

CURRICULUM VITAE

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- II (a) First Academic Appointment: Assistant Lecturer (3 September, 2010)
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- III University Education (with dates)
(a) University of Calabar, Calabar. 1989-1991
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- IV Academic Qualifications (with dates and granting bodies)
(a) B.Sc. Agricultural Science Education, University of Calabar. 1991
(b) M.Sc. Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ibadan. 2004
(c) Ph.D. Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ibadan. 2011
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National Certificate of Education (N.C.E): 1989
- VI Scholarships, Fellowships and Prizes (with date) in respect of Undergraduate and Postgraduate work only
(a) Zard Foundation Award: The best M.Sc. student for 2003/2004 academic session in the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ibadan. 2004
- VII Honours, Distinctions and Membership of Learned Societies
(a) Member, Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria (AESON).
(b) Member, Rural Sociological Association of Nigeria (RuSAN).
- VIII Details of Teaching/Work Experience
(a) Work Experience
i. Federal Ministry of Education (Chief Education Officer- Agricultural Science) January 12, 1993- July 31, 2010.
ii. Lecturer in the Department of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, University of Ibadan- 3, September, 2010 to date:
(b) Teaching Load

The following courses have been jointly taught from 2010 to date:

Course code	Title	Units
RSD 313	Foundation of Social Action and Group Dynamics	3
AED 315	Extension Principles and Organisation	2
RSD 513	Rural Social Problems and Public Policy	2
AED 518	Extension Community Development Practices	2
AED 701	Seminar	1
AED 717	Research Methods in Extension	3
DAE 713	Basic Data Collection and Analysis Techniques	3
DAE 726	Extension Exhibition Techniques	2

(c) Students' research supervision

Level	Number completed	Number in progress
B.Sc.	10	2
M.Sc.	8	5
PhD	1	4

(d) Administrative Position

- i. Sub-Dean (Undergraduate), Faculty of Agriculture and Forestry: 1 August, 2014 - 31 July 2016
- ii. Coordinator, Faculty of Agriculture Practical Year Training Programme (PYTP): July 2018- date

IX Research

(a) Completed

- i. Framing of Agroforestry Education News in Selected Nigerian Newspapers.
- ii. Determinants of Maternal Health Care Services Utilization in Rural Communities of Osun State, Nigeria.
- iii. Assessment of Food Safety Practices among Cassava Processors in Selected Rural Communities of Oyo State, Nigeria.
- iv. HIV/AIDS Voluntary Counselling and Testing (VCT): Perspectives of Rural Youths in Oyo State, Nigeria.
- v. Training Needs Assessment on the Use of Social Media among Extension Agents in Oyo State, Nigeria.

In progress

- i. Determinants of Dietary Intake among Rural Farming Households in North-Western Nigeria.
Records of poor dietary intake in Northern Nigeria has attracted attention at the national and international level. The study is investigating determinants of dietary intake among rural farming households in Northwestern, Nigeria.
Research instrument has been validated and pretested. Field enumerators have been trained, data collection and coding concluded. Data entry and analysis are in progress.
- ii. Utilization of information and communication technologies for nutrition education among community health workers in Imo state, Nigeria.

The incidence of malnutrition in Nigeria due to lack of access to nutritious food, lack of appropriate nutrition knowledge necessitated the study. Reconnaissance survey has been done and the study areas mapped out. Cross sectional survey has commenced. The result will help improve dietary intake in the state.

- iii. Determinants of the Utilization of Insecticide Treated Nets (ITN) Among Households in Oyo State-Nigeria.

Despite several efforts put in place to control the malaria pandemic in Nigeria, the incidences of malaria are still very high. The study therefore is designed to ascertain utilization of Insecticide Treated Nets (ITN) among households in Oyo State-Nigeria. Design of research instrument and pretest are concluded.

Project, Dissertation and Thesis

- i. The Impact of Education Technology on the 6-3-3-4 Education System – A case study of Calabar Municipality, Calabar (1991). (B.Sc. (Ed) Project)
- ii. Social and Economic Factors Associated with Migration Pattern in Some Local Government Area of Osun State, Nigeria (2004). (M.Sc. Project)
- iii. Effectiveness of Social Marketing on Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Child Nutrition by Women in South Western Nigeria (2011) (Ph.D. Research Thesis)

X Publications

(a) Books already published: Nil

(b) Chapters in Books already published: Nil

(c) Articles that have already appeared in Refereed Conference Proceedings.

