

Food access channels in tropical sub-Saharan Africa

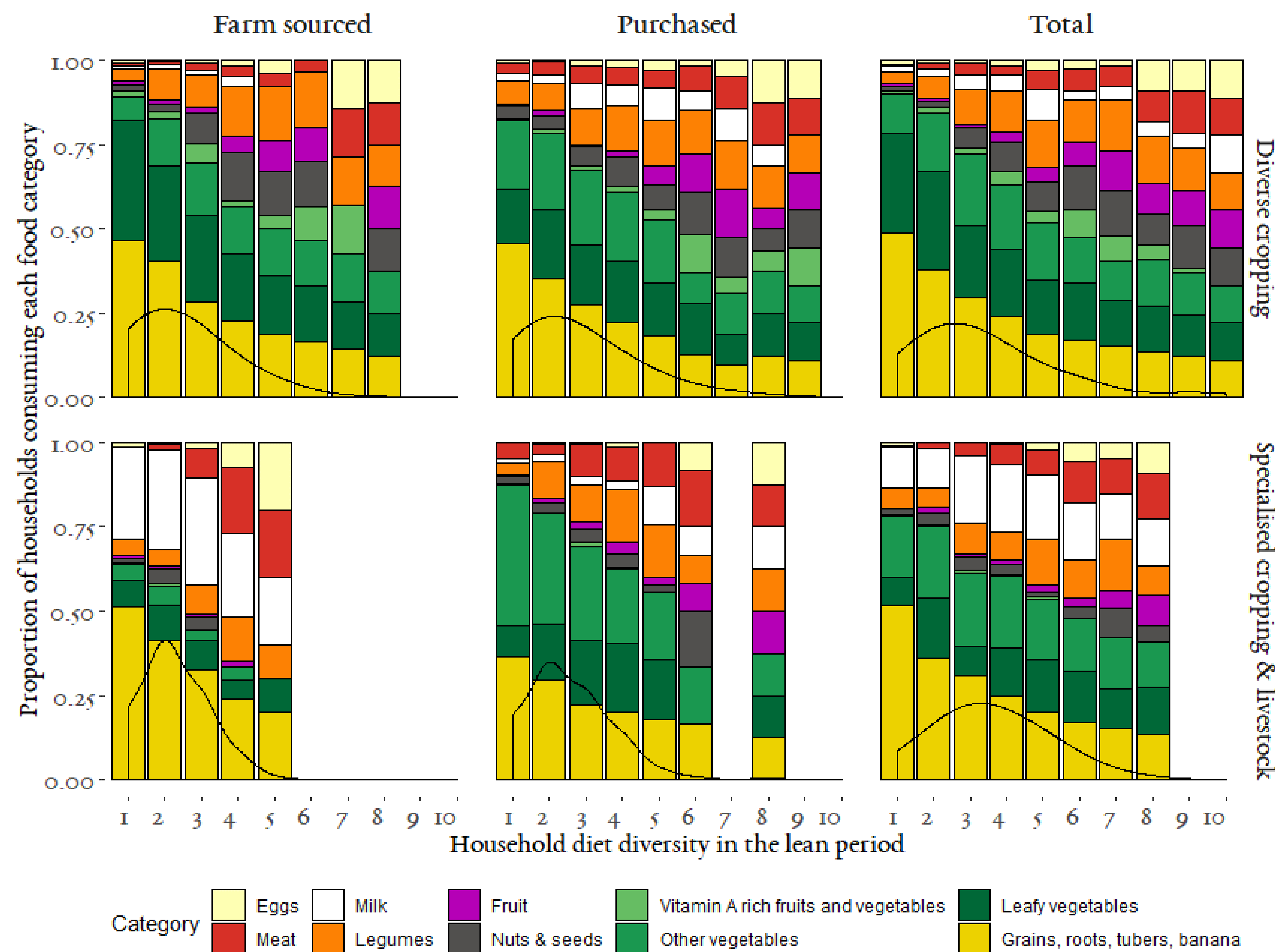
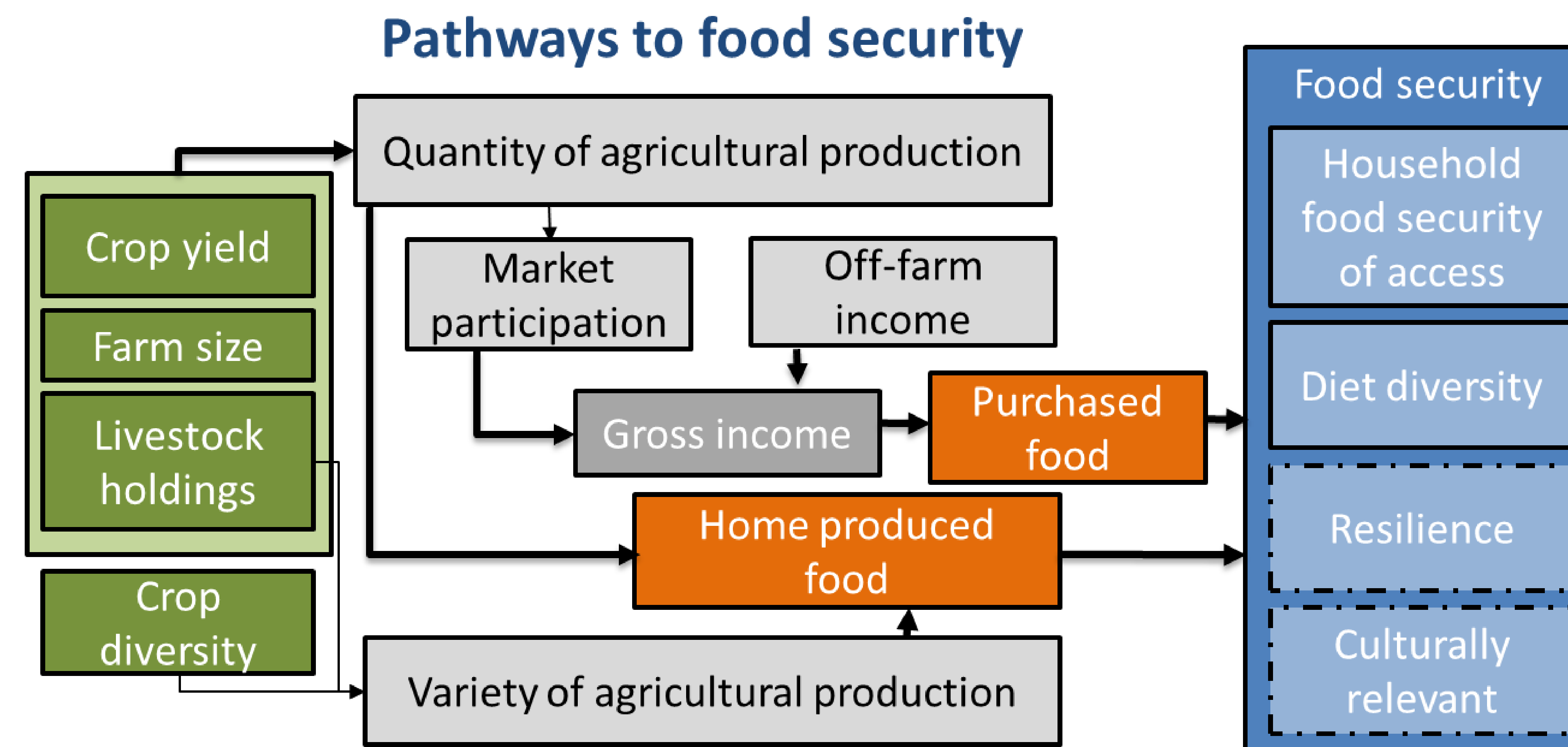
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The pathways from intervention to improved food security are not fully understood.

Food access channels are mediated by **home production** and **purchasing power**.

Using RHOMIS, we can assess the influence that farm type has on food sourcing behaviour.

We analysed data from almost 8000 households from 8 countries in SSA



- **Livestock keepers**, on average, have more diverse diets in the lean period. **Diverse cropping** households have the highest maximum diversity
- **Farm sourcing** is important for plant based and animal based products.
- **The purchased channel** was important for sourcing meat, 'other vegetables' and legumes
- Fruit and eggs were included in more diverse diets
- Extra income does not necessarily translate into increased diversity of food purchases