

Effect of climate change on rural farming households' food security in Ogun state, Nigeria

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Abstract

The study examined the effect of climate change on rural households' food security in Ogun State, Nigeria. Primary and secondary data were used for the study, whereby the primary data were collected through questionnaire administered to arable food crop farmers while time series data (1990 - 2019) on annual temperature, rainfall and humidity were collected from Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET). Descriptive statistics and quantitative techniques were used in analysing the data. On average, the farmers' age was 42 years, were males and married. Most of the farmers experienced increased temperature and change in rainfall patterns. The Food Security module showed that most of the farmers were food insecure. The logit regression model revealed that socioeconomic factors that significantly affected food security were education, income, access to extension services, irrigation, credit and cooperative membership. Temperature and rainfall had significant effect on food security. Temperature was negative and significant at 5% while rainfall was positive and significant at 1%. The study recommends that rural farmers should be provided with training on water harvesting techniques during periods of excess rainfall to ensure availability of water for farming all year round.

Key words: Arable food crop farmers, Climate change, climate variables, food security, Ogun state.

Introduction

Climate change is a change in the state of the climate that can be identified (e.g., by using statistical tests) by changes in the mean and / or the activity of its properties, and that persists for an extended period typically decades or longer (Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change, 2007). Through flooding, extreme temperature,

drought and increased salinity of water supply used for irrigation, climate change has become a subject of global debate. Climate change is different from climatic variability, this term denote inherent dynamic nature of climate on various temporal scales. Such variations could be monthly, seasonal annual decadal, periodic, quasi-periodic or non-periodic. The changing climate is a challenge for both current and future

generations as its impact will increase the vulnerability of societies around the world, especially in developing countries where the impacts will be severe, but those living in highly risk-prone area of developed countries could also be greatly impacted. Available evidence shows that climate change is global, likewise its impacts, but biting effects will be felt more by the developing nations especially those in Africa, due to their low level of coping capabilities (Nwafor 2007; Jagtap, 2007; Onyenechere, 2010).

The agricultural sector is important in any nation's socio-economic and industrial fabric because of the multifunctional nature of the sector (Ogen, 2007). This sector remains the main source of livelihood for most rural communities in developing countries in general. In Africa, agriculture provides a source of employment for more than 60 percent of the population and contributes about 30 percent of Gross Domestic Product (Kandlinkar & Risbey, 2000; Ijeoma, 2012). Rainfed farming dominates agricultural production in Sub-Saharan Africa, covering around 97 percent of total cropland and exposes agricultural production to high seasonal rainfall variability (Alvaro et al., 2009). In Nigeria, agriculture is the main source of food and employer of labour employing about 60-70 percent of the population (Adebisi-Adelani & Oyesola, 2014). Since agriculture in Nigeria is mostly rain-fed, any change in climate is bound to impact on its productivity and socioeconomic activities in the country. The impact could be measured in terms of effects on crop growth, availability of soil water, livestock production, incidents of pests and diseases, sea level rises and decrease in soil fertility (Adejuwon, 2004; Anyadike, 2009).

Food security exists when all people have physical, social and economic access to sufficient, safe and nutritious food at all times which meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active healthy life (Gibson, 2012). A country will be food secured when its population doesn't live in hunger or fear of starvation. However, climate change is the most serious threat to achieving food security and the alleviation of poverty and diseases in Nigeria. Climate change, agriculture and

food security is now a subject of global concern as a result of the number of empirical literature that is currently available on the subject matter. However, most available literature seem to focus on the industrial countries where the economic impacts are likely to be less harmful because of better adaptation techniques and technology than the developing nations. Adams et al. (1999); Easterling et al. (1993); Tobey et al. (1992); Darwin et al (1995); Kaiser, (1993), Maddison (2006) etc., were in the streams of authors to initially assess the economic impact of climate change on food production in industrial countries.

The literature on climate change and agriculture appears scanty in Africa when compared with that available in industrialised countries; though the subject matter is gradually attracting much attention (Hassan, 2008). Downing (1992); Onyeji and Fischer (1994); El-Shaer et al. (1997); Hassan, 2008; Deressa et al. (2008) and Gbetibuo (2009) among others were the first stream of African researchers to measure the economic impact of climate change on food production. This is followed by a series of multi-country analyses carried out in 11 African countries, coordinated by the centre of environmental economics and policy in Africa, University of Pretoria, in close collaboration with many agencies in the involved countries.

