

Review of: "The Consequences of Political and Economic Choices: Exploring Disaster Vulnerability with the Structure, Resource, and Behaviour Change model (SRAB)"

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Potential competing interests: No potential competing interests to declare.

This is a very useful, well-thought-out study which explores, narrates, and explains how political and economic decisions made under an authoritarian governance system like Viet Nam could influence the policies and institutions, resource mobilization, and behaviour of the stakeholders in relation to disaster vulnerability in agri-food system. It uses a model to arrange the data and information collected.

Some specific comments are listed below for authors' consideration.

1. **Introduction, Last Paragraph, First Sentence:** Why Tan Hung commune of Soc Trang province was chosen, needs to be explained here. The following sentence from the Third Paragraph of the Methodology section could be brought in here: "Tan Hung commune in the Long Phu district was one of the hardest-hit areas in the province during the 2015–2016 disaster." Also, should bring in the following sentence from the Fourth Paragraph of the Methodology section: "In the aftermath of the disaster, Tan Hung received VND 1.59 billion (about US\$16,500) in disaster relief assistance from the government—the greatest sum ever given to a single commune in 2016 (Long Phu DPC 2016)."
2. **Introduction, Last Paragraph, Last Sentence:** It missed to list the discussion on theoretical before the Methodology section. Theoretical Framework should be identified as a separate section before Methodology.
3. **Research Setting, First Paragraph:** The sentence "... we draw on the first author's case study of Tan Hung commune" is not clear unless the case study is already published elsewhere. Please revise the text.
4. **Data and Methods, First Paragraph:** It refers to a case study by the lead author which is the basis of the current study. Authors need to clarify if the case study is published or unpublished (if a thesis) or raw data stored somewhere. If it is not published in any form, repeated mentioning of "the case study by the lead author" doesn't add much value, because that unpublished case study is now an essential part of the current study/research article.
5. **Data and Methods, Third Paragraph:** What major sorts of information were asked to the "... 28 disaster-affected farm households...." that should be briefly mentioned here.
6. **Data and Methods, Third Paragraph:** What are these "..... three or more indicators of accessing basic social services".
7. **Data and Methods, Fifth Paragraph:** Since two different types of qualitative methods were followed, i.e., interviews and document analysis, adding subheadings to separate them could be useful.
8. **"Current Farming System and Vulnerability to Natural Risks":** This section heading should be clearly identified if this is part of the Results section. Therefore, a "Results" heading is needed before the sub-section heading.

9. **Figure 3 and Tables 4, 5 and 6:** Only mentioning “Source: Nguyen-Trung (2021)” is not enough since it is an unpublished research document. Original documents based on which these figure/table were prepared should be cited also.
10. Omit refereeing to the next page from “Table 5 (in the next page)”.
11. **Figure 4:** Elaborate its caption based on what is already written in the text “Figure 4 demonstrates that every shift in political orientation and agricultural policies resulted in a commensurate shift in farming practises.”
12. Please confirm, only the sub-section “**The Changes in Farming Behaviours**” contains information gathered from the (21+28) interviews. Other preceding two sub-sections of Results are based on available document and archival record analyses.
13. **Conclusion:** It ends with a gloomy tone which is essentially the findings of the research. I was wondering if the authors could end the paper by suggesting a couple of key opportunities to improve the resilience of the farmers based on the study findings.