

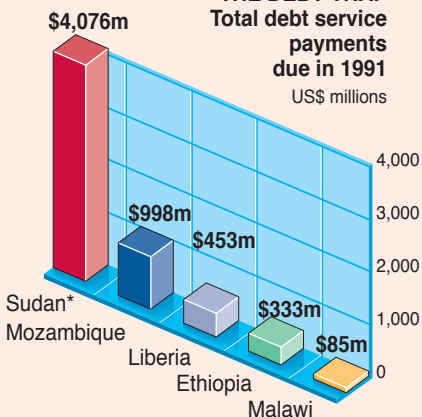
Fighting famine: the economic barriers

Many of the poorest countries in Africa use all their export earnings to service debt repayments to the West instead of funding agriculture

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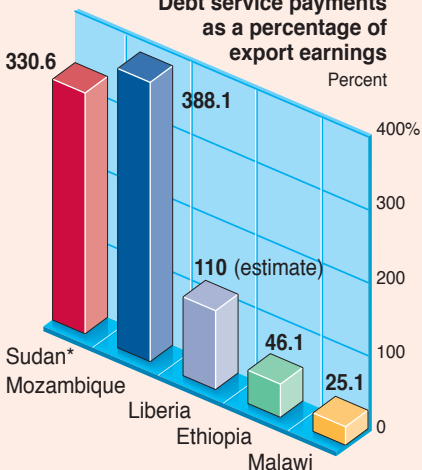
Total debt service payments due in 1991

US\$ millions



Debt service payments as a percentage of export earnings

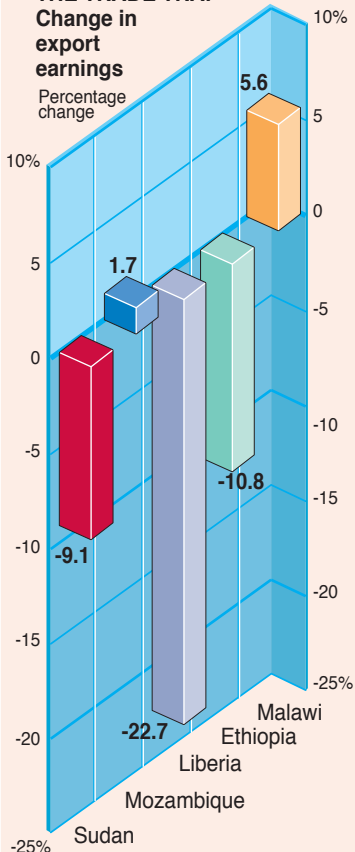
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Change in export earnings

Percentage change



Source: World Bank, 1990-91 **World Debt Tables**, Save the Children, Oxfam.

Price changes in exports are 1980-89 except Sudan (1985-89) and Liberia (1980-87).

*Sudan does not attempt to service debt.