

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

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Thank for your efforts on addressing a crucial subject.

Here are my general comments.

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