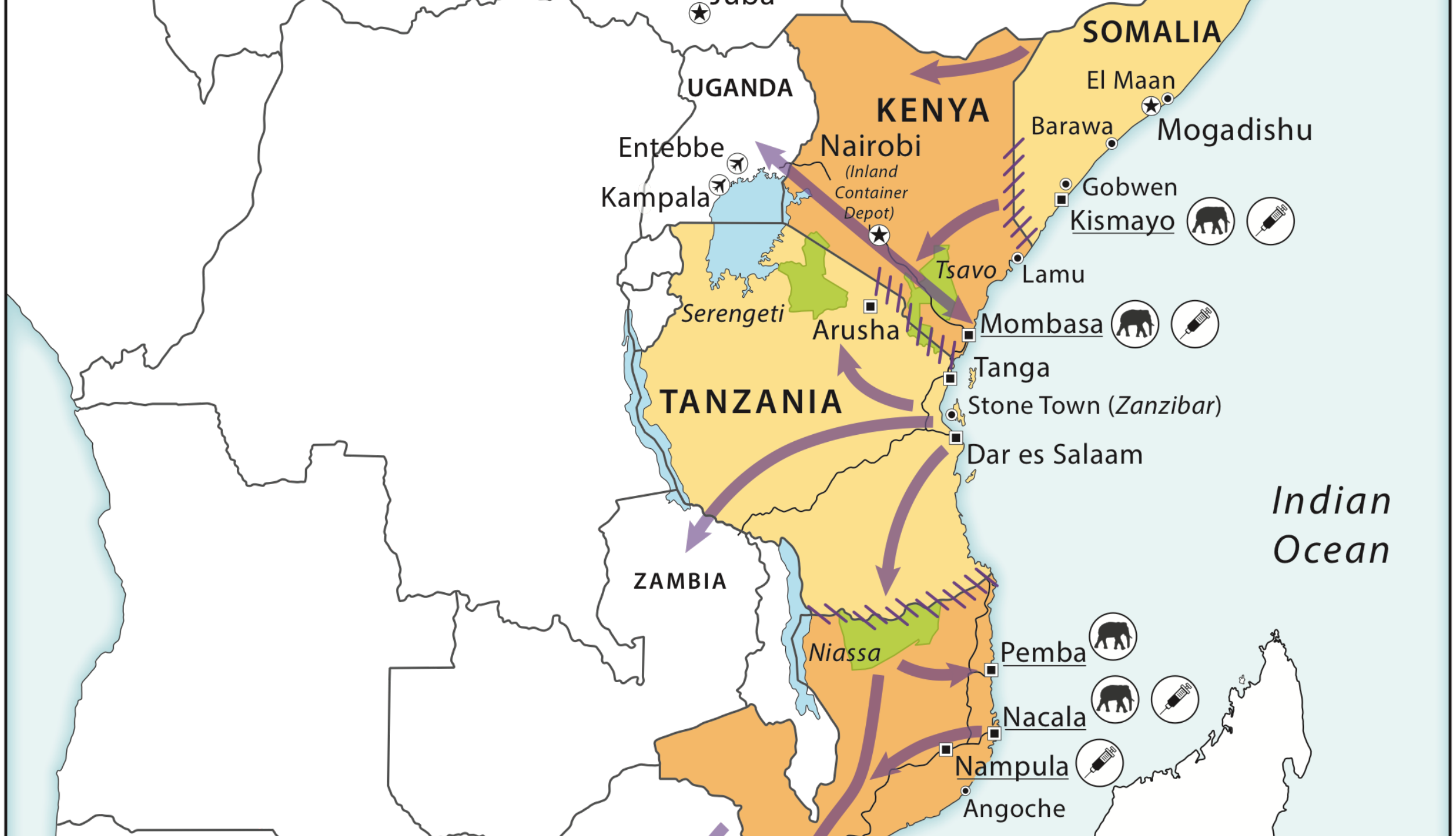




THE EVOLUTION OF ILLICIT DRUG MARKETS IN EASTERN AFRICA

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GROWTH OF MARKET IN SOUTH AFRICA

- Size of seizures and purity increasing, indicative that trade is upscaling.
- New criminal networks growing and proliferating.

Domestic use increasing and feeding into violence

- Estimated 50% staying for local consumption: up from from 10-20% a few years ago.
- Price of heroin has halved in Cape Town since 2015, from ZAR 30 to ZAR 15 for ¼ gram.
- Described as an epidemic with significant public health implications, e.g. Hep C and HIV.
- Police corruption a key factor.



