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### Socio-material 'Griddedness' and its Role in Driving Food System Outcomes in African Cities

Conventional framings of the urban food and nutrition challenge, policy orientations, and developmental responses require significant review. Four intersecting themes are considered; the second urban transition, how this intersects with the nutrition transition, how urban residents are responding to these issues, and finally, the limitations of existing food and nutrition security measurement. The drivers of poor food and nutrition outcomes align directly with the urban system, specifically infrastructure deficiencies in rapidly growing African cities. Citizens respond strategically to these deficiencies in ways overlooked in discourses aligned to the nutrition transition. Measurement and policy processes fail to consider this agency. Required are approaches that engage across multiple infrastructure grids, the wider urban system and the food system so as to support new forms of urban food systems governance that align food system needs with these complex urban systems, and see urban food and nutrition security and urban infrastructure as directly linked.

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