

## This describes how to disaggregate national FIES rates by urban and rural areas

For a given country, we have the following variables:

- $\omega$ : The percentage of households in urban areas in a country with food insecurity (UNKNOWN)
- $\rho$ : The percentage of households in rural areas in a country with food insecurity (UNKNOWN)
- $t$ : The overall percentage of households in a country with food insecurity (KNOWN)
- $RUR$ : The total population in rural areas (KNOWN)
- $URB$ : The total population in urban areas (KNOWN)
- $TOT$ : The total population (KNOWN)
- $ratio$ : The ratio of the rates of urban food insecurity to rural food insecurity. This is known at a regional level, and it is estimated that the same ratio holds at the individual country level.

Lets start from the following two assumptions/equations:

$$\omega/\rho = ratio \quad (1)$$

$$\omega * URB + \rho * RUR = t * TOT \quad (2)$$

Now we can derive the value of  $\omega$  from Equation 1.

$$\omega = \rho * ratio$$

Substituting that value into Equation 2 yields:

$$\rho * ratio * URB + \rho * RUR = t * TOT$$

Solving for  $\rho$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \rho * ratio * URB + \rho * RUR &= t * TOT \\ \rho * (ratio * URB + RUR) &= t * TOT \\ \rho &= \frac{t * TOT}{ratio * URB + RUR} \end{aligned}$$

Then, given  $\rho$ , we can solve for  $\omega$  with Equation 2.