

Building on the strengths of local practices



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The diversity of local food crops supports the food sovereignty, livelihoods, and culture. (Andhra Pradesh, India).

There is a need to come to grips with the essence of economy, poverty and development in different cultural contexts. The following questions need further examination:

1. What visions exist within different cultures and religions with respect to poverty and development?
2. How can these visions contribute to strengthening formal and informal local economies?
3. How can endogenous development be applied in modernised societies?



Transport of local produce to the market.



Employment and income by manufacturing traditional clothing for men, on the market in Bolgatanga, northern Ghana.



Local handicrafts for sale!



Various exchange systems are part of the local market of Cliza, central Bolivia.



Sale of colourful dyes to be used in rituals and other cultural events, in southern India.