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region's economic power relations is examined, showing how South Africa's destabilize the region in the 1980s turned food into a weapon in the struggle. The role of the USA as the major food aid donor in the region is examined, and significant differences in the interests of the USA and SADCC. The latter's highly decentralized model for economic coordination is described. The need to increase production is shown to be the major stimulus to the growing degree of international coordination and the whole process of regional development. KEYWORDS: Food aid | International cooperation | international relations | regional cooperation | food aid | regional development | Southern Africa.

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