearranged to derive the well-known multiplier matrix :

(3)

This means that changes in total endogenous incomes for each account can be derived by multiplying by the change in the exogenous injection .

Equation 3 captures the direct *and* indirect effects arising via endogenous account interactions. When agricultural demand expands it not only raises agricultural production but also household incomes, thereby generating additional demand for agricultural products. However, multiplier analysis assumes that there are sufficient factor resources (or excess capacity) to allow production to expand in response to higher demand (i.e., underutilized land and underemployed labour are readily available to agricultural producers). If resources are constrained then changes in production and incomes cannot be interpreted as *real* changes, but may reflect changes in factor and product prices. While fixed-price multipliers are suitable for examining structural characteristics across sectors, caution should be exercised when comparing countries with very different resource constraints. A further characteristic of multiplier analysis is that it estimates the final economy-wide effect of an exogenous change in demand. It does not decompose the indirect impact channels causing the income change. However, this can be addressed by decomposing multipliers using structural path analysis.

3.2 *Structural Path Analysis*

SAM-based SPA was first introduced by Defourny and Thorbecke (1984) from where we draw much of the following description of the methodology. SPA interprets the expenditure share calculated from the SAM in Equation 1 as being the magnitude or intensity of the “influence” along the arc linking account to account (i.e., the direction of the expenditure flow). A “path” consists of the one or more consecutive arcs connecting the account where the exogenous shock takes place (i.e., “pole of origin”) to the final account where income changes are evaluated (i.e., “pole of destination”). We distinguish between direct influences, total influences, and global influences.

*Direct influence* measures the change in income or production caused by a change in exogenous demand along a single path holding all other (indirect) paths constant (i.e., ceteris paribus). For an elementary path containing a single arc () the direct influence is the expenditure coefficient drawn from in Equation 3, as follows:

For more complex paths containing multiple arcs between poles and , the direct influence is equal to the product of the intensities of the component arcs along the path:

*Total influence* is a broader measure capturing how the direct influence of a path is amplified by indirect linkages *immediately adjacent* to the path (Lantner 1974). The formula for total influence is:

where is the direct influence of path , and is the “path multiplier”. The path multiplier capturing indirect effects is the ratio of two determinants:

where is the determinant of the structure represented by the SAM and is the determinant of the structure excluding the poles constituting path (see Defourny and Thorbecke 1984).

Finally, *global influence* is analogous to the full multiplier effects in that global influence is equal to the element from the multiplier matrix in Equation 4, as follows:

Importantly, the global influence of a path can be decomposed into a series of total influences transmitted along each elementary paths connecting and (where ).

By decomposing multiplier effects into their component influences, SPA allows us to examine why two countries’ structural characteristics may lead to different multiplier effects on selected outcomes. In Section 4 we combine multiplier and SPA to investigate why similar exogenous expansions in demand in Mozambique and Vietnam led to different income changes for poor households.

3.3 *Mozambique and Vietnam SAMs*

To capture the economic structures of our two case study countries, we developed comparable SAMs for each country for the same base year, 2003. These SAMs were drawn together in collaboration with official statistics agencies and represent the best possible representation of the economies during that year (see McCool et al. 2009; Jensen and Tarp 2007). The two countries’ SAMs were aggregated to have identical dimensions and accounts: 20 production activities, 5 factors and 3 institutions (see Table 2).[[5]](#footnote-5)

[Insert Table 2: Endogenous accounts in the SAMs]

Table 3 lists the 20 production accounts ranked according to their contribution to total GDP at factor cost. According to these rankings, agriculture is the major sector in both Mozambique and Vietnam.[[6]](#footnote-6) However, mining is an important sector only in Vietnam, while trade services is a major sector in Mozambique.

[Insert Table 3: Ranking of sectors by GDP at factor cost]

4. Results

Three distinguishing features of our case study countries are particularly relevant for interpreting the results from our multiplier and path analysis. First, Vietnam is one of the world’s most densely populated countries with 259 people per square kilometre, while Mozambique is sparsely populated with only about 27 persons per square kilometre (World Bank 2010). Moreover, rural populations in Mozambique do not exhibit any strong tendency to agglomerate within certain localities. Accordingly, national population density statistics provide accurate insight into the wide differences in spatial relationships between the two countries. Secondly, while population density is higher in Vietnam, average household size is smaller. Rural households in Vietnam consist of 3.9 persons on average, while the corresponding figure for Mozambique is 4.6 (GSO 2009; INE 2007). Finally, educational attainment is much higher in Vietnam. Some 94 percent of the adult population in Vietnam is considered literate, while the figure for Mozambique is below 50 percent (World Bank 2010). This difference in education levels reflects long-run historical factors and the fact that war ended in 1975 in Vietnam compared to 1992 in Mozambique.

4.1 *Rural versus urban household income multipliers*

The absolute value of the aggregate rural and urban household income multipliers are shown in Table 4. In Vietnam, rural households have consistently larger income multipliers than urban households. The reverse is true in Mozambique. For agriculture, the ratio of the rural to the urban multiplier is 1.92 in Vietnam and 0.85 in Mozambique (i.e., 0.71/0.37 and 0.99/1.16, respectively). For the weighted average for the 20 sectors (using value added shares), the equivalent ratios are 1.38 in Vietnam and 0.60 in Mozambique. Rural households in Vietnam therefore benefit relatively more than urban households from economic expansion anywhere in the economy. The opposite is true in Mozambique, where urban households benefit relatively more than rural households. Given that a vast majority of the poor in both countries live in rural areas, this explains some of Vietnam’s greater success of reducing poverty.

[Insert Table 4: Rural and Urban Household Income Multipliers]

A few additional observations are informative at this point. First, Table 5 illustrates sources of factor income by household type. Urban households in Vietnam are more dependent on transfers from the government and abroad (18.6 percent of total income) than Mozambican households (1.0 percent). This helps explain the rural/urban dichotomy. Since these transfers or accounts are *exogenous* in our analysis, they tend to reduce urban households’ income multipliers in Vietnam relative to those of rural households.

[Insert Table 5: Sources of household income]

Secondly, the structure of income in the two countries differ vis-à-vis the role of skills in generating labour income, particularly in urban areas. In Mozambique, urban households are much more dependent on returns to skilled labour as a share of their total income despite their lower educational attainment relative to Vietnam. This reflects much higher premiums to skilled versus unskilled labour in Mozambique as compared with Vietnam. This is shown in Table 6. Medium-skilled workers earn 65 percent more than low-skilled workers in Mozambique but only 33 percent more in Vietnam. Similarly, high-skilled workers in Mozambique earn 180 percent more than medium-skilled workers, while skilled workers in Vietnam earn only 70 percent more. The premium for high skilled labour in Mozambique, relative to the unskilled wage, is more than twice as large as in Vietnam. Finally, note that, while skills premiums are lower, average wages are higher in Vietnam reflecting the much larger stock of skilled labour.

[Insert Table 6: Wage ratios by labour skill groups]

Table 7 shows the weighted average of the ratio of factor multipliers to the low-skilled labour multiplier. First, the ratio of the factor multiplier to the low-skilled labour multiplier is obtained. To illustrate, if there is a one unit injection of demand for agriculture in Mozambique, this results in a multiplier for high-skilled labour of 0.142 and 1.064 for low skilled labour (see Table A1 in the appendix). The ratio of the high-skilled to low-skilled labour multipliers is therefore 0.13. Using value added shares as weights to obtain an average across all possible injections, the table presents these ratios by factor type for the two countries. Similar calculations are performed for Vietnam (using Table A2 in the appendix).

[Insert Table 7: Ratio of factor multipliers]

The table shows that multipliers for high- and medium-skilled labour (relative to low-skilled) in Mozambique are much higher than the corresponding values for Vietnam. By contrast, relative to low-skilled labour, the land and capital multipliers are quite similar between the two countries.

In summary, rural households in Mozambique earn relatively little from the ownership of high-skilled labour. This reflects very low educational attainment in rural areas. In contrast, returns to skills account for 44 percent of urban households’ total income (see Table 4). In addition, the structure of the economy channels factor incomes towards higher-skilled labour (see Table 6). As a result, urban households tend to have relatively higher multipliers in Mozambique. By contrast, rural households in Vietnam tend to have lower dependence on transfers (particularly transfers from abroad) than urban households. In terms of the magnitude of household multipliers, this different degree of dependence on (exogenous) income transfers tends to inflate rural household multipliers relative to urban multipliers. This tendency is reinforced by relatively high low-skilled wages (compared to skilled wages) (see Table 5) and an economy that channels factor income more towards low-skilled labour (see Table 6).

