
Mobility patterns in small and intermediate towns and its implication on urban rural linkages – A focus on the milk value chain

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Abstract

The photographs are part of a research that focuses on mobility patterns in small and intermediate towns its implications on urban rural linkages with a specific focus on the dairy value chain. The study looks at the dynamics of mobility along the milk value chain from production, collection, processing, and distribution of milk. The research area is a 47 kilometers transect between Ruiru (25 kilometers from Nairobi) to Uplands village centre. The photographs illustrate the dynamic dairy value chain activities related to mobility taking place along the transect. They were taken during field work in 2018 and 2019 and also extracted from a virtual transect of the study area with *google street view*.

These photographs depict the movements relating to the milk value chain. They were useful in providing an exploratory overview of the various activities taking place along the transect. The limitations of *google street view* is that it's not able to show the time variations of mobility, since they are taken at a specific time, and are also limited to major access roads hence the need to supplement them with photos taken by the researcher during field work.

The PhD research examines the patterns of these mobilities in terms of: what is moving? How it is moving? When it is moving? Where it is moving? Investigating the modes, frequency, time, rhythm, routes, distances, directions, products and mechanics of these movement. The study additionally examines the change in mobility patterns during the dry and rainy season, and during the day and night, and scrutinizes the barriers, adaptations and enablers of these mobilities and the resultant cost of these barriers. Lastly the study examines the implications of these mobilities on urban-rural linkages and the rural and urban livelihoods.

The file of the presentation is available on the website

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