

Working in Urban v. Rural Areas

English translation:

The town system... In town...It's true that [living in town] has an advantage because you can stay and be able to work, working here and there to earn a living. That is different from [what they do in] the rural areas. In the rural areas this¹ is the farming season. After planting, you await harvest time. After harvesting, you can sell your produce. Usually farming is done once in a year (only during the rainy season) so you will be expecting a good rainy season. If it doesn't rain that well, it means you will not plant and harvest enough produce to eat and to sell. So you will be people who are...you would have to... If you have children living in town, they will have to assist you by sending food to you. Living in town is better because if you can work to support yourself, you do not have that much of a problem, but if you cannot, it is very hard to live in town so you have to go to the rural areas.

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¹ "this" is referring to the present season at the time of the interview