The different composition of household incomes in combination with different returns to skills explains why economic expansion will tend to favour poorer rural households in Vietnam and urban households in Mozambique. Ceteris paribus, for a given demand expansion, poverty will inherently tend to fall more in Vietnam than in Mozambique.

4.2 *Multiplier normalization*

Referring back to Table 4, we see that the absolute sector multipliers in Mozambique are systematically greater than in Vietnam for both rural and urban households. As indicated earlier, it is important to bear in mind that the magnitude of the absolute multipliers is dependent on the relative size of the endogenous and exogenous sectors in the two countries. Vietnam is a more open economy (higher trade shares) with higher levels of investment. At the same time, the government is somewhat larger in Mozambique. Overall, the relative size of the exogenous accounts is larger in Vietnam, which leads to more leakages and lower multipliers compared to Mozambique.

In order to compare multiplier magnitudes across the two countries, we “normalize” absolute multipliers by dividing each sector’s accounting multiplier by the value-added weighted average of these multipliers. Table 8 presents normalized income multipliers for rural and urban households. The columns of the table are the absolute values from Table 4 divided by the weighted average presented in the bottom row of that table. Normalization allows us to focus on the relative size of multipliers of either urban or rural incomes in each country.[[7]](#footnote-7) A normalized multiplier with a value greater than one is larger than the economy-wide average multiplier.

[Insert Table 8: Normalized Income Multipliers]

The largest normalized multipliers in both countries are in agriculture, fisheries and livestock. Furthermore, the normalized multipliers are similar between the two countries.[[8]](#footnote-8) We also see that, once normalized, injections into typically rural-based sectors (agriculture, livestock, forestry and fisheries) provide greater relative rural income benefits compared with other sectors in both Vietnam and Mozambique. In addition, in both cases, injections into these rural-based sectors provide stronger normalized multipliers to rural households compared with urban households. Similarly, normalized multipliers for industry and services tend to be higher for urban households in both countries.

Taken together, this implies that an exogenous increase in demand for agriculture (and other natural resource dependent sectors) is relatively large in both economies, and that agricultural growth will have disproportionately large impacts on rural incomes in both countries. This confirms the strategic role that the agricultural sector can play in economic development and poverty reduction in both Vietnam and Mozambique and indicates that the better performance of agriculture likely contributed to the more rapid reductions in poverty experienced in Vietnam This observation is reinforced in Table 9, which presents normalized SAM multipliers for output and value added for the two countries.

[Insert Table 9: Normalized Output and GDP Multipliers]

In Vietnam, and especially in Mozambique, output and valued-added (or GDP) multipliers are strongly correlated. In Vietnam, the agricultural sector has the second largest value-added multiplier (livestock is slightly larger), while in Mozambique, the agriculture value-added multiplier is the largest. Other primary extractive sectors, such as fisheries (in both cases), forestry (in Mozambique), and mining (in Vietnam) also have relatively large value-added multipliers, again underscoring the key roles played by agriculture and resource extraction in both economies. Outside of these sectors, notable differences in the relative magnitudes of multipliers between the two countries exist in processed foods, trade, and utilities.

In addition, for other highly-ranked sectors (see Table 3), we note that the construction sector in Vietnam generates a normalized value-added multiplier of 0.88 compared with 0.80 for Mozambique. In both countries, these are reasonably strong multipliers relative to other non-extractive sectors. The importance of government services for both countries is also confirmed by strong normalized income multipliers (especially for urban households) (Table 8) and value-added multipliers (Table 9). Finally, in comparison to Vietnam, rural households in Mozambique appear to be less well integrated with respect to government expenditure (Table 8).

4.3 *Structural Path Analysis*

Next we decompose the multiplier effects using SPA to evaluate differences in the impact channels through which income flows to rural households in Mozambique and Vietnam. In what follows, we focus on two key sectors for our case study countries identified in Table 3, namely agriculture and construction, and examine the paths linking these sectors to rural household incomes. We also consider the linkages between urban consumer demand and rural households.

SPA results are typically presented in table format. Table 10 reports the pathways through which agricultural activity influences rural households’ incomes in Mozambique. The origin pole is agriculture (AGRI) and the destination pole is rural households (HHD\_R). The global influence of 0.994 corresponds to the income multiplier between these two poles (see Table 4). In other words, a one dollar increase in exogenous agricultural demand leads to a 0.994 dollar increase in rural household incomes.

[Insert Table 10: SPA for rural household incomes in Mozambique]

The table shows the 17 most important paths, which cover approximately 95 percent of the global influence. SPA decomposes the total (global) multiplier effect into different paths. In this case, more than 40 percent of the increase in rural household incomes (HHD\_R) from a stimulus to agricultural activity (AGRI) is channelled directly through an increase in the demand for low-skilled labour (FLAB\_L). Similarly, the second most important channel is the returns to land (FLND), which, in our SAMs, is entirely owned by rural households.

We graphically represent the channels through which shocks are transmitted as well as their relative contribution to the global influence or multiplier effect. The left hand side of Figure 1 corresponds to the SPA results for Mozambique from Table 10. The lines in the figure represent the channels through which income moves between production activities, production factors and households and enterprises. The thickness of each line represents the share of global influence (or total income change) passing through that particular path.

[Insert Figure 1: Agriculture SPA for rural household incomes]

For example, the fourth row in Table 10 (AGRI→FCAP→ENT→HHD\_R) is represented in the figure by the line connecting the four accounts: agriculture (AGRI), factor-capital (FCAP), enterprise (ENT), and rural household (HHD\_R). The line is narrow since this impact channel accounts for only 1.46 percent of the total (global) income flow. By contrast, the line connecting land (FLND) and rural households (HHD\_R) represents 37.39 percent of the total income flow, and so is represented by a much thicker line. This graphical representation provides a clear indication of differences in economic structure across our two case studies.

Table A3 in the appendix presents the data for Vietnam underlying Figure 1. The figure clearly shows the overwhelming importance in both countries of the impact channels running from agriculture directly through land and low-skilled labour to rural household incomes. This commonality aside, the role of trade is somewhat different, with a more significant share of income flowing through this sector in Mozambique. This reflects the larger transaction costs in Mozambique compared to Vietnam. In other words, reflecting large distances and low population densities, a larger share of agricultural demand is directed towards covering the cost of transporting goods from farm gate to consumer. Another difference between countries is the larger number of channels through which income flows in Vietnam, reflecting a more complex agricultural structure (i.e., more production and demand linkages).

Figure 2 shows the weighted impact channels linking construction to rural household incomes.[[9]](#footnote-9) The figure shows that the returns from low-skilled labour and factor capital are the most important sources of income for rural households in both Vietnam and Mozambique. Again, the trade sector plays a more important role for income transmission in Mozambique, while returns from medium- and high-skilled labour are relatively more important in Vietnam. Overall, the SPA for construction looks very similar for both countries.

[Insert Figure 2: Construction SPA for rural household incomes]

Finally, we consider the connections between urban and rural households, as shown in Figure 3. In both countries, a demand stimulus from an extra unit of income to urban households benefits rural households through the food and agricultural sectors. Again, one of the main differences is the greater role of trade in Mozambique reflecting the country’s higher transaction costs in the food and agricultural sectors.

[Insert Figure 3: Urban household SPA for rural household incomes]

In each of the three SPAs presented in this section, it is clear that the transmission channels of exogenous shocks to the economy in Vietnam and Mozambique are very similar. The only consistent difference lies in the more prominent role played by trade in Mozambique. As the detailed accounting multipliers in the appendix illustrate, a demand shock to agriculture, construction, or urban households implies a substantial stimulus to the trading sector in Mozambique. The same is true for transport services, albeit to a lesser extent. The rural income multipliers in Table 4 showed that expanding demand for trade services favours urban rather than rural households’ incomes in Mozambique, while the opposite is true in Vietnam. The high trade margins associated with Mozambique thus act as a “leakage” to the rural economy, and reduce the benefits accruing to rural households from an expansion in agricultural demand.

As an illustration, indirect demand for foodstuffs generated by urban households in Mozambique is strongly biased towards the capital, Maputo. Maputo is both the seat of the national government, with commensurately high levels of government employment, and the major business centre in the country. At the same time, Maputo is located relatively far from the productive regions of Mozambique but close to South Africa, so food expenditure of residents in the principal urban growth pole is directed substantially towards imports, particularly from South Africa. This weakens the linkages between key sectors, such as government and services, and the sector of greatest relevance to poverty reduction, namely agriculture. By contrast, in Vietnam the two major urban poles of demand, Ho Chi Minh City and Hanoi, are located near principal zones of agricultural production. As a result, household expenditures on food in these urban growth poles are largely channelled back into rural areas.

