

Empowering informal food workers in Ghana

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1 Background & Motivation

- > 80% of the sub-Saharan African workforce make their living in the informal economy
- Many vulnerable workers, such as women, youth, and migrant workers
- Precarious working conditions
- Little voice

BUT

- Informal employees remain invisible in official discourse and in government statistics
- Collective action focus on formal economy



Informal restaurant operator in Accra. Photo: P. Illien

2 Objectives



- What is considered **“good” work** by informal economy workers in Accra's food service sector?
 - Can differ from conventional measures of “decent” work
 - Identify solutions to precarious work conditions
- How can **informal unions** help to achieve this vision?
 - Identify pathways for collective action that can be upscaled
 - Give voice to informal economy workers

3 Methodology

Photovoice: a participatory action research methodology

Steps:

- Introductory group sessions
- Taking photographs and audio diaries
- Individual in-depth interviews
- Group photo-sharing sessions
- Transdisciplinary workshop



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