Population of Nigeria is projected to increase by more than 50 percent in the coming two decades (FAO, 2008; Adebisi-Adelani, 2014). During this 20 years period, the rural population is projected to increase by more than 25 percent and the agricultural component is expected to grow by a slightly lower proportion, moderated by climate change and undercapitalization of the small holder farmers. For instance, Okoli and Ifeakor (2014) noted that the food security threat posed by climate change is severe in Nigeria, where agricultural yields and per capita food production have been steadily declining, and where population growth will double the demand for food, water and forage in the next 20 years.

Studies that relate climate change to food production and security in Nigeria are more of general analyses of potential impacts of climate change on crop production and animal husbandry (NEST,

2004; Adejuwon, 2004; Abiodun & Olabimpe, 2007; Adefolalu, 2007; Jagtap, 2007; Nwafor, 2007; Odjugo, 2009). The crucial issue in this study is whether food supply can keep pace with population increase which in turn determines the food security status of households under this climate variability. A good number of researchers have carried out extensive survey on climate change and agricultural production in Nigeria with respect to the impacts of climate change (Agbola & Ojeleye, 2007; Apata et. al., 2009; Ajetomobi et. al., 2010; Ayinde et. al., 2011; Obioha, 2009; Odjugo, 2010; Onyeneke & Madukwe, 2010; Ozor & Cynthia, 2011; Sofoluwe et. al., 2011; Umar & Ibrahim, 2011), but these studies did not provide critical insights in terms of the relationship between food security and climatic variables. In view of this, it is necessary to embark on a study that will assess the effect of climate change on food security of rural farming households who are the direct victim of the effects. Climate change will affect all four dimensions of food security in Nigeria namely; availability, accessibility, stability and utilization (FAO, 2008). This study will provide necessary information that will help in designing appropriate coping strategies to achieve sustainable food security among farming households in Nigeria. Meanwhile, the focus of this study will be on arable food crop farmers as they are more vulnerable to climate change. The objectives of the study are to analyse the perceived effect of climate change among arable food crop farmers, determine the food security status and examine the effect of climatic change on food security status of the farmers.

Materials and Methods

Study Area

The study area was Ogun State in South-western Nigeria. The state lies between longitude 202°E and 3055°E and latitude 700°N and 7018°N. It is approximately 1.9% (16,762 km²) of Nigeria's 923,219 km² land area of which over 70% is suitable for arable crop production. It is located in the moderately hot, humid tropical climatic zone of south western Nigeria. It has a tropical

climate with two distinct seasons - the rainy and the dry season. The three main vegetation types in the study area are the tropical rainforest, guinea savannah and derived savannah. It is made up of 20 Local Government Areas spread across the four main agricultural zones of the state - Abeokuta, Ijebu, Ikenne, and Ilaro. The overall population of the state is 3,728,098 according to the National Population Commission census report in 2006.

Sources of Data Collection

The research data was obtained through primary and secondary source. The primary data was collected with the aid of structured questionnaire from arable food crop farmers in the study area. Data collected include socio-economic characteristics (such as age, gender, marital status, educational status, farming experience etc.), their perception of climate change effects among others. Secondary data on climatic variables such as annual rainfall, annual temperature and annual relative humidity from 1990-2019 was sourced from Nigeria Meteorological Agency (NIMET). This was used to calculate the mean annual temperature, rainfall and relative humidity used as independent variable for the logit regression.

Sampling Technique

Multistage sampling technique was employed for the study. The first stage involved the random selection of 3 agricultural zones which are Abeokuta, Ijebu ode and Ilaro zones from the 4 agricultural zones in the state. The second stage involved the random selection of 5 blocks from each of the zones resulting to 15 blocks in total. In the final stage, systematic sampling technique was employed to select 12 households from each of the blocks selected to arrive at 180 rural households that were used for the study.

Analytical techniques

Descriptive Statistics

Descriptive statistics in form of frequencies and percentages were used in the description of the socio-economic characteristics and perception of farming households to climatic variations.

United State Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food Security Module

Food security status of households will be assessed using the United States Department of Agriculture

(USDA) household food security module. USDA approach to household food security assessment centres on how the households responds to series of questions (Table 2) about behaviour and experiences that are known to characterize households that have difficulty in meeting their food needs. As shown in table 3, a household is food secure if there is no affirmative response to any question, or affirmative responses to one or two questions out of the 15 food security questions.