**5.** Conclusions

Although economic growth is usually associated with reductions in income-based poverty, the strength of this relationship varies widely across countries. This variation can be partly explained by differences in growth and poverty measurement and in the sectoral composition of growth. In this paper we focused on how differences in countries’ economic structures might also influence the growth-poverty relationship. Mozambique and Vietnam were selected as case studies since they have experienced similar levels and broadly similar compositions of economic growth, and yet Vietnam has been far more successful at reducing poverty. Drawing on comparable databases, we conducted multiplier and structural path analysis to evaluate how structural differences might determine the ability of growth (or a demand expansion) to reduce poverty (or raise rural incomes).

Variation in multipliers across sectors indicates that the composition of growth is a key determinant of a country’s growth-poverty relationship. Our analysis revealed that multipliers are highest in agriculture for both countries, thus highlighting the key role that this sector plays in raising incomes, especially for rural households. More rapid growth in agriculture forms part of the explanation behind Vietnam’s more rapid rate of poverty reduction. More detailed analysis of variation in the size of individual sectors’ multipliers between Mozambique and Vietnam (before and after normalization) suggests that there are also important structural differences within sectors between the two countries. Specifically, multipliers were found to be higher for rural than urban households’ incomes in Vietnam, whereas the reverse was true for Mozambique. This implies that a demand expansion, even in agriculture, favours urban households in Mozambique and helps explain why growth does not generate as much poverty reduction.

We then used structural path analysis to decompose the multipliers into their various impact channels, and found that trade and transport plays a larger role in income transmission in Mozambique. Marketing systems and infrastructure are more developed in Vietnam and the locations of principal urban growth poles are closer to major agricultural production zones implying that each increment in food demand requires fewer resources be allocated to covering transaction costs. Since a demand expansion for trade and transport services in Mozambique favours urban households, the country’s higher transaction costs means that fewer of the income gains from agricultural growth accrue to rural households. Vietnam’s ability to move goods efficiently between producers and consumers translates into more direct effects on poverty. Our case studies reveal that countries with similar levels and compositions of economic growth may still generate different poverty outcomes due to differences in economic structure within sectors.

Three policy recommendations emerge. First, inadequate education levels and high-skill premiums at least partly explain why a demand expansion in Mozambique does not generate broad-based income gains. A continuation of existing policies to promote widespread education in Mozambique would therefore narrow the skills premium currently earned mainly by urban households, while also enabling poorer rural households to participate more in the growth process. This would have the effect of raising rural income multipliers in Mozambique. Secondly, high transaction costs in Mozambique reduce the gains from economic growth accruing to rural households. Investing in rural infrastructure and institutions to reduce these transaction costs would therefore reduce some of the existing leakages from rural to urban economies, thereby raising rural income multipliers. In addition, efforts to foment urban growth poles beyond the southern regions of the country would generate more favourable urban-to-rural growth linkages as the most productive agricultural regions of Mozambique would naturally supply these urban growth poles. Finally, the importance of agriculture for poverty reduction confirms the need for investment in and attention to this sector, particularly in Mozambique. While far from exhaustive, our analysis suggests that this combination of interventions is needed to overcome the structural barriers to poverty reduction in low-income countries.

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Table 1

Key Statistics for Mozambique and Vietnam

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Mozambique | | | Vietnam | | |
|  | Values or shares | | Average annual change (%) | Values or shares | | Average annual change (%) |
|  | 1997 | 2009 | 1998 | 2008 |
| Population (1000s) | 16,888 | 22,894 | 2.6 | 76,520 | 86,211 | 1.2 |
| Rural share (%) | 72.0 | 62.4 | - | 76.5 | 71.7 | - |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Poverty headcount rate (%) | 69.4 | 55.2 | -1.2 | 37.4 | 13.0 | -2.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Real GDP per capita (US$) | 208 | 371 | 4.9 | 364 | 647 | 5.9 |
| Agriculture | 72 | 108 | 3.4 | 94 | 141 | 4.2 |
| Manufacturing | 20 | 48 | 7.4 | 62 | 132 | 7.8 |
| Other industry | 17 | 40 | 7.6 | 56 | 123 | 8.2 |
| Services | 98 | 175 | 4.9 | 152 | 251 | 5.2 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| GDP share (%) | 100.0 | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | 100.0 | - |
| Agriculture | 34.9 | 29.2 | - | 25.8 | 21.9 | - |
| Manufacturing | 9.8 | 12.9 | - | 17.1 | 20.4 | - |
| Other industry | 8.0 | 10.7 | - | 15.3 | 18.9 | - |
| Services | 47.4 | 47.2 | - | 41.7 | 38.8 | - |

Source: Own calculations using World Bank (2010) and nationally representative household surveys for poverty estimates for 2009 in Mozambique and 2008 in Vietnam (DNEAP 2010; GSO 2009).

Table 2

Endogenous Accounts in the Mozambique and Vietnam SAMs

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| *Activities ()* | | *Activities () (continued)* | | *Factors ()* | |
| AGRI | Agriculture | NMET | Non-metal minerals | FLND | Crop land |
| LVSK | Livestock | METL | Metals and equipment | FLAB\_L | Low skilled labour |
| FORE | Forestry | CONS | Construction | FLAB\_M | Medium skilled labour |
| FISH | Fisheries | UTIL | Utilities | FLAB\_H | High skilled labour |
| MINE | Mining | TRAD | Trade | FCAP | Capital |
| FOOD | Processed foods | HOTL | Hotels and catering |  |  |
| TEXT | Textiles | TRAN | Transportation | *Institutions ()* | |
| WOOD | Wood | FINB | Finance and business | ENT | Enterprises |
| FUEL | Fuel | GOVN | Government services | HHD\_R | Rural households |
| CHEM | Chemicals | OSRV | Other services | HHD\_U | Urban households |

Table 3

Ranking of sectors by GDP at factor cost

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Rank (largest to smallest) | |
|  |  | Vietnam, 2003 | Mozambique, 2003 |
| AGRI | Agriculture | 1 | 1 |
| LVSK | Livestock | 13 | 14 |
| FORE | Forestry | 20 | 10 |
| FISH | Fisheries | 10 | 12 |
| MINE | Mining | 2 | 19 |
| FOOD | Processed foods | 5 | 6 |
| TEXT | Textiles | 8 | 15 |
| WOOD | Wood | 19 | 16 |
| FUEL | Fuel | 18 | 20 |
| CHEM | Chemicals | 12 | 18 |
| NMET | Non-metal minerals | 15 | 17 |
| METL | Machinery | 4 | 8 |
| CONS | Construction | 6 | 5 |
| UTIL | Utilities | 11 | 13 |
| TRAD | Trade | 17 | 2 |
| HOTL | Hotels and catering | 16 | 9 |
| TRAN | Transportation | 9 | 3 |
| FINB | Finance and business | 7 | 11 |
| GOVN | Government services | 3 | 4 |
| OSRV | Other services | 14 | 7 |

Source: Own calculations using the Mozambique and Vietnam SAMs.

Table 4

Rural and Urban Household Income Multipliers

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Vietnam | | Mozambique | |
|  |  | Rural | Urban | Rural | Urban |
| AGRI | Agriculture | 0.71 | 0.37 | 0.99 | 1.16 |
| LVSK | Livestock | 0.70 | 0.40 | 0.90 | 1.18 |
| FORE | Forestry | 0.42 | 0.29 | 0.77 | 1.21 |
| FISH | Fisheries | 0.58 | 0.41 | 0.83 | 1.20 |
| MINE | Mining | 0.45 | 0.40 | 0.49 | 0.96 |
| FOOD | Processed foods | 0.48 | 0.32 | 0.54 | 0.87 |
| TEXT | Textiles | 0.20 | 0.17 | 0.39 | 0.70 |
| WOOD | Wood | 0.25 | 0.21 | 0.43 | 0.81 |
| FUEL | Fuel | 0.14 | 0.12 | 0.24 | 0.43 |
| CHEM | Chemicals | 0.21 | 0.17 | 0.17 | 0.32 |
| NMET | Non-metal minerals | 0.34 | 0.29 | 0.32 | 0.66 |
| METL | Machinery | 0.14 | 0.11 | 0.25 | 0.52 |
| CONS | Construction | 0.34 | 0.29 | 0.43 | 0.90 |
| UTIL | Utilities | 0.45 | 0.40 | 0.30 | 0.62 |
| TRAD | Trade | 0.37 | 0.31 | 0.69 | 1.21 |
| HOTL | Hotels and catering | 0.35 | 0.29 | 0.51 | 1.09 |
| TRAN | Transportation | 0.31 | 0.27 | 0.47 | 0.95 |
| FINB | Finance and business | 0.37 | 0.32 | 0.19 | 0.39 |
| GOVN | Government services | 0.54 | 0.41 | 0.68 | 1.38 |
| OSRV | Other services | 0.43 | 0.35 | 0.67 | 1.32 |
|  | Weighted average | 0.44 | 0.32 | 0.64 | 1.06 |

Source: Multiplier results using the Mozambique and Vietnam SAMs.

