

## From Climate Change to Conflict: Mitigation Through Insurance?

### Factsheet

“We want to investigate the relationship between climate-induced weather shocks and conflict and the ways in which insurance against weather shocks may affect this.”

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The project is about the link between climate change (SDG 13) and conflict (SDG 16) in Sub-Saharan Africa. Insurance is increasingly being promoted as a way to reduce exposure to climate-related shocks, which is then assumed to mitigate conflict. This relationship is still poorly understood, however, and insurance could also have unintended conflict-aggravating effects. For instance, it could crowd out informal risk-sharing mechanisms that promote cooperation.

We will investigate these complex relationships and test the impact of insurance, combined with a conflict management intervention, on strengthening the conflict-reducing effects of insurance or mitigate any conflict-aggravating effects.



### Main Research question(s)

- To what extent and how do climate-induced weather shocks and weather-related insurance impact conflict?
- Can we design and test interventions that can be jointly implemented with insurance to strengthen any conflict-reducing effects or mitigate any conflict-aggravating effects of insurance?



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## Country Focus

The project will run in pastoralist communities in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia. This region, the Horn of Africa, is amongst the most vulnerable to climate change and conflicts around land and water resources.



## Planned Activities

The project will focus on the following activities:

Focus group discussions

Key informant interviews

Randomized Control Trial of insurance and conflict-mitigating intervention

Lab-in-the field experiments to measure conflict and cooperation

Panel survey data collection

Administrative and observational data collection



## Target Audience

Policymakers, researchers, private (insurance) sector, NGOs, donors



## What are the anticipated or hoped for results?

We envisage that our study will contribute to a reduced impact of climate change (SDG13) on conflict (SDG16), adaptation to climate change (SDG 13), financial inclusion (SDG9), increased productivity (SDG8), and a reduction in inequality (SDG5; SDG10) for those insured, their communities and societies.

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2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



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15 LIFE ON LAND



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