The relationship between food security status and climatic elements along with other socio economic characteristics of household were examined in a logit model. It models a latent variable: unobservable variable (food insecurity) which can take all values in $(-\infty, \text{to } +\infty)$. According to Gujarati (2004), underlying latent model is

$$y_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } y_i^* \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } y_i^* \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$y_i = \alpha + x_i\beta_i$$

If P is probability of being food insecure then probability of being food secure is , therefore, we can write the odd ratio $(P_i/1-P_i)$ as

$$P_i/(1-P_i) = (1+e^{y_i})/(1+e^{-y_i}) = e^{y_i}$$

Taking the natural log of the odd ratio gives the logit. Therefore the logit model is written as

$$L_i = \ln(P_i/1-P_i) = y_i = \alpha + x_i\beta_i$$

Explicitly,

$$y_i = \alpha + x_i\beta_i + e_i$$

y_i = Food security status of household (Food secure - 1, food insecure - 0)

β_i = Parameters of interest associated with the x_i

e_i = Error term

α = Constant

X_1 = Age of household head (Years)

X_2 = Educational level of household head (years)

X_3 = Household size

X_4 = Farm size (hectare)

X_5 = Income (naira)

X_6 = Gender (male = 1; female = 0)

X_7 = Access to extension services (yes = 1; otherwise = 0)

X_8 = Access to credit (yes = 1; otherwise = 0)

X_9 = Access to heavy machineries (yes = 1; otherwise = 0)

X_{10} = Access to irrigation (yes = 1; otherwise = 0),

X_{11} = Association membership (if belongs to association = 1, otherwise = 0)

X_{12} = Experience of drought (Yes = 1, otherwise = 0)

X_{13} = Experience of flood (Yes = 1, otherwise = 0)

X_{14} = Mean annual temperature (0C)

X_{15} = Mean annual rainfall (mm)

X_{16} = Mean annual relative humidity (%)

Results

Socioeconomic Characteristics of the Respondents

Socioeconomic characteristics of the rural farmers are presented on table 4. The age distribution shows that the average age of the farmers is 42 years. Most of the farmers (76.7%) were males and majority (64.5%) were married. A substantial proportion of the respondents (43.9%) had at least primary education followed by 16.7% that had secondary education. Furthermore, Majority of the respondents (76.1%) had household size that is between 4 and 9 while 23.1% had between 1 and 3. As shown in table 4, a large proportion of the farmers (45.6%) had over 20 years of farming experience followed by 36.1% that had between 10 and 20 years of experience.

Perceived Effect of Climate Change by the Respondents in the Last Five Years

Results in table 5 shows that majority of the farmers (90.0%) experienced increased temperature in the last five years which would have affected their farming activities. Most of the farmers (88.3%) claimed to have experienced excessive rainfall in the study area during the time period considered. Furthermore, a large percentage of

Table 1. Data of Annual Temperature, Rainfall and Relative Humidity from 1990-2019

| Year | Temperature | Rainfall | Relative humidity |
|------|-------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1990 | 26.09 | 980.9 | 64.87 |
| 1991 | 27.3 | 980.9 | 65.83 |
| 1992 | 26.574 | 990.9 | 50.75 |
| 1993 | 25.9 | 990 | 50.75 |
| 1994 | 28.9 | 1350 | 55.89 |
| 1995 | 30.3 | 1350.8 | 63 |
| 1996 | 31.18333 | 1455.5 | 67.08333 |
| 1997 | 31.18333 | 1455.5 | 70.25 |
| 1998 | 30.53333 | 1909.3 | 71.79167 |
| 1999 | 30.975 | 1470.7 | 66.54167 |
| 2000 | 28.95833 | 1273.3 | 67.16667 |
| 2001 | 26.575 | 947.4 | 67 |
| 2002 | 26.15833 | 1909.9 | 66.875 |
| 2003 | 31.10833 | 1366.2 | 70.33 |
| 2004 | 30.83333 | 1516.2 | 69.79167 |
| 2005 | 31.63333 | 1453.6 | 68.58333 |
| 2006 | 31.24167 | 1408.9 | 70.5 |
| 2007 | 31.95833 | 1490.2 | 65.125 |
| 2008 | 28.63333 | 1026.4 | 68.45833 |
| 2009 | 31.18333 | 1547 | 69.33333 |
| 2010 | 31.46667 | 1070.9 | 71.375 |
| 2011 | 32 | 1482.5 | 67.25 |
| 2012 | 30.83333 | 1285.7 | 69.75 |
| 2013 | 29.8 | 1026.4 | 71.70833 |
| 2014 | 31.18333 | 1500.5 | 69.70833 |
| 2015 | 33 | 1718.9 | 69.5 |
| 2016 | 31.50833 | 1285.2 | 66.375 |
| 2017 | 31.95833 | 1909.2 | 74.33333 |
| 2018 | 32.01667 | 1912.8 | 69.875 |
| 2019 | 32.40833 | 1702.9 | 72.375 |

