



Interhousehold transfers in urban PNG: a study from the 1980s

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Madang market in 1983 (Louise Morauta)

Urban household surveys were conducted in 1982 and 1983 in PNG with the aim of describing interhousehold transfers in poorer urban households and the effect of transfers on the wellbeing of those households. Four census units were selected with high proportions of households without wage earners, two in Port Moresby and two in Madang. Although initial findings from the study were issued at the time, the full data and analysis has only recently been published.

The surveys record higher levels of transfers than other urban studies in the period 1975 to 1996. Transfers had the effect of reducing differences in consumption between households, particularly differences in food consumption, and were most important for the welfare of the poorest households.

Despite the system of transfers, many households in the four study areas received less than 100 per cent of their nutritional requirements in relation to both calories and protein.

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