1. **Thomas, K. A.** (2013). Policy and Policy Implementation As It Affects Agricultural Development. In Igwe, D., Odoh, N., Omolehin, N., Girum, A., Ehirim, B, and Ikundayisi, O.J. (Eds.) *Exposing the Potentials of Innovative Agriculture for Food Security in Sub-Sahara Africa. Proceedings of the 16th Annual Lecture/ Symposium of Association of Research Scholars and Fellows.* 14 March 2013. International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) Ibadan, Nigeria. 43-54pp. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 100%).
2. **Thomas, K. A.** and Abegunde, B. O. (2013). Social Engagement and Water Management Practices among Vegetable Farmers in Ojo Local Area of Lagos State, Nigeria. *Proceedings of the 22nd Annual National Congress of the Nigerian Rural Sociological Association.* 1-4 October 2013. University of Uyo (Town Campus). 33-40pp. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 80%).
3. **Thomas, K. A.** and Adebessin, R. O. (2014). Influence of Infrastructure on Livelihood Activities of Rural Dwellers in Selected Local Government Areas of Ogun State, Nigeria. *Proceedings of the 19th Annual Conference of the Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria.* 27-30 April 2014. Federal University of Technology, Owerri. 296-308pp. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 80%)

4. **Thomas, K. A.** and Taiwo, A. O.: (2014). Determinants of Maternal Health Care Services Utilization in Rural Communities of Osun State, Nigeria. *Proceedings of South Africa International Conference on Education*. 21-23 September, 2014. Manhattan Hotel, Pretoria. 157-169pp. (South Africa) (Contribution: 80%)
 5. Taiwo, A. O and **Thomas, K. A.:** (2016). Post-Harvest Handling Practices of Citrus Fruits in Afijo Local Government Area of Oyo State, Nigeria. *Proceedings of the 21st Annual National Conference of the Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria*. 16-21 April 2016. University of Ibadan. 78-87pp. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 40%)
 6. **Thomas, K.A,** Fesogbade, M.S and, Arogunyo, J.O (2017). Framing of Agroforestry Education News in Selected Nigeria Newspapers *Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria held at : University of Port Harcourt, River State, Nigeria, 23rd -26th April, 2017. Pp 205-213. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 60%)*
 7. **Thomas, K.A.** and Omirin, T. (2019). Influence of Climate Variability on Cereal Crop Production in Kaduna State, Nigeria. In Adebayo, K., Anaglo J. N., Osuntade B. O. and Adeuyi O. O. (eds) *Proceeding of the 2nd Sustainable Livelihoods and Development Network for Africa (SLIDEN Africa) 2019 Conference* held at Oscar Park Hotel, Off Kisseman Road, West Legon, Accra, Ghana, 3rd to 6th March, 2019. Pp210-215 (Ghana) (Contribution: 80%).
 8. **Thomas, K. A.** and Nwokocha, J. C. (2021). Food Vendors and School Management Compliance to Home Grown School Feeding Programme Implementation Module in Osun State, Nigeria. *Proceedings of the Annual Conference of the Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria held at the Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria, 26-29, April 2021. 64-79pp Nigeria (Contribution: 80%)*
- (d) Patents: Nil
- (e) Articles that have already appeared in learned journals
9. **Thomas, K. A.,** Oyesola, O. B. and E. Y. Thomas (2005). Factors Associated with Migration in selected Local Government Areas of Osun State Nigeria. *European Journal of Scientific Research* Vol. 11. No.3:453-461. (United Kingdom) (Contribution: 50%).
 10. Oladeji J. O. and **Thomas, K. A.** (2010). Social Marketing Approach as an Alternative Extension Delivery for Nutrition Intervention among Women in Osun State, Nigeria. *International Journal of Applied Agricultural Research* Vol. 5. No.5: 657-667. (India) (Contribution: 50%).
 11. Oladeji J. O., **Thomas, K. A.** and Ige S. O. O. (2010). Impacts of Mining on Income Generating Activities of Rural Dwellers in Itesiwaju Local Government Area of Oyo State, Nigeria. *International Journal of Applied Environmental Sciences* Vol.5. No. 6:889 – 897. (India) (Contribution: 40%).

