

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

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This manuscript provides an in-depth analysis of the impact of slow-onset climate change on disadvantaged groups in India, particularly in the context of agricultural and groundwater droughts. While the author offers a creative approach to examining the links between existing policies, such as NREGS, and the benefits or engagement of disadvantaged groups, clearer definitions are needed for key concepts such as disadvantaged groups, social networks, and slow-onset climate change.

The following statement requires a reference to support it: "India has several social groups that were either historically excluded from its development...".

Additionally, the author's use of "we" throughout the paper is not consistent with a sole authorship. Justification and rationales using SPEI6 and SPEI18 could be strengthened and could help readers to understand the context-specific climate factors and challenges.

The manuscript would benefit from a discussion section to more clearly articulate the implications of the findings. The author has made a case for the importance of studying agricultural and groundwater droughts as attributes of migration, but more empirical evidence is needed to fully support this claim. The manuscript would benefit from a more thorough review of citation format. Overall, this manuscript presents insights into the impacts of slow-onset climate change on migrations in India, but further revisions are necessary to strengthen the argument and ensure consistency in the presentation of ideas.