Table 5

Sources of Household Income (Share of Total Income)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Mozambique, 2003 | | Vietnam, 2003 | |
|  | Rural | Urban | Rural | Urban |
| High-skilled labour | 0.0 | 21.6 | 0.8 | 7.8 |
| Medium-skilled labour | 4.8 | 21.9 | 7.8 | 14.5 |
| Low-skilled labour | 66.5 | 25.8 | 56.0 | 31.3 |
| Land | 19.9 | 0.0 | 8.5 | 0.3 |
| Capital | 8.6 | 29.6 | 12.6 | 27.6 |
| Government transfers | 0.2 | 0.2 | 10.6 | 8.9 |
| Foreign transfers | 0.0 | 0.8 | 3.5 | 9.7 |
| Total income | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |

Source: Own calculations using the Mozambique and Vietnam SAMs.

Table 6

Non-Farm Wage Ratios by Labour Skill Groups

(Relative to Low-Skilled Labour)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Vietnam, 2004  (1) | Mozambique, 2002  (2) | Country  ratio  (2) / (1) |
| All workers | 1.70 | 1.44 | 0.85 |
| High-skilled labour | 2.26 | 4.62 | 2.05 |
| Medium-skilled labour | 1.33 | 1.65 | 1.25 |
| Low-skilled labour | 1.00 | 1.00 | 1.00 |

Source: Own calculations using the 2002/03 and 2004 household surveys for

Mozambique and Vietnam, respectively (INE 2003; GSO 2006).

Table 7

Ratio of Factor Multipliers to Low-Skilled Labour Multiplier

(Weighted Averages Across Sectors)

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | Vietnam, 2003  (1) | Mozambique, 2003  (2) | Country  ratio  (2) / (1) |
| High-skilled labour | 0.09 | 0.26 | 2.91 |
| Medium-skilled labour | 0.24 | 0.38 | 1.59 |
| Land | 0.15 | 0.18 | 1.15 |
| Capital | 0.81 | 0.74 | 0.92 |

Source: Multiplier results using the Mozambique and Vietnam SAMs.

Table 8

Normalized SAM Multipliers for Urban and Rural Households

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Mozambique | | Vietnam | |
|  |  | Rural | Urban | Rural | Urban |
| AGRI | Agriculture | 1.55 | 1.09 | 1.62 | 1.18 |
| LVSK | Livestock | 1.39 | 1.11 | 1.61 | 1.26 |
| FORE | Forestry | 1.20 | 1.14 | 0.97 | 0.93 |
| FISH | Fisheries | 1.29 | 1.13 | 1.32 | 1.29 |
| MINE | Mining | 0.77 | 0.90 | 1.02 | 1.26 |
| FOOD | Processed foods | 0.84 | 0.82 | 1.10 | 1.00 |
| TEXT | Textiles | 0.60 | 0.66 | 0.46 | 0.54 |
| WOOD | Wood | 0.67 | 0.76 | 0.58 | 0.65 |
| FUEL | Fuel | 0.38 | 0.40 | 0.32 | 0.37 |
| CHEM | Chemicals | 0.26 | 0.30 | 0.47 | 0.53 |
| NMET | Non-metals | 0.50 | 0.62 | 0.77 | 0.91 |
| METL | Machinery | 0.38 | 0.49 | 0.31 | 0.36 |
| CONS | Construction | 0.66 | 0.85 | 0.79 | 0.92 |
| UTIL | Utilities | 0.46 | 0.59 | 1.04 | 1.27 |
| TRAD | Trade | 1.07 | 1.14 | 0.85 | 0.98 |
| HOTL | Hotels and catering | 0.80 | 1.03 | 0.79 | 0.92 |
| TRAN | Transportation | 0.73 | 0.90 | 0.70 | 0.86 |
| FINB | Finance and business | 0.29 | 0.37 | 0.85 | 1.02 |
| GOVN | Government services | 1.06 | 1.30 | 1.23 | 1.30 |
| OSRV | Other services | 1.05 | 1.24 | 0.99 | 1.10 |

Source: Multiplier results using the Mozambique and Vietnam SAMs.

Table 9

Normalized SAM Multipliers for Output and GDP

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Mozambique | | Vietnam | |
|  |  | Output | GDP | Output | GDP |
| AGRI | Agriculture | 1.13 | 1.24 | 1.11 | 1.37 |
| LVSK | Livestock | 1.10 | 1.21 | 1.25 | 1.39 |
| FORE | Forestry | 1.14 | 1.17 | 0.93 | 0.94 |
| FISH | Fisheries | 1.16 | 1.18 | 1.11 | 1.27 |
| MINE | Mining | 0.99 | 0.88 | 1.00 | 1.22 |
| FOOD | Processed foods | 0.96 | 0.83 | 1.19 | 1.04 |
| TEXT | Textiles | 0.76 | 0.63 | 0.97 | 0.52 |
| WOOD | Wood | 0.87 | 0.73 | 0.91 | 0.63 |
| FUEL | Fuel | 0.59 | 0.39 | 0.60 | 0.35 |
| CHEM | Chemicals | 0.49 | 0.29 | 0.79 | 0.51 |
| NMET | Non-metals | 0.73 | 0.60 | 1.10 | 0.87 |
| METL | Machinery | 0.61 | 0.48 | 0.69 | 0.34 |
| CONS | Construction | 0.94 | 0.80 | 1.12 | 0.88 |
| UTIL | Utilities | 0.64 | 0.57 | 0.98 | 1.20 |
| TRAD | Trade | 1.06 | 1.11 | 0.98 | 0.92 |
| HOTL | Hotels and catering | 0.96 | 1.00 | 0.93 | 0.87 |
| TRAN | Transportation | 0.92 | 0.85 | 0.84 | 0.82 |
| FINB | Finance and business | 0.46 | 0.33 | 0.89 | 0.94 |
| GOVN | Government services | 1.15 | 1.18 | 1.07 | 1.19 |
| OSRV | Other services | 1.08 | 1.15 | 0.91 | 1.00 |

Source: Multiplier results using the Mozambique and Vietnam SAMs.

Table 10

Path Analysis from Agriculture to Rural Households in Mozambique

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Overall path details | Structural paths  (excluding origin and destination poles) | Direct influence | Path multiplier | Total influence | Share of global influence (%) | Cumulative share  (%) |
|  | FLAB\_L | 0.2017 | 2.0513 | 0.4137 | 41.62 | 41.62 |
| Origin | FLND | 0.1974 | 1.8825 | 0.3716 | 37.39 | 79.01 |
| pole (i): | TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.0470 | 2.3196 | 0.1091 | 10.98 | 89.99 |
| AGRI | FCAP → ENT | 0.0069 | 2.1006 | 0.0145 | 1.46 | 91.45 |
|  | TRAD → FLAB\_M | 0.0046 | 2.3150 | 0.0106 | 1.06 | 92.51 |
| Destination | TRAD → TRAN → FLAB\_L | 0.0031 | 2.5759 | 0.0079 | 0.79 | 93.30 |
| pole (j): | TRAD → FCAP → ENT | 0.0028 | 2.3855 | 0.0067 | 0.68 | 93.98 |
| HHD\_R | TRAD → FINB → FLAB\_L | 0.0011 | 2.3891 | 0.0027 | 0.27 | 94.25 |
|  | FLAB\_M | 0.0008 | 2.0584 | 0.0016 | 0.16 | 94.41 |
| Global | TRAD → HOTL → FLAB\_L | 0.0005 | 2.5830 | 0.0012 | 0.12 | 94.53 |
| influence: | TRAD → TRAN → FLAB\_M | 0.0005 | 2.5537 | 0.0012 | 0.12 | 94.65 |
| 0.994 | TRAD → OSRV → FLAB\_L | 0.0003 | 2.4214 | 0.0007 | 0.07 | 94.72 |
|  | TEXT → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.0002 | 2.6313 | 0.0006 | 0.06 | 94.78 |
|  | TEXT → FLAB\_L | 0.0002 | 2.3368 | 0.0005 | 0.05 | 94.83 |
|  | FUEL → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.0002 | 2.3224 | 0.0004 | 0.04 | 94.88 |
|  | TRAD → FINB → FLAB\_M | 0.0002 | 2.3815 | 0.0004 | 0.04 | 94.92 |
|  | FINB → FLAB\_L | 0.0001 | 2.1269 | 0.0003 | 0.03 | 94.94 |

Source: Structural path analysis results using the Mozambique SAM.