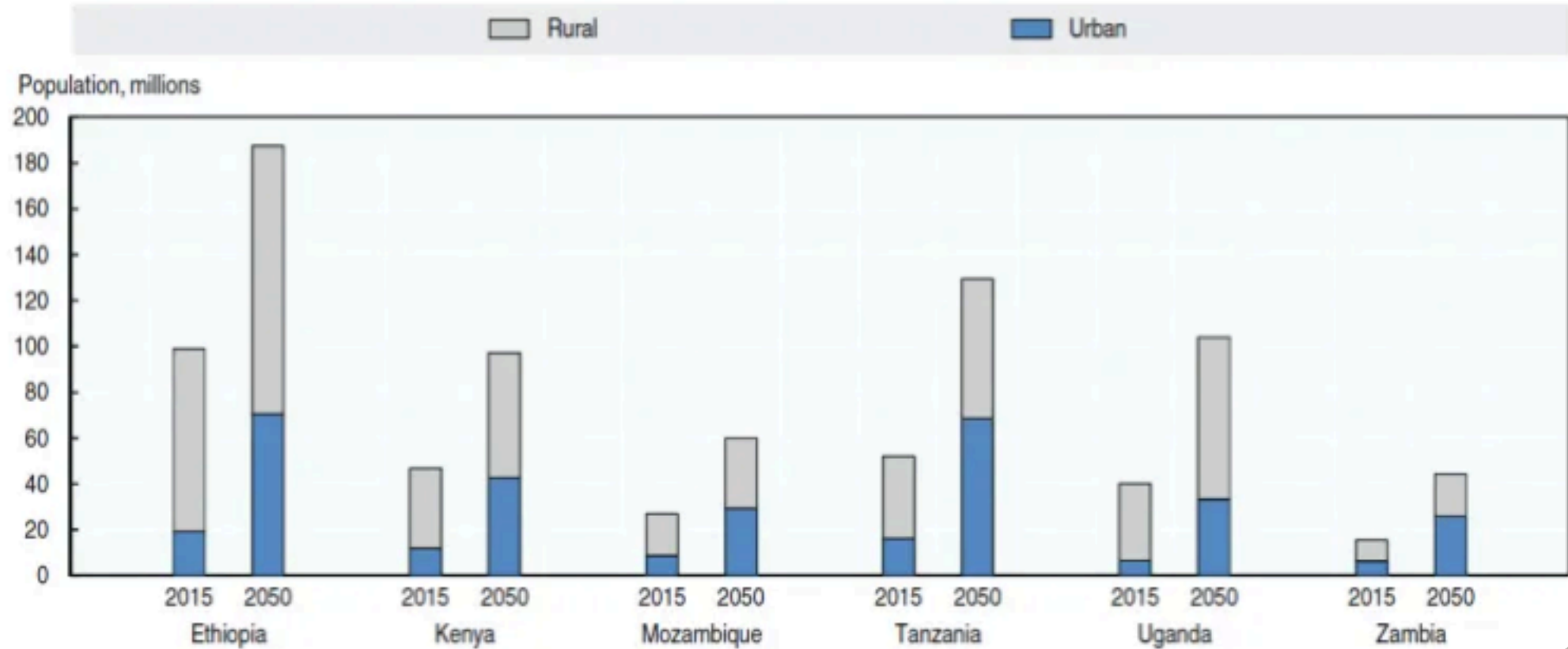
“Before we would have considered 5 or 10kg to be a big seizure. Last week we arrested one guy with 70kg, and a few months ago another guy with 32kg.”

Law enforcement official, Cape Town



URBANISATION in EASTERN and SOUTHERN AFRICA

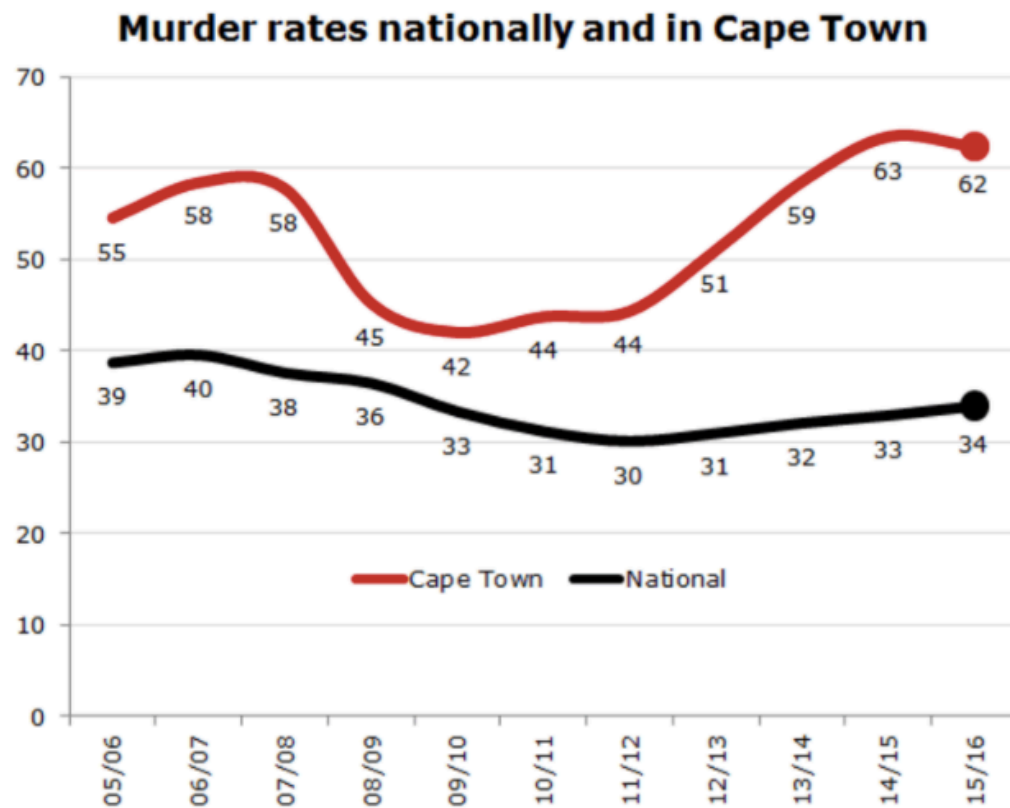
Figure 1.13. Urban and rural populations, 2015 and 2050



Source: UN DESA (2014), World Urbanization Prospects: The 2014 Revision.



Violence and Fragility:



... As the city centre burnt Kabiru felt he was witnessing his own alternative reality – a version of what would have happened in Johannesburg if he had killed his landlord. He thanked Allah for staying his hand

Protesters from hostels in eastern Johannesburg march along Jules Street last week during a widespread wave of xenophobia that flared up in Gauteng. Carrying weapons, including knobkerries, the men sang 'Foreigners must go back to where they came from'.
Picture: Alan Skuy

gment Day in Doornfontein

