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A: what about the role of food aid in long term food security? Food aid plays a role there or is it only emergency?

I: long term food aid?

A: I mean if it plays a role, not distributing food all the time. But to alleviate shocks and things like that.

I: One thing you want to think of is whether you are not doing dumping because there's that element also where you are just doing dumping. The American Gov has said there is so much money here and there's already overproduction of food in their own country. That's something that has to be looked into. Food aid is quite vital if it's well planned and well managed. You are talking of targeting particular households in a particular time where if that support had not been provided the households may end up in a poverty cycle. Because if they cannot get food they will not be able to attend to their gardens so they may end up doing ganyu! I'm quite impressed by this word! It's becoming international!

A: I've seen it everywhere, yes.

I: So if they go and do ganyu in someone's garden they are forgetting their own piece of land and working someone's area in even if there is good rainfall they will not be able to harvest their own land. And next year they'll still suffer. They end up perpetually in that kind of cycle. It is important in the sense that it will give relief to the vulnerable households to turn to their gardens instead of working on other people's gardens. But at the same time we also have to consider whether those are the only options.