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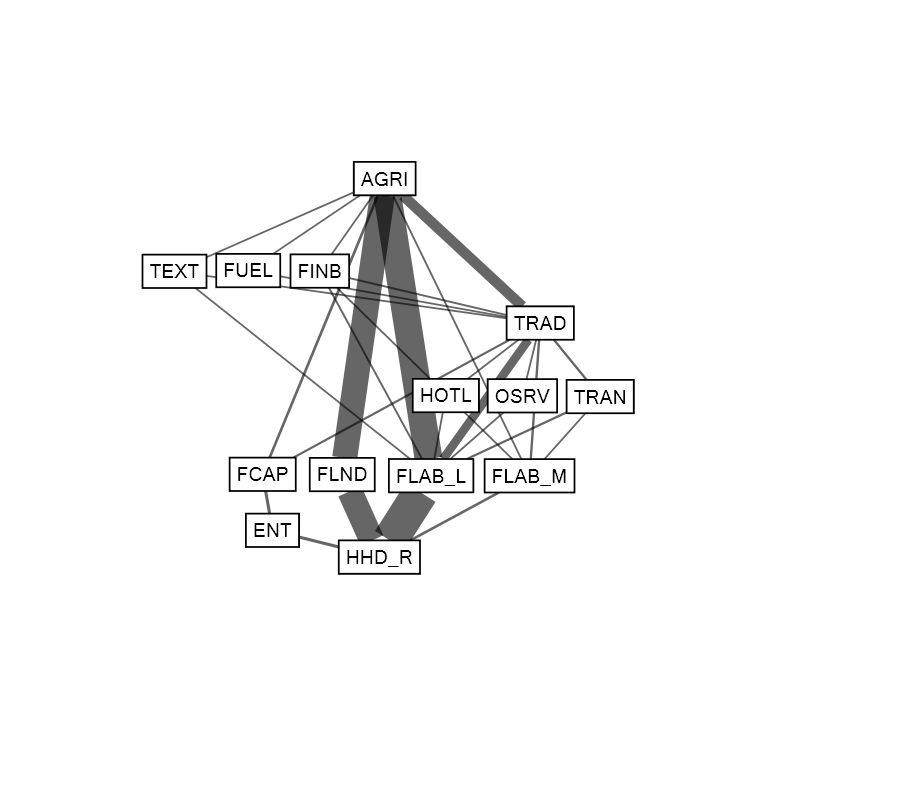
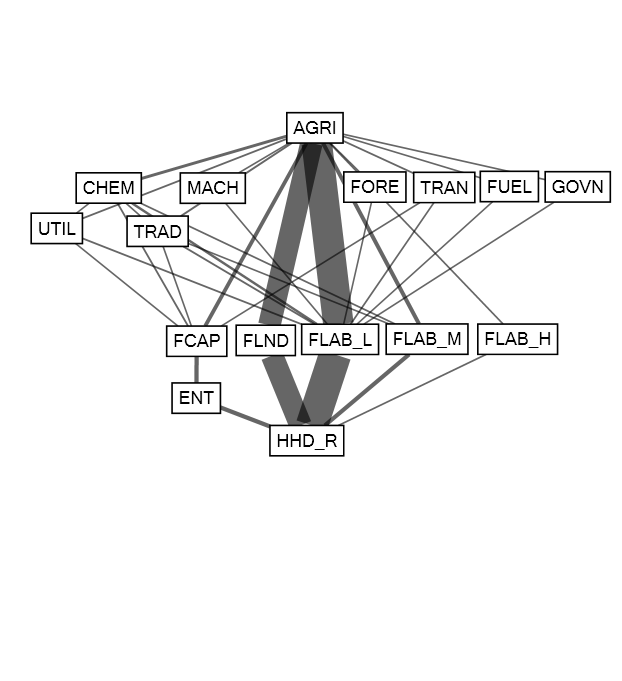
 

Figure 1. Income flows to rural households from an exogenous increase in agricultural demand.

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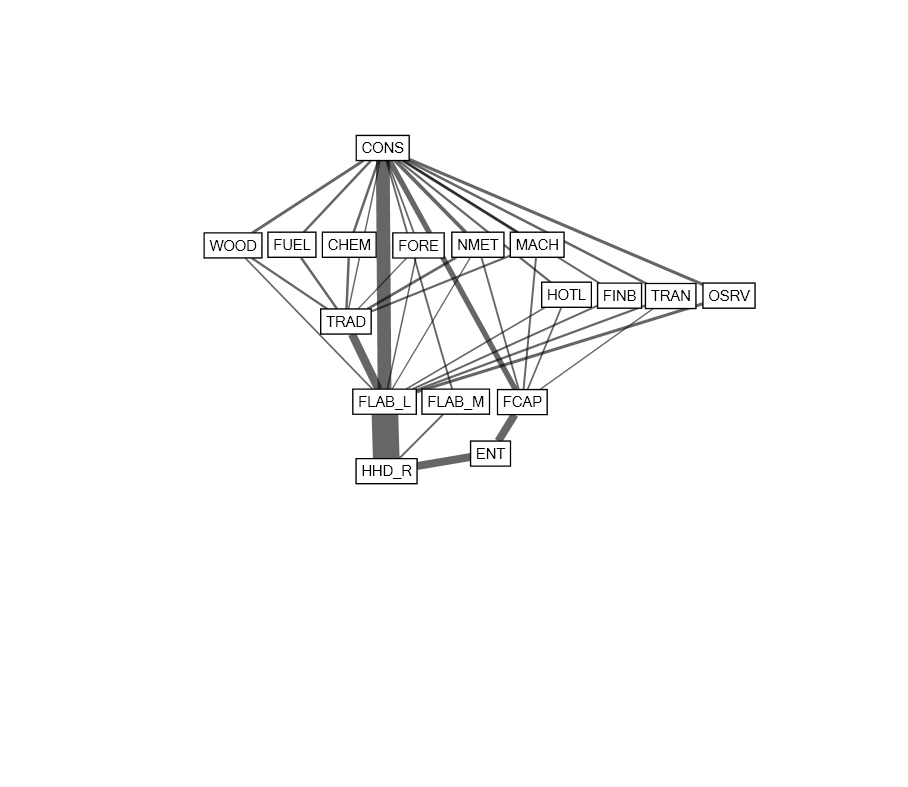
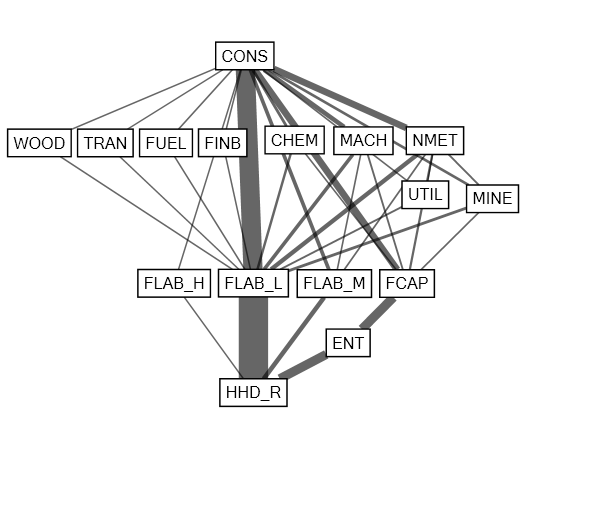
 

Figure 2. Income flows to rural households from an exogenous increase in construction.