Source: NIMET, 2020

the arable crop farmers (95%) noticed changes in rainfall pattern.

Household Food Security Classification

The result of the households' food security classification using the USDA Food Security Module is presented on table 6. Generally, about 63.3% of the rural farmers were food insecure while 36.7% were food secure. A substantial proportion

(38.3%) of the respondents had low food security while 25% had very low food security status. Furthermore, about 23% had marginal food security status while 13.9% were highly food secure.

Relationship between Socioeconomic Characteristics, Climatic Variables and Food Security in the Study Area

The relationship between socioeconomic char-

Table 2. Households Food Security Situations According to USDA Module

| Food Security Module | Response | |
|---|----------|-----|
| | No | Yes |
| Household without children | | |
| We were worried our food would run out before we got money to buy more | | |
| The food we bought just didn't last and we didn't have money to get more | | |
| We couldn't afford to eat balanced meals | | |
| Some adults in the household had to cut the size of their meals or skip meals because there wasn't enough money to buy food | | |
| Some adults couldn't eat what we felt we should eat because there wasn't enough money for food | | |
| How often did this happen in the last 12 months | | |
| Some adults were hungry but didn't eat because of not been able to afford enough food | | |
| Some adults lost weight because there wasn't enough money for food | | |
| Some adults in the household could not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money to buy food | | |
| How often did this happen in the last 12 months | | |
| Household with children | | |
| We relied on only a few kinds of low-cost food to feed the children because we were running out of money to buy food | | |
| We couldn't feed the children a balanced meal because we couldn't afford that | | |
| The children were not eating enough because we just couldn't afford enough food | | |
| Had to cut the size of some of the children's meal because there wasn't enough money to buy food | | |
| How often did this happen in the last 12 months | | |
| The children were hungry but we just couldn't afford more food | | |
| At least one of the children had to skip a meal because there wasn't enough money to buy food | | |
| At least one of the children could not eat for a whole day because there wasn't enough money to buy food | | |

Source: USDA Guide, 2016

Table 3. USDA Food Security Classification Based on the Food security Questions Above

| Number of Affirmative Responses | | Status |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Households with Children | Households without Children | |
| 0-2 | 0-2 | High Food Security |
| 3-7 | 3-5 | Marginal Food Insecurity |
| 8-12 | 6-8 | Low Food Security |
| 13-18 | 9-10 | Very Low Food Security |

Source: USDA, 2016

acteristics, climatic elements and food security using binary logit regression model is presented on table 7. Socioeconomic factors along with climatic elements were analysed to determine the factors that affect rural households' food security in the

study area. The estimated model has a pseudo R² of about 0.092 which is good enough. The Chi-squared value for the logistic regression model and their statistical significance show that the model is well fitted. Six of the socioeconomic factors

have significant coefficients at different levels of significance. Educational level is positive and has a significant ($p < 0.05$) effect on food security. This implies that an additional year gained in acquiring formal education will increase the probability of been food secure by 0.08 unit. Income is also positive and significant at 1%, which shows that an increase in income of the rural farmers will lead to an increase in the probability of been food secure. Furthermore, Access to extension services and credit facilities are significant at 1% and these will increase the probability of been food secured by 0.04 and 0.06 units respectively.

Other socioeconomic variables that are significant are access to irrigation ($p < 0.05$) and cooperative membership ($p < 0.10$).