12. Ogunleye, K. Y. and **Thomas, K. A.** and Oyebade, S.O (2010). Marketing Extension Needs for Sustainable Extension Practices among Cassava Farmers in Surulere Local Government Area of Oyo State. *Journal of Agricultural Extension* Vol.14. No.1:112-130. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 40%).
13. Olajide, B. R. and **Thomas, K. A.** (2010). The Impact of Radio Entertainment-Education Program on Sexual Practices of selected Farm Families in Ebonyi State. *Ozean Journal of Social Sciences* Vol. 4. No. 1:23-35. (Turkey) (Contribution: 30%).
14. Oladeji, J. O. and **Thomas, K. A.** (2010). Assessment of Agricultural Practical Year Training Programmes of Nigeria Universities in the South Western States. *The Nigerian Journal of Rural Extension and Development* Vol. 3:28-34. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 40%).
15. Oladeji, J. O. and **Thomas, K. A.** (2010). Effect of Conflicts on Livelihood Activities of Rural Dwellers in Yewa Division of Ogun State, Nigeria. *Nigerian Journal of Rural Sociology* Vol.11. No.1:62-70. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 40%).
16. Tijani, S. A. and **Thomas, K. A.** (2011). Effectiveness of Root and Tuber Expansion Programme on Cassava Farmers Production in Remo Area of Ogun State, Nigeria. *Ozean Journal of Applied Sciences* Vol. 4. No. 3:295-306. (Turkey) (Contribution: 40%).
17. Pippy Fawole and **Thomas, K. A.:** (2011). Effect of Contract Farming Scheme on Cassava Production Enterprise in Oyo State, Nigeria. *Journal of Rural Economics and Development*. Vol. 20. No. 1: 1-7. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 40%).
18. Fawole, O. P., **Thomas, K. A.** and A. S. Ibitade (2012). Framing of Avian Influenza Coverage by Nigerian Newspapers: *Journal of Media and Communication Studies* Vol. 4. No. 1:11-18. (Kenya) (Contribution: 40%).
19. **Thomas, K. A.,** Tijani, S. A. and Seidu, A. A. (2012). Journalists' Attitude towards Maternal Health Education Broadcast on Radio in Oyo State, Nigeria *Tropical Agricultural Research and Extension* Vol. 15:13-18. (Sri-Lanka) (Contribution: 50%)
20. **Thomas, K. A.,** J. O. Oladeji and B. R Olajide (2012). Constraints to Adequate Dietary Intake among Women: Evidences from Ekiti State, Nigeria. *Journal of Agriculture, Forestry and the Social Sciences* Vol. 10. No. 2:61-66. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 50%).
21. **Thomas, K. A.** and Adeniyi, O. F. (2013). Health Personnels' Perception on the Use of Social Media in Healthcare Delivery System in Rural and Urban Communities of Oyo State, Nigeria: *Journal of Developing Country Studies* Vol.3. No. 3:134-142. (United States of America) (Contribution: 80%).