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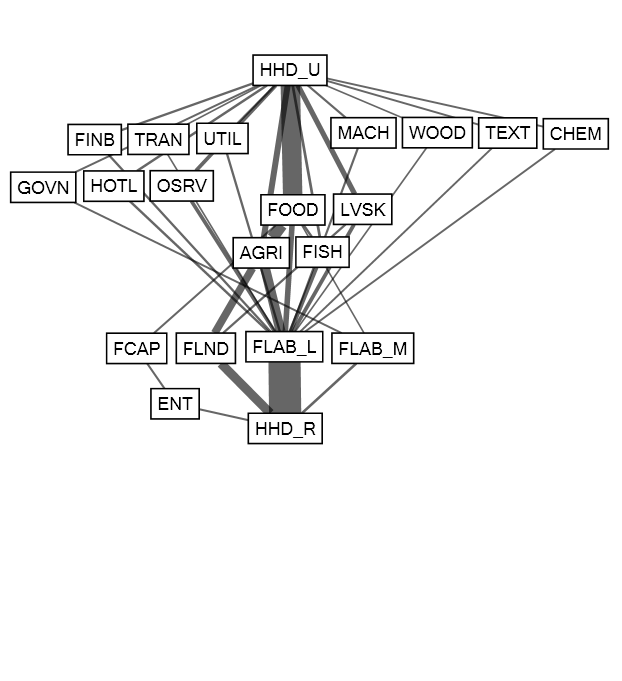
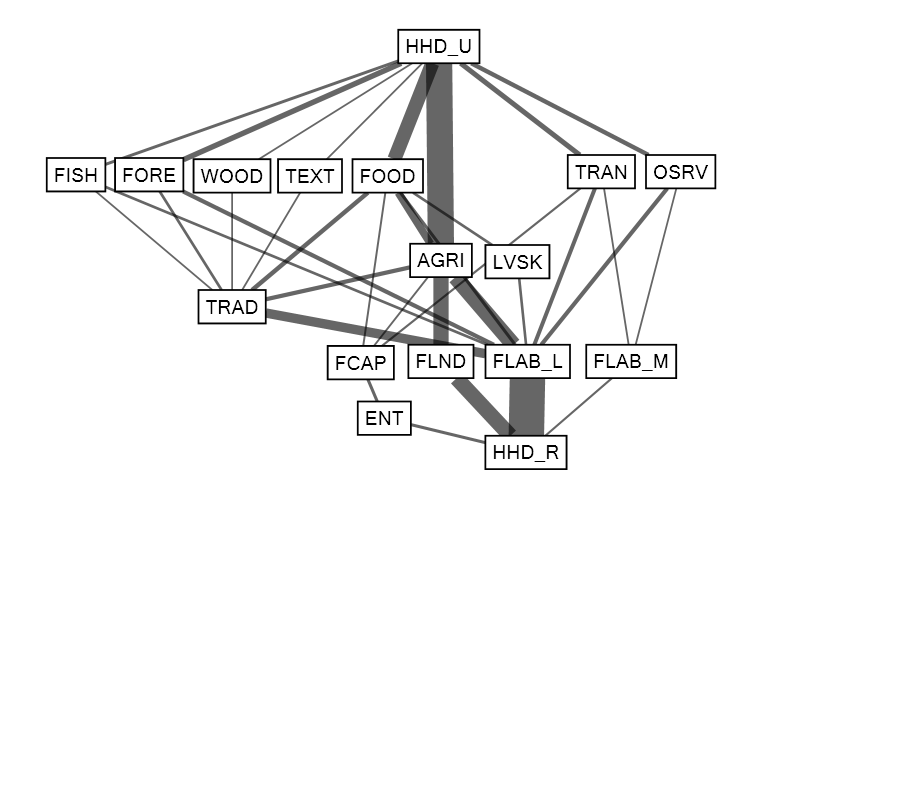


Figure 3. Income flows to rural households from an exogenous increase in urban households.

Table A1

Detailed SAM Multipliers for Mozambique

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Origin pole | Factor multipliers | | | | | Aggregate multipliers | | |
| FCAP | FLAB\_H | FLAB\_L | FLAB\_M | FLND | Output | V. Added | Income |
| AGRI | 0.524 | 0.142 | 1.064 | 0.268 | 0.320 | 5.236 | 2.318 | 2.677 |
| LVSK | 0.547 | 0.130 | 1.187 | 0.232 | 0.155 | 5.063 | 2.251 | 2.626 |
| FORE | 0.617 | 0.144 | 1.017 | 0.288 | 0.111 | 5.275 | 2.177 | 2.599 |
| FISH | 0.517 | 0.146 | 1.136 | 0.280 | 0.114 | 5.343 | 2.193 | 2.547 |
| MINE | 0.593 | 0.125 | 0.595 | 0.242 | 0.081 | 4.574 | 1.636 | 2.042 |
| FOOD | 0.423 | 0.137 | 0.639 | 0.220 | 0.119 | 4.416 | 1.538 | 1.828 |
| TEXT | 0.295 | 0.139 | 0.475 | 0.194 | 0.072 | 3.519 | 1.175 | 1.377 |
| WOOD | 0.358 | 0.148 | 0.548 | 0.230 | 0.069 | 4.003 | 1.353 | 1.598 |
| FUEL | 0.191 | 0.058 | 0.310 | 0.134 | 0.037 | 2.736 | 0.730 | 0.862 |
| CHEM | 0.172 | 0.047 | 0.209 | 0.089 | 0.027 | 2.261 | 0.544 | 0.662 |
| NMET | 0.456 | 0.085 | 0.371 | 0.151 | 0.054 | 3.359 | 1.117 | 1.430 |
| MACH | 0.407 | 0.061 | 0.276 | 0.109 | 0.043 | 2.835 | 0.896 | 1.174 |
| CONS | 0.510 | 0.197 | 0.512 | 0.197 | 0.074 | 4.352 | 1.490 | 1.838 |
| UTIL | 0.462 | 0.077 | 0.336 | 0.138 | 0.051 | 2.942 | 1.064 | 1.380 |
| TRAD | 0.538 | 0.164 | 0.878 | 0.379 | 0.106 | 4.911 | 2.065 | 2.434 |
| HOTL | 0.796 | 0.159 | 0.580 | 0.227 | 0.095 | 4.452 | 1.857 | 2.401 |
| TRAN | 0.520 | 0.160 | 0.566 | 0.262 | 0.079 | 4.255 | 1.587 | 1.944 |
| FINB | 0.124 | 0.115 | 0.232 | 0.114 | 0.033 | 2.141 | 0.618 | 0.703 |
| GOVN | 0.451 | 0.412 | 0.784 | 0.396 | 0.156 | 5.315 | 2.199 | 2.508 |
| OSRV | 0.478 | 0.325 | 0.852 | 0.372 | 0.112 | 4.979 | 2.139 | 2.467 |

Source: Multiplier results using the Mozambique SAM.

Table A2

Detailed SAM Multipliers for Vietnam

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Origin pole | Factor multipliers | | | | | Aggregate multipliers | | |
| FCAP | FLAB\_H | FLAB\_L | FLAB\_M | FLND | Output | V. Added | Income |
| AGRI | 0.292 | 0.028 | 0.590 | 0.109 | 0.257 | 2.954 | 1.276 | 1.361 |
| LVSK | 0.308 | 0.031 | 0.640 | 0.119 | 0.198 | 3.336 | 1.296 | 1.395 |
| FORE | 0.291 | 0.024 | 0.416 | 0.082 | 0.066 | 2.479 | 0.879 | 0.993 |
| FISH | 0.361 | 0.030 | 0.631 | 0.116 | 0.041 | 2.972 | 1.179 | 1.327 |
| MINE | 0.542 | 0.040 | 0.415 | 0.105 | 0.032 | 2.658 | 1.134 | 1.363 |
| FOOD | 0.298 | 0.029 | 0.442 | 0.093 | 0.107 | 3.183 | 0.969 | 1.081 |
| TEXT | 0.204 | 0.020 | 0.191 | 0.050 | 0.017 | 2.600 | 0.482 | 0.567 |
| WOOD | 0.238 | 0.021 | 0.245 | 0.058 | 0.025 | 2.439 | 0.587 | 0.686 |
| FUEL | 0.129 | 0.015 | 0.135 | 0.036 | 0.010 | 1.596 | 0.325 | 0.378 |
| CHEM | 0.188 | 0.019 | 0.202 | 0.050 | 0.018 | 2.100 | 0.477 | 0.554 |
| NMET | 0.352 | 0.032 | 0.321 | 0.082 | 0.025 | 2.947 | 0.812 | 0.960 |
| MACH | 0.126 | 0.013 | 0.134 | 0.035 | 0.010 | 1.847 | 0.318 | 0.372 |
| CONS | 0.349 | 0.031 | 0.334 | 0.083 | 0.025 | 2.985 | 0.822 | 0.967 |
| UTIL | 0.494 | 0.049 | 0.424 | 0.118 | 0.032 | 2.613 | 1.117 | 1.325 |
| TRAD | 0.332 | 0.039 | 0.362 | 0.097 | 0.027 | 2.619 | 0.857 | 0.997 |
| HOTL | 0.324 | 0.038 | 0.326 | 0.091 | 0.035 | 2.470 | 0.814 | 0.947 |
| TRAN | 0.334 | 0.035 | 0.286 | 0.082 | 0.023 | 2.229 | 0.760 | 0.899 |
| FINB | 0.342 | 0.045 | 0.357 | 0.104 | 0.027 | 2.363 | 0.875 | 1.018 |
| GOVN | 0.286 | 0.057 | 0.576 | 0.148 | 0.037 | 2.866 | 1.104 | 1.222 |
| OSRV | 0.273 | 0.052 | 0.446 | 0.125 | 0.031 | 2.439 | 0.927 | 1.039 |

Source: Multiplier results using the Vietnam SAM.