Table 7 further reveals that two climatic variables have significant effects on food security. Temperature has a negative relationship and it is significant at 5%. This implies that a degree rise in temperature will decrease the probability of been food secured. Rainfall positively affects food security as expected and it is significant at 1%, which means an increase in the amount of rainfall will increase probability of been food secured by 0.03 units. Relative humidity is positive but not significant.

Table 4. Socioeconomic Characteristics of the Respondents

| Variables | Frequency | Percentage % |
|------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Gender | | |
| Male | 138 | 76.7 |
| Female | 42 | 23.3 |
| Age | | |
| <30 | 30 | 16.7 |
| 30 – 39 | 59 | 32.8 |
| 40 – 49 | 68 | 37.8 |
| 50 – 59 | 13 | 7.2 |
| Above 60 | 10 | 5.5 |
| Marital status | | |
| Single | 42 | 23.3 |
| Married | 116 | 64.5 |
| Widowed | 15 | 8.3 |
| Divorced | 7 | 3.9 |
| Educational level | | |
| No formal education | 63 | 35.0 |
| Primary | 79 | 43.9 |
| Secondary | 30 | 16.7 |
| Tertiary | 8 | 4.4 |
| Annual income | | |
| <50,000 | 54 | 30.0 |
| 50,000 – 100,000 | 77 | 42.8 |
| 100,000 – 150,000 | 36 | 20.0 |
| >150,000 | 13 | 7.2 |
| Household size | | |
| 1 – 3 | 43 | 23.9 |
| 4 – 6 | 71 | 39.4 |
| 7 – 9 | 66 | 36.7 |
| Years of farming experience | | |
| <10 | 33 | 18.3 |
| 10 – 20 | 65 | 36.1 |
| Above 20 | 82 | 45.6 |

Source: Field Survey, 2020

Table 5. Perceived Effect of Climate Change by the Respondents in the Last Five Years

| Variables | Frequency | Percentage % |
|-----------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Increased temperature | 162 | 90.0 |
| Excessive rainfall | 159 | 88.3 |
| High intensity sunlight | 135 | 75.0 |
| Change in rainfall patterns | 171 | 95.0 |
| Occurrence of drought | 92 | 51.1 |
| Too stormy rainfall | 97 | 53.8 |

Source: Field Survey, 2020

Table 6. Food Security Classification of the Rural Farming Households

| Food security status | Frequency | Percentage % |
|----------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Very low food secure | 45 | 25.0 |
| Low food secure | 69 | 38.3 |
| Total food insecure | 114 | 63.3 |
| Marginal food secure | 41 | 22.8 |
| High food secure | 25 | 13.9 |
| Total food secure | 66 | 36.7 |

Source: Computed from 2020 Field Survey

Discussion

The majority of the arable food crop farmers were within their economically productive age and are males which imply that they will be active enough to cope with the stress of farming and the threats posed by climate change. The literacy level of the farmers can help increase their awareness level of the changing climate. The farmers had large household size which may have negatively affect their purchasing power and consumption of adequate food. However, this can have some advantages as there will possibly be availability of more hands to assist with farming activities and combat the challenges imposed by climate change which can eventually lead to increased productivity. The high level of experience of the farmers is an indication that they will probably be more knowledgeable to cope with uncertain-

ties imposed by climate change. Furthermore, the excessive rainfall experienced by the farmers is an indication probably that flooding was common in the last five years as well as soil erosion as excess rainfall can result in flooding and soil erosion if there is no proper drainage system available. The change in rainfall patterns experienced may have affected farming activities such as planting season and watering of crops during period of droughts as rural farmers in Nigeria depend mostly on rain-fed farming.

The high food insecurity situation among the farmers might be as a result of factors such as unfavourable climate, lack of access to credit and extension services among others. This result is in line with the findings of Obayelu (2012) who reported 23.7% of the respondents were food secure among rural households in Kwara and Kogi state using the same food security module as this

