

# Review of: "Weathering changes – livelihood adaptation to weather shocks in rural India by disadvantaged social groups"

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This is solid and informative work on migration in India. Unlike some other reviewers I like the reference to weather shocks - climate change is measured over 30 year periods which makes less sense here. It's the variability that seems most relevant to the question whether vulnerable people can and will 'weather the storm'.

Three suggestions from me:

- Please seek out the growing literature on environmental and climate im/mobilities that has come out in the past 10+ years, which brings more nuance to the more linear-mechanistic migration literature you cite here, which sees migration as multifactor, and as a process that proceeds in stages. Inspired by the work of (Indian) Nobel laureate Amartya Sen it makes space for capabilities and aspirations. Boas et al's Nature piece 'Climate migration myths' may be a guide here and advocates a more nuanced approach to drivers of environmental and climate migration.
- Given the focus on disadvantaged groups in Indian society I would have expected more engagement with the vulnerability and access literature.
- Given the considerable size (24%) and salience of 'Others' (people with non-ag livelihood) it would be good to have a breakdown (if available from your survey results) on the livelihoods of these Others.