Table A3

Path Analysis from Agriculture to Rural Households in Vietnam

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Overall path details | Structural paths  (excluding origin and destination poles) | Direct influence | Path multiplier | Total influence | Share of global influence (%) | Cumulative share  (%) |
|  | FLAB\_L | 0.2083 | 1.6374 | 0.3411 | 48.10 | 48.10 |
| Origin | FLND | 0.1579 | 1.5613 | 0.2466 | 34.78 | 82.88 |
| pole (i): | FLAB\_M | 0.0179 | 1.5991 | 0.0286 | 4.03 | 86.91 |
| AGRI | FCAP → ENT | 0.0164 | 1.6225 | 0.0266 | 3.75 | 90.67 |
|  | CHEM → FLAB\_L | 0.0052 | 2.0604 | 0.0107 | 1.51 | 92.18 |
| Destination | TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.0017 | 1.6694 | 0.0029 | 0.41 | 92.59 |
| pole (j): | CHEM → FCAP → ENT | 0.0014 | 2.0414 | 0.0028 | 0.39 | 92.98 |
| HHD\_R | UTIL → FLAB\_L | 0.0012 | 1.7453 | 0.0021 | 0.30 | 93.28 |
|  | TRAN → FLAB\_L | 0.0010 | 1.6672 | 0.0017 | 0.25 | 93.53 |
| Global | CHEM → FLAB\_M | 0.0008 | 2.0151 | 0.0015 | 0.22 | 93.74 |
| influence: | FLAB\_H | 0.0008 | 1.5830 | 0.0012 | 0.17 | 93.91 |
| 0.709 | UTIL → FCAP → ENT | 0.0005 | 1.7272 | 0.0008 | 0.11 | 94.02 |
|  | TRAD → FCAP → ENT | 0.0004 | 1.6542 | 0.0007 | 0.10 | 94.12 |
|  | TRAN → FCAP → ENT | 0.0004 | 1.6505 | 0.0007 | 0.10 | 94.22 |
|  | CHEM → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.0003 | 2.0969 | 0.0006 | 0.08 | 94.31 |
|  | GOVN → FLAB\_L | 0.0003 | 1.7533 | 0.0006 | 0.08 | 94.39 |
|  | FUEL → FLAB\_L | 0.0003 | 1.6820 | 0.0005 | 0.07 | 94.46 |
|  | TRAD → FLAB\_M | 0.0003 | 1.6315 | 0.0005 | 0.07 | 94.53 |
|  | FORE → FLAB\_L | 0.0003 | 1.8320 | 0.0005 | 0.07 | 94.59 |
|  | CHEM → UTIL → FLAB\_L | 0.0002 | 2.1951 | 0.0005 | 0.06 | 94.66 |
|  | MACH → FLAB\_L | 0.0002 | 2.1594 | 0.0004 | 0.06 | 94.72 |

Source: Structural path analysis results using the Vietnam SAM.

Table A4

Path Analysis from Construction to Rural Households in Mozambique

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Overall path details | Structural paths  (excluding origin and destination poles) | Direct influence | Path multiplier | Total influence | Share of global influence (%) | Cumulative share  (%) |
|  | FLAB\_L | 0.0282 | 1.8884 | 0.0532 | 13.85 | 13.85 |
| Origin | FCAP → ENT | 0.0122 | 1.8654 | 0.0228 | 5.93 | 19.78 |
| pole (i): | OSRV → FLAB\_L | 0.0042 | 1.9831 | 0.0082 | 2.15 | 21.93 |
| CONS | NMET → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.0030 | 2.2103 | 0.0066 | 1.71 | 23.64 |
|  | CHEM → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.0026 | 2.2100 | 0.0057 | 1.48 | 25.12 |
| Destination | WOOD → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.0022 | 2.2857 | 0.0050 | 1.29 | 26.42 |
| pole (j): | TRAN → FLAB\_L | 0.0021 | 2.1493 | 0.0046 | 1.20 | 27.61 |
| HHD\_R | MACH → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.0019 | 2.2922 | 0.0044 | 1.14 | 28.76 |
|  | MACH → FCAP → ENT | 0.0022 | 1.9778 | 0.0043 | 1.12 | 29.88 |
| Global | FLAB\_M | 0.0023 | 1.8102 | 0.0042 | 1.10 | 30.98 |
| influence: | NMET → FCAP → ENT | 0.0021 | 1.9102 | 0.0040 | 1.03 | 32.01 |
| 0.384 | FINB → FLAB\_L | 0.0019 | 1.9583 | 0.0037 | 0.97 | 32.98 |
|  | HOTL → FCAP → ENT | 0.0015 | 2.0757 | 0.0030 | 0.79 | 33.77 |
|  | WOOD → FLAB\_L | 0.0012 | 2.0235 | 0.0024 | 0.62 | 34.39 |
|  | HOTL → FLAB\_L | 0.0010 | 2.1334 | 0.0021 | 0.55 | 34.95 |
|  | TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.0007 | 2.1590 | 0.0016 | 0.40 | 35.35 |
|  | TRAN → FCAP → ENT | 0.0007 | 2.0916 | 0.0015 | 0.40 | 35.75 |
|  | FORE → FLAB\_F | 0.0009 | 1.6852 | 0.0015 | 0.39 | 36.14 |
|  | OSRV → FLAB\_M | 0.0006 | 1.9034 | 0.0011 | 0.28 | 36.43 |
|  | FORE → FLAB\_L | 0.0005 | 1.9342 | 0.0010 | 0.25 | 36.68 |
|  | NMET → FLAB\_L | 0.0005 | 1.9343 | 0.0009 | 0.24 | 36.92 |

Source: Structural path analysis results using the Mozambique SAM.

Table A5

Path Analysis from Construction to Rural Households in Vietnam

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Overall path details | Structural paths  (excluding origin and destination poles) | Direct influence | Path multiplier | Total influence | Share of global influence (%) | Cumulative share  (%) |
|  | FLAB\_L | 0.0774 | 1.4604 | 0.1131 | 32.89 | 32.89 |
| Origin | FCAP → ENT | 0.0242 | 1.4346 | 0.0347 | 10.09 | 42.98 |
| pole (i): | NMET → FLAB\_L | 0.0104 | 1.8701 | 0.0195 | 5.66 | 48.64 |
| CONS | FLAB\_M | 0.0111 | 1.4122 | 0.0156 | 4.54 | 53.19 |
|  | MACH → FLAB\_L | 0.0077 | 1.9266 | 0.0149 | 4.32 | 57.51 |
| Destination | CHEM → FLAB\_L | 0.0043 | 1.8434 | 0.0080 | 2.32 | 59.82 |
| pole (j): | NMET → FCAP → ENT | 0.0035 | 1.8367 | 0.0064 | 1.85 | 61.68 |
| HHD\_R | MINE → FLAB\_L | 0.0041 | 1.4998 | 0.0061 | 1.77 | 63.44 |
|  | NMET → MINE → FLAB\_L | 0.0021 | 1.9151 | 0.0040 | 1.16 | 64.60 |
| Global | MACH → FCAP → ENT | 0.0020 | 1.8924 | 0.0038 | 1.11 | 65.70 |
| influence: | NMET → FLAB\_M | 0.0016 | 1.8091 | 0.0029 | 0.84 | 66.55 |
| 0.344 | MINE → FCAP → ENT | 0.0019 | 1.4727 | 0.0028 | 0.81 | 67.35 |
|  | UTIL → FLAB\_L | 0.0015 | 1.5573 | 0.0023 | 0.67 | 68.02 |
|  | MACH → FLAB\_M | 0.0012 | 1.8665 | 0.0023 | 0.66 | 68.68 |
|  | FUEL → FLAB\_L | 0.0014 | 1.5004 | 0.0021 | 0.60 | 69.27 |
|  | CHEM → FCAP → ENT | 0.0011 | 1.8108 | 0.0020 | 0.59 | 69.87 |
|  | FINB → FLAB\_L | 0.0013 | 1.5791 | 0.0020 | 0.59 | 70.46 |
|  | WOOD → FLAB\_L | 0.0012 | 1.6838 | 0.0019 | 0.56 | 71.02 |
|  | FLAB\_H | 0.0012 | 1.3933 | 0.0017 | 0.49 | 71.52 |
|  | NMET → UTIL → FLAB\_L | 0.0008 | 1.9935 | 0.0016 | 0.46 | 71.98 |
|  | TRAN → FLAB\_L | 0.0009 | 1.4876 | 0.0014 | 0.40 | 72.37 |

Source: Structural path analysis results using the Vietnam SAM.