Table 7. Logit Regression Showing the Relationship between Food Security, Climate Change and Socio-economic Variables

| Variables | Coefficient | t-ratio | Marginal effect |
|------------------------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|
| Age of household head | -1.768 | 0.97 | -0.040 |
| Educational level | 2.266*** | 3.46 | 0.089 |
| Household size | -0.564 | 1.24 | -0.012 |
| Farm size | 0.043 | 0.46 | 0.829 |
| Income | 0.003*** | 3.21 | 8.13e-07 |
| Gender | 1.212 | 1.08 | 0.031 |
| Access to extension services | 0.269*** | 4.01 | 0.045 |
| Access to credit | 0.350*** | 3.98 | 0.064 |
| Access to heavy machines | 0.004 | 0.54 | 0.008 |
| Access to irrigation | 1.084** | 2.68 | 0.093 |
| Cooperative membership | 0.609* | 1.75 | 0.015 |
| Occurrence of drought | -0.362 | 0.45 | -0.067 |
| Occurrence of flood | -0.161 | 0.82 | -0.023 |
| Mean annual temperature | -2.939** | 2.51 | -0.382 |
| Mean annual rainfall | 0.043*** | 4.34 | 0.036 |
| Mean annual humidity | 2.644 | 1.24 | 0.930 |
| Constant | 2.346 | 0.98 | |
| Log likelihood | -210.675 | | |
| LR chi ² (16) | 54.32 | | |
| Prob > chi ² | 0.00 | | |
| Pseudo R ² | 0.092 | | |

***, **, * denotes statistical significance at 1%, 5% and 10% respectively

Source: Computed from 2020 Field Survey

study. Also, Olarewaju (2018) reported that 22% of the households were food secure among wetlands residents in Ogun-Osun river basin in South western, Nigeria using the same methodology. The result of the relationship between socioeconomic factors and food security with respect to education is an indication that the farmers with higher years of education are more likely to be food secured than those with lower years of education. This is in consonance with the findings of Oyebanjo et al., (2013). A probable reason is that farmers that are educated are likely to be aware of improved technologies and research breakthroughs because of their exposure.

Income also enhanced the likelihood of been

food secured which implies that farmers that earned high income were better off than those with low income because they can afford the resources needed to purchase adequate food items. This finding is in line with the study carried out by Alonge, (2014) in study carried out on food security determinants among forest households in Ogun State. Farmers with extension access were more likely to be food secure because of the awareness and improved knowledge gained in addressing agricultural production problems. The positive effect of irrigation access implies that farmers that have access to water for irrigation purpose were more food secure compared to those that lack this opportunity. This may be as a

result of the fact that farmers that have access to irrigation were able to farm all year round which can help ensure stability of food supply in their households.

The result of the logit regression further revealed that temperature significantly affect food security which means that increasing temperature will affect the likelihood of been food secured. This is consistent with the findings of Ayinde et al., 2011 in the research carried out on the effect of climate change on agricultural productivity in Nigeria in which temperature exerted negative influence on agricultural productivity. This may be as a result of the fact high temperature is harmful to soil fertility which will affect agricultural production and by extension food security. The positive effect of rainfall on food security supports the findings of Idumah et al., 2016 that rainfall is a key determinant of agricultural production and food security in Nigeria. Also, the result supports the fact that rain-fed farming dominates agricultural production in Nigeria and change in rainfall pattern will affect productivity of farmers (Adejuwon, 2004). However, excessive rainfall may cause flooding which will consequently result in soil erosion and affect plant growth. As shown in the logit regression result, experience of drought is negative but not significant. This negative effect is an implication that farmers who do not face the challenge of drought were likely to be more food secure than those affected.

Conclusion

The study reveals that majority of the farmers in the study area are males and are still in their economic productive year which means they can cope with the stress of farming and threats posed by climate change. The farmers had large household size that can help to achieve increased productivity. The result of the perceived effect of climate change reveals that the arable food crop farmers are conversant with the changing weather pattern of their area. This result shows that majority of the farmers' experienced increased temperature and too much rainfall in the last five years.

The result of the USDA food security module

shows that a large proportion of the farmers are food insecure which may be as a result of unfavourable climate and other socioeconomic factors. The logit regression shows that socioeconomic factors such as educational level, monthly income, access to extension services, irrigation and cooperative membership are positive and significant determinants of food security. Two of the climatic elements considered have significant effect on food security. Temperature is negative and significant at 5% while rainfall is positive and significant 1%. Therefore, it can be concluded that climate change have significant effect on food security status of rural farming households.

Recommendations

From the findings of the study, the farmers experienced excessive rainfall and change in rainfall patterns and the result of the logit regression revealed that rainfall and access to irrigation have significant effect on food security among arable food crop farmers. As a result of this, there is need to empower rural farmers in designing small scale water harvesting techniques during the period of excess rainfall to ensure availability of water for farming during period of scarcity.

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