22. **Thomas, K. A.** and Oladeji, J. O (2013). Knowledge, Attitude and Practice of Child Nutrition among Women in Southwest, Nigeria. *Ibadan Journal of Agricultural Research* Vol. 9:190-199. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 70%).
23. **Thomas, K. A.** and Laseinde, A. A. (2015). Training Needs Assessment on the Use of Social Media among Extension Agents in Oyo State, Nigeria. *Journal of Agricultural Informatics* Vol. 6. No. 1:100-111. (Hungary) (Contribution: 80%).
24. **Thomas, K. A.** and Adeoye, A. S. (2015). Farmers' Knowledge of *Jatropha Curcas* as a Renewable Energy Crop in Oyo State, Nigeria. *Nigerian Journal of Rural Extension and Development*. Vol. 9. 19-25. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 80%).
25. **Thomas, K. A** and Philips, O. N. (2015). Assessment of Food Safety Practices among Cassava Processors in Selected Rural Communities of Oyo State, Nigeria. *African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development* Vol. 15 No. 4:1-18. (Kenya) (Contribution: 80%).
26. **Thomas, K. A.**, Fawole, O. P. and Al-ameen, M. O. (2015). HIV/AIDS Voluntary Counseling and Testing (VCT): Perspectives of Rural Youths in Oyo State, Nigeria. *International Journal of Agricultural Economics and Rural Development*. Vol. 7. No. 1: 52-58. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 60%).
27. **Thomas, K.A** and Eforuoku, F. (2015). Assessment of Gender Role in Fishing Activities among Artisanal Folks in Delta State, Nigeria. *Ibadan Journal of Gender Studies* Vol. 1. No. 1 & 2: 173-190. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 80%).
28. Eforuoku, F. and **Thomas, K. A.** (2015). Effect of Training on the Use of Modern Beekeeping Technologies in Oyo State, Nigeria. *Nigerian Journal of Rural Sociology*. Vol. 20. No. 2: 61-66. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 40%).
29. **Thomas, K. A.** and Chinwendu, O. E (2016). Perceived Effectiveness of Community-Based Health Insurance Services In Abeokuta South Local Government Area of Ogun State, Nigeria. *Nigerian Journal of Rural Sociology* Vol. 16, No. 2: 7-14. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 80%).
30. **Thomas, K. A.** and Eforuoku, F. (2016). Determinants of Participation in Youth-in-Agriculture Programme in Ondo State, Nigeria. *Journal of Agricultural Extension* Vol. 20. No. 2:104-117. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 80%).
31. **Thomas, K. A.** and Sanyanolu, A.S. (2017). Utilization of Agro-meteorological Services among Arable Crop Farmers in Oyo State, Nigeria. *Journal of Agricultural Extension* Vol. 21. No.1:51-69. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 80%).
32. **Thomas, K. A.** and Ogunnowo A. A. (2017). Perceived Effects of Sand Dredging on Livelihood Diversification of Artisanal Fisher Folks in Lagos State, Nigeria.

Agricultura Tropica Et Subtropica, Tropica Journal Czech University of Life Sciences 50(2):71–79. DOI: 10.1515/ats-2017-0008. (Czechoslovakia) (Contribution: 80%).

33. Taiwo, A.O, Yekinni, O.T and **Thomas, K.A.** (2017). Perception of use of Healthcare Services in Rural Communities of Osun State. *Nigerian Journal of Rural Extension and Development*. Vol. 11:7-10. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 40%).
34. O.O Fayinminnu , M.O Odewale , A Adebayo , **K.A Thomas** and DO Omobusuyi (2017). Atrazine Residues in Irish Potatoe (*Solanum tuberosum* L.) Varieties from Three Selected Areas in Plateau State, Nigeria. *Tropical Agricultural Research & Extension*. Vol. 20 (3 & 4) pp 66-75. (Sri-Lanka) (Contribution: 30%)
35. Uwandu, C. N, **Thomas, K.A.** and Okoro, C. M. (2018). Utilization of Agricultural Information Sources and Adoption of Animal and Crop Technologies among Farming Households in Imo State, Nigeria. *Journal of Agricultural Extension* Vol. 22. No. 1:143-155. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 50%).
36. **Thomas, K. A** and Balogun I.S (2018). Perception of Extension Agents on Online Marketing of Agricultural Enterprises in Ogun State, Nigeria. *International Journal of Agriculture and Development Studies (IJADS)* Vol.3 No 2:100-108 (Nigeria) (Contribution: 80%).
37. **Thomas, K. A.** and Fadipe, M.O. (2018). Determinants of Youth Involvement in Agricultural Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in Rural Communities of Ogun State, Nigeria. *Ibadan Journal of Agricultural Research* Vol. 14(1): 27-37. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 80%).
38. **Thomas, K. A** and Arogunyo J. (2019). Determinants of Insecticide Treated Net Utilization among Rural Households in Oyo state, Nigeria. *Nigerian Journal of Rural Sociology*, 19 (1): 96-105. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 80%).
39. **Thomas, K.A** and Ogbonna C. (2019). Utilisation of Maternal Health Care Services among Rural Women in Enugu State, Nigeria. *Nigerian Journal of Agricultural Extension*, Vol. 20 (2): 14-25. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 80%).
40. **Thomas, K.A** and Uwandu, C.N (2019). Utilization of Information and Communication Technologies for Nutrition Education among Community Health Workers in Imo State, Nigeria. *Journal of Health Education Teaching*, 2019; 10(1), 44-57. (United States of America) (Contribution: 80%).
41. **Thomas, K.A** and Tounkara, S.Y. (2020) Apiculture and Poverty Reduction Nexus: Evidence from Rural Households in Sikasso Region of Mali, *Bee World*, Vol. 97 No. 1: 10-16, DOI: 10.1080/0005772X.2019.1692416. (United States of America) (Contribution: 80%).

