



The State and Urban Food Insecurity in Post-Apartheid Johannesburg

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Case Study: Johannesburg



What state food programs exist in Johannesburg?

What is the state's philosophical approach to food security?

Methods



Interviews with government, food businesses, & civil society
Analysis of core governmental policy documents

Government Food Programs

Direct food assistance

Social grants

Urban agriculture

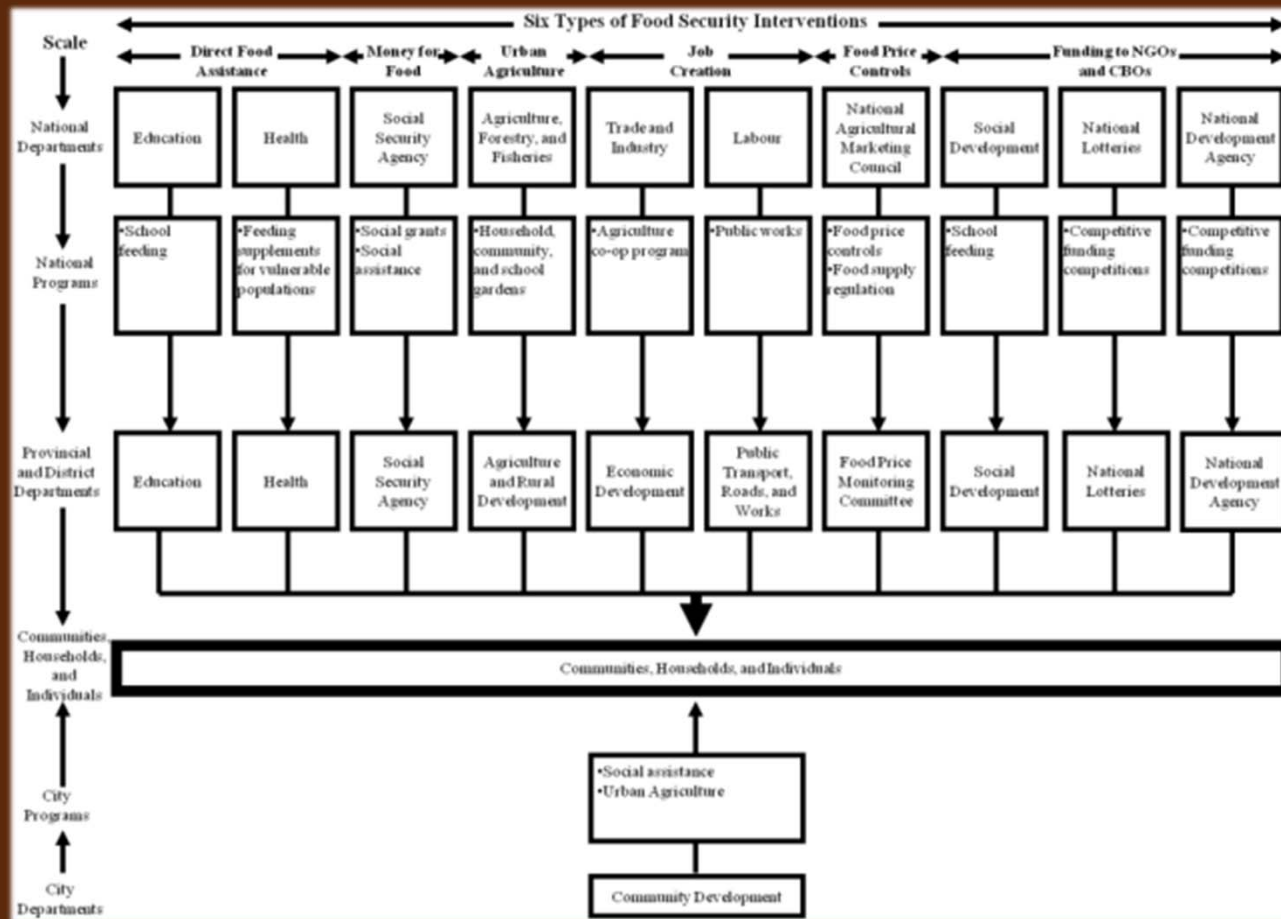


Job creation

Price controls

Funding to NGOs and CBOs

Lack of Coordination



“Black hole”

“Interdepartmental blinkers” or “Silos”

Ineffective Institutions



Government inefficiency and corruption
Uneven access to government funding

Disconnectedness from On-the-Ground Realities



Large agri-business versus small scale urban farmer

Lack of Urban Focused Policy



“Silent tsunami” of urban food insecurity
Purchasing power and urban markets

Corrupt Electioneering Practices



Political kickbacks
Social Relief of Distress Program

Food Programs for Whom?



ANC party and executive state apparatus
Lobbying, advocacy, and social change?

Food Security Policy: How to Proceed



Support social grants, public works, and wage employment

Fund and staff basic needs CBOs

Invest in small scale urban agriculture