

Conflict, internal displacement and urban food security in the city of Ambon, Indonesia

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Introduction

- Urban food security in violent settings?
- Trade networks and petty markets
- Case: Ambon - Indonesia



Indonesia - Ambon



The city as a battlefield: Ambon

- High-intensity conflict between Christians and Muslims (1999-2004)
- Massive forced migration
- Mono-religious zones



Ambon map



Food distribution in Ambon

- Presence of aid agencies
- Access to markets
- Urban agriculture limited
- Reorganization of food trade networks



Survival strategies: selling food to eat

- 1st level: middlemen (extortion)
- 2nd level: small-scale merchants



Tentative conclusions

- 1) Presence food aid agencies
- 2) Urban agriculture: limited
- 3) Dependence on food trade networks:
extortion
- 4) Dual function petty food markets

