

**Sub-Saharan Africa - Rural Population (circa 2000) by Agroecological Zone**

	Rural population			Share of rural population by agroecological zone & country/group										Total
	Total population	Rural population		Sub-tropics			Tropics						total	
		Total	Share of total population	Lowland (<800m)	Highland (>800m)	total	Lowland (<1,200m)				Highland (>1,200m)			
							arid	semi-arid	sub-humid	humid	arid / semi-arid	subhumid / humid		
million persons	percent	percent of total by agroecological zone for each country/group												
AGRA Tier 1														
Ghana	19.1	12.5	65.3	-	-	-	-	0.8	59.9	39.3	-	-	100.0	100.0
Kenya	30.5	24.3	79.7	-	-	-	2.3	11.5	11.7	3.2	2.3	69.0	100.0	100.0
Malawi	11.3	9.4	83.2	-	-	-	-	50.9	32.2	-	12.1	4.8	100.0	100.0
Mali	11.2	8.5	75.8	-	-	-	12.6	82.2	5.2	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Mozambique	18.1	12.8	71.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.5	19.9	77.0	-	1.7	0.7	99.9	100.0
Nigeria	113.3	73.6	65.0	-	-	-	0.2	42.5	46.3	10.2	0.0	0.7	100.0	100.0
Tanzania	34.8	23.6	67.8	-	-	-	-	7.7	42.8	1.4	5.7	42.5	100.0	100.0
Uganda	22.4	19.5	87.2	-	-	-	-	0.0	4.2	54.4	0.0	41.5	100.0	100.0
Tier 2														
Burkina Faso	11.5	10.1	87.4	-	-	-	0.4	84.1	15.6	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Ethiopia	62.9	55.5	88.2	-	-	-	3.6	6.5	3.6	0.3	23.4	62.7	100.0	100.0
Madagascar	15.8	12.8	80.9	0.0	-	0.0	-	9.6	16.5	48.3	0.0	25.6	100.0	100.0
Niger	10.7	8.8	82.2	-	-	-	8.9	91.1	-	-	-	-	100.0	100.0
Rwanda	7.3	6.8	93.2	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.6	-	99.4	100.0	100.0
Zambia	10.5	6.8	64.6	-	-	-	-	58.1	9.9	-	11.3	20.7	100.0	100.0
AGRA Total	379.3	284.9	75.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	26.5	26.3	10.7	6.0	28.8	100.0	100.0
Geographical Groupings														
Western Sub-Saharan Africa	250.5	165.7	66.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.9	41.6	40.2	15.3	0.0	1.1	100.0	100.0
Nigeria	113.3	73.6	65.0	-	-	-	0.2	42.5	46.3	10.2	0.0	0.7	100.0	100.0
East & Central Sub-Saharan Africa	274.9	215.0	78.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	10.0	15.1	17.3	7.9	42.4	100.0	100.0
Ethiopia	62.9	55.5	88.2	-	-	-	3.6	6.5	3.6	0.3	23.4	62.7	100.0	100.0
Southern Sub-Saharan Africa	114.9	67.8	59.0	5.5	9.4	15.0	3.2	35.9	26.7	0.1	13.9	5.3	85.0	100.0
South Africa	43.1	17.6	40.8	20.6	28.9	49.5	6.0	28.2	5.3	0.1	9.2	1.7	50.5	100.0
SSA Total	640.4	448.4	70.0	0.8	1.4	2.3	4.7	25.6	26.1	14.0	5.9	21.5	97.7	100.0
R&D Groupings														
ASARECA	265.6	208.0	78.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	9.5	15.6	17.8	8.1	43.8	100.0	100.0
CORAF/WECAR	298.3	199.5	66.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	34.5	38.6	21.1	0.0	4.2	100.0	100.0
SADC	216.6	140.2	64.7	2.7	4.6	7.2	1.6	19.5	29.1	18.2	7.7	16.7	92.8	100.0
Economic Groupings														
COMESA	352.4	227.5	64.6	3.9	0.0	3.9	5.0	14.8	13.0	16.2	10.0	37.0	96.1	100.0
ECOWAS	218.5	146.3	67.0	-	-	-	1.6	41.9	42.6	13.6	0.0	0.3	100.0	100.0
SADC	216.6	140.2	64.7	2.7	4.6	7.2	1.6	19.5	29.1	18.2	7.7	16.7	92.8	100.0

Notes: The moisture zones were determined based on the length of growing period as follows: Arid: <70 days; semi-arid: 70-180 days; subhumid: 180-270 days; humid: > 270 days

Data sources: Agroecological Zones: Sebastian/HarvestChoice 2009 based on WorldClim climate data (2009), IIASA/FAO length of growing period data (Fischer 2009) and SRTM30 elevation data (USGS 2007).

Population data: CIESIN/IFPRI/CIAT GRUMP data (2005).

**Acronyms**

AGRA Alliance for the Green Revolution in Africa

ASARECA Association for Strengthening Agricultural Research in Eastern and Central Africa

CORAF/WECAR Conseil Ouest et Centre Africain pour la Recherche et le Développement Agricole /  
West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development

SADC Southern African Development Community

COMESA Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa

ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States