42. Adelakun, O.J, **Thomas, K.A** and Lawal, B.O. (2020). Use of Media Marketing Tools among Cassava Growers in Oyo State. *Journal of Agricultural Extension* Vol. 24 No.1:148-156. (Nigeria) (Contribution: 50%).
 43. Eforuoku, F. and **Thomas, K. A.** (2019). Determinants of nutrient adequacy and influencing factors of dietary intake pattern among rural farming households in Northwestern Nigeria. *African Journal of Rural Development* 4 (4): 441-457 (Uganda) (Contribution: 50%)
 44. Agbongiarhuoyi, A.E., **Thomas, K.A.**, Uwagboe, E.O. and Famuyiwa, B.S. (2020). Utilization of ICTs in Accessing Cocoa Beans Market Information by Cross River State Farmers. *Scientific Papers Series Management, Economic Engineering in Agriculture and Rural Development* Vol. 20 (3): 45-52
 45. **Thomas, K. A.** and Eforuoku, F. (2020). Rural Transport and Marketing of Agricultural Produce in Oyo State, Nigeria. *International Journal of Agriculture and Earth Science* Vol. 6 (2): 49-58.
 46. **Thomas, K.A.** and Diarra Doukoro (2020). Rice Farmers' Perception towards Effectiveness of Extension Service in Niger Office, Mali. *Ife Journal of Agriculture*, 2020, Vol. 32 (3): 69-84
 47. **Thomas, K. A.** and Eforuoku, F (2020). Food Insecurity and Nutrition Status of Farm Households in Northwestern Nigeria. *Journal of Food Security*, Vol. 8, (3): 98-104. doi: 10.12691/jfs-8-3-3.
 48. **Thomas, K. A.**, Taiwo, A. O. and Ogunsanya, O. (2020). Utilisation Of Indigenous Practices for The Control of Armyworm Among Maize Farmers in Oyo State, Nigeria. *Nigerian Journal of Rural Sociology* Vol. 20 (2):65-71.
 49. Adebisi, F. G., Adebisi, O. A., **Thomas, K. A.**, Majekodunmi, B. C. and Olatunji, G. J. (2021). COVID-19 pandemic and mitigation strategies: Implications on pig and poultry enterprise in Nigeria. *Nigerian Journal of Animal Production*, 48(4): 213 – 226
- (f) Books, Chapters in Books and Articles already accepted for publication:
- i. **Thomas, K. A** and Adeola Olajide (2021). Rural Migration and Labour Structure Nexus: Implications for Sustainable Cocoa Production in Southwestern Nigeria
- (g) Technical Reports and monographs:
- i. Adebayo A. Omoloye, Marian Peters, **Kehinde A. Thomas**, Oluwakemi A. Obayelu, Olusegun A. Ojumoola, Akeem Akere, Adebola Ajiboye and Cies Roskam (2021). Black Soldier Fly in Nigeria: An Insect Sector Baseline Study Report. New generation Nutrition, Netherlands ProEnto, Netherlands with funding support from Government of the Netherlands through RVO

XI. Major Conferences Attended with Papers Read (in the last 5 years)

- 1) 2nd Sustainable Livelihoods and Development Network for Africa (SLIDEN Africa) 2019 Conference held at Oscar Park Hotel, Off Kisseman Road, West Legon, Accra, Ghana, 3rd to 6th March, 2019.
Paper Presented: Influence of Climate Variability on Cereal Crop Production in Kaduna State, Nigeria
- 2) 6th African Association of Agricultural Economics/ Nigeria Association of Agricultural Economics Conference held at Sheraton Abuja Hotel, Nigeria, September 23-26, 2019.
Paper Presented: Livelihood Trajectories in Nigeria's Cocoa economy: Evidence from South West Nigeria.
- 3) The 26th Annual Conference of The Agricultural Extension Society of Nigeria held at: Federal University of Agriculture, Abeokuta, Nigeria, 26-29