



## Political and Economic Development in Rural Areas of Developing Countries

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Dear Colleagues,

Rural areas in developing countries are potentially politically marginalized, i.e., receive subpar service delivery, for two reasons. First, clientelism implies political representatives offer targeted benefits to gain political support, averting broad public good provision. Second, barriers to collective action due to lack of information or coordination precludes rural groups from demanding improved service delivery. Enhancing agricultural productivity is fundamentally dependent on improving the delivery of infrastructure and services to rural areas. Despite this documented marginalization of rural areas from the provision of key services, there is emerging evidence that political are paying attention to rural areas.

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