**Supplementary Table S2.** Descriptive statistics of the variables

| Variable <sup>1</sup>       |                                | Mean   | SD     | Min     | Max     | Observations <sup>2</sup> |     |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------------------------|-----|
| Food CPI                    | Overall                        | 101.41 | 35.12  | 32.03   | 200.86  | N                         | 114 |
|                             | Between                        |        | 5.49   | 95.43   | 110.45  | n                         | 6   |
|                             | Within                         |        | 34.76  | 36.36   | 198.84  | T                         | 19  |
| ТОР                         | Overall                        | 0.74   | 0.43   | 0.25    | 2.21    | N                         | 114 |
|                             | Between                        |        | 0.41   | 0.37    | 1.51    | n                         | 6   |
|                             | Within                         |        | 0.20   | -0.13   | 1.44    | T                         | 19  |
| Money supply (in local      |                                |        |        |         |         |                           |     |
| currency)                   | Overall                        | 152.45 | 198.80 | 3.30    | 878.93  | N                         | 114 |
|                             | Between                        |        | 159.46 | 14.08   | 359.66  | n                         | 6   |
|                             | Within                         |        | 134.70 | -110.64 | 677.36  | T                         | 19  |
| Money supply (share of GDP) | Overall                        | 31.42  | 13.66  | 6.67    | 57.77   | N                         | 114 |
|                             | Between                        |        | 13.18  | 12.16   | 47.49   | n                         | 6   |
|                             | Within                         |        | 6.37   | 18.54   | 45.95   | T                         | 19  |
| Unemployment rate           | Overall                        | 8.88   | 3.90   | 2.20    | 22.45   | N                         | 114 |
|                             | Between                        |        | 3.16   | 4.06    | 13.21   | n                         | 6   |
|                             | Within                         |        | 2.62   | 2.76    | 18.12   | T                         | 19  |
| Exchange rate               | Overall                        | 415.29 | 745.13 | 0.92    | 2877.54 | N                         | 114 |
|                             | Between                        |        | 778.41 | 1.95    | 1945.64 | n                         | 6   |
|                             | Within                         |        | 214.05 | -617.45 | 1347.20 | T                         | 19  |
| World crude oil prices      | No variation between countries | 51.14  | 32.86  | 13.07   | 105.01  | T                         | 19  |
| World food CPI (IMF)        | No variation between countries | 117.90 | 34.02  | 79.48   | 182.40  | T                         | 19  |
| World food CPI (FAO)        | No variation between countries | 119.30 | 38.73  | 75.98   | 194.97  | T                         | 19  |

<sup>(1) &</sup>quot;Overall" shows descriptive statistics over the whole sample, "Between" shows the between variation, "Within" shows the within country variation of each variable.

 $<sup>^{(2)}</sup>$  N = Total number of observations over the sample, n = number of countries, T= number of time periods (1995-2013)