Table A6

Path Analysis from Urban Households to Rural Households in Mozambique

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Overall path details | Structural paths  (excluding origin and destination poles) | Direct influence | Path multiplier | Total influence | Share of global influence (%) | Cumulative share  (%) |
|  | AGRI → FLAB\_L | 0.041 | 2.587 | 0.105 | 17.56 | 17.56 |
| Origin | AGRI → FLND | 0.040 | 2.587 | 0.103 | 17.19 | 34.76 |
| pole (i): | FOOD → AGRI → FLAB\_L | 0.010 | 2.943 | 0.030 | 5.01 | 39.77 |
| HHD\_U | FOOD → AGRI → FLND | 0.010 | 2.943 | 0.029 | 4.90 | 44.67 |
|  | FOOD → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.009 | 3.071 | 0.029 | 4.81 | 49.47 |
| Destination | FORE → FLAB\_L | 0.010 | 2.552 | 0.026 | 4.34 | 53.82 |
| pole (j): | AGRI → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.010 | 2.740 | 0.026 | 4.34 | 58.16 |
| HHD\_R | OSRV → FLAB\_L | 0.010 | 2.562 | 0.026 | 4.30 | 62.46 |
|  | TRAN → FLAB\_L | 0.009 | 2.731 | 0.024 | 4.04 | 66.50 |
| Global | FOOD → FLAB\_L | 0.006 | 2.901 | 0.016 | 2.67 | 69.17 |
| influence: | FORE → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.005 | 2.703 | 0.012 | 2.02 | 71.19 |
| 0.597 | FISH → FLAB\_L | 0.005 | 2.550 | 0.012 | 1.96 | 73.16 |
|  | FOOD → LVSK → FLAB\_L | 0.004 | 2.901 | 0.011 | 1.88 | 75.04 |
|  | TRAN → FCAP → ENT | 0.002 | 2.731 | 0.007 | 1.11 | 76.15 |
|  | FOOD → FCAP → ENT | 0.002 | 2.901 | 0.005 | 0.82 | 76.97 |
|  | TRAN → FLAB\_M | 0.001 | 2.731 | 0.004 | 0.60 | 77.57 |
|  | AGRI → FCAP → ENT | 0.001 | 2.587 | 0.004 | 0.60 | 78.17 |
|  | TEXT → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.001 | 3.051 | 0.003 | 0.50 | 78.67 |
|  | WOOD → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.001 | 2.850 | 0.003 | 0.49 | 79.16 |
|  | OSRV → FLAB\_M | 0.001 | 2.562 | 0.003 | 0.47 | 79.64 |
|  | FISH → TRAD → FLAB\_L | 0.001 | 2.704 | 0.003 | 0.47 | 80.11 |

Source: Structural path analysis results using the Mozambique SAM.

Table A7

Path Analysis from Urban Households to Rural Households in Vietnam

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Overall path details | Structural paths  (excluding origin and destination poles) | Direct influence | Path multiplier | Total influence | Share of global influence (%) | Cumulative share  (%) |
|  | FOOD → AGRI → FLAB\_L | 0.0119 | 2.0195 | 0.0240 | 8.24 | 17.23 |
| Origin | FOOD → FLAB\_L | 0.0100 | 1.8231 | 0.0183 | 6.28 | 23.51 |
| pole (i): | FOOD → AGRI → FLND | 0.0090 | 2.0195 | 0.0182 | 6.25 | 29.75 |
| HHD\_U | AGRI → FLAB\_L | 0.0065 | 1.7589 | 0.0115 | 3.94 | 33.70 |
|  | LVSK → FLAB\_L | 0.0068 | 1.6911 | 0.0115 | 3.94 | 37.63 |
| Destination | OSRV → FLAB\_L | 0.0069 | 1.6109 | 0.0112 | 3.83 | 41.46 |
| pole (j): | AGRI → FLND | 0.0050 | 1.7589 | 0.0087 | 2.99 | 44.46 |
| HHD\_R | FISH → FLAB\_L | 0.0040 | 1.7500 | 0.0070 | 2.42 | 46.87 |
|  | HOTL → FLAB\_L | 0.0037 | 1.6024 | 0.0059 | 2.04 | 48.91 |
| Global | FOOD → FISH → FLAB\_L | 0.0030 | 2.0102 | 0.0059 | 2.03 | 50.94 |
| influence: | FINB → FLAB\_L | 0.0032 | 1.7021 | 0.0055 | 1.87 | 52.81 |
| 0.291 | UTIL → FLAB\_L | 0.0032 | 1.6780 | 0.0054 | 1.84 | 54.66 |
|  | LVSK → FLND | 0.0032 | 1.6911 | 0.0054 | 1.84 | 56.50 |
|  | MACH → FLAB\_L | 0.0023 | 2.0782 | 0.0048 | 1.64 | 58.14 |
|  | FOOD → FCAP → ENT | 0.0024 | 1.8231 | 0.0044 | 1.49 | 59.63 |
|  | GOVN → FLAB\_M | 0.0024 | 1.6785 | 0.0041 | 1.39 | 61.02 |
|  | TEXT → FLAB\_L | 0.0015 | 2.5199 | 0.0039 | 1.34 | 62.36 |
|  | CHEM → FLAB\_L | 0.0019 | 1.9898 | 0.0038 | 1.32 | 63.68 |
|  | TRAN → FLAB\_L | 0.0018 | 1.6062 | 0.0028 | 0.96 | 64.64 |
|  | WOOD → FLAB\_L | 0.0015 | 1.8186 | 0.0028 | 0.94 | 65.59 |
|  | FOOD → FLAB\_M | 0.0014 | 1.8231 | 0.0026 | 0.90 | 66.49 |

Source: Structural path analysis results using the Vietnam SAM.

1. Based on the US$1-a-day poverty line and gross domestic product (GDP) adjusted for purchasing power, China and Vietnam’s poverty-growth-elasticity was -0.76 (1981-2005) and -1.31 (1983-2006), respectively, while India’s was -0.44 (1993-2006) (World Bank 2010). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Mozambique has been, since the early 1990s, one of the largest aid recipients in the world on a per capita basis. Vietnam has been a large aid recipient in absolute terms. When aid is combined with offshore oil revenues, the per capita value of external resources has been similar. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Trends in inequality are somewhat less clear due to a variety of measurement issues. In both countries, inequality appears to have deteriorated over the period with the likelihood of more substantial increases in the Gini coefficient in Mozambique. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. PGE calculations are sensitive to the beginning and end year GDP and poverty estimates. Mozambique’s PGE may be underestimated given the detrimental effects of high food and oil prices during 2008 (Arndt et al. 2008; DNEAP 2010). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. The SAMs are available upon request. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. Metals are important in Mozambique in GDP terms but of little relevance in GNP terms due to high levels of capital intensity and foreign ownership. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. Since the rural and urban multipliers are normalized by their respective average multiplier, it is not possible to compare rural and urban multipliers within each country. Normalization does, however, allow us to compare rural or urban multipliers across Mozambique and Vietnam. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. The correlation coefficient between rural multipliers is 0.82 while the coefficient between urban multipliers is 0.65. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. The tabulated results for Figures 2 and 3 are presented in Tables A4-A5 and A6-A7 in the appendix, respectively. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)