

REVIEWER'S REPORT

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Title: Socio Demographic Determinants and Community Engagement in Livelihood Coping Mechanisms during Drought: A Case Study of Daynile District, Somalia.

Recommendation:

Accept as it is.....**YES**.....

Accept after minor revision.....

Accept after major revision

Do not accept (*Reasons below*)

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	√			
Techn. Quality			√	
Clarity			√	
Significance			√	

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Reviewer's Decision about Paper: Recommended for Publication.

Comments (*Use additional pages, if required*)

Reviewer's Comment / Report

Abstract and Introduction Review

The abstract effectively outlines the core components of the study: the context of drought as a global hazard, the research objective, methodology, key findings, and the concluding implications. The objective of assessing the influence of socio-demographic and community engagement factors on livelihood coping mechanisms is clearly articulated. The abstract also integrates statistical findings that support the results, adding specificity and clarity to the summary.

The introduction provides a global overview of drought's impact and situates the research in both an international and regional context. It references current data from credible sources, thereby establishing the relevance and urgency of the study. The inclusion of statistics from WHO, UNCCD, and Al Jazeera adds depth to the contextual background and highlights the broader implications of the issue being studied.

Methodology Review

The methodology section is clear and concise, describing the study design, sampling technique, tools used for data collection, and data analysis software. The use of a descriptive cross-sectional design and

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stratified random sampling is appropriate for the research objectives. The proportional distribution of the sample across the sub-districts ensures representativeness. Ethical considerations are also noted, aligning with standard research practice.

Results Review

The results are presented with quantitative precision. The study identifies that a majority of respondents (73.9%) employed positive coping mechanisms. The significant associations between community engagement, gender, education level, and income with coping strategies are clearly stated. Statistical evidence, such as the chi-square value and p-values, reinforce the reliability of the findings. The comparison of average monthly income between different coping strategy adopters further illustrates the socio-economic dimension of the issue.

Conclusion Review

The conclusion succinctly synthesizes the findings, emphasizing the importance of community-driven and socio-economic interventions for building drought resilience. It appropriately reflects the results and ties them back to the broader goal of drought risk reduction.

Keywords Review

The keywords accurately reflect the study's thematic focus and will assist in indexing and retrieval in academic databases.

Overall Evaluation

The study presents a coherent and well-structured investigation into the socio-demographic and community-level factors influencing drought coping mechanisms. The topic is timely and relevant, particularly in light of global climate challenges. The research design and analytical methods are sound, and the findings are supported by appropriate statistical evidence. The narrative maintains clarity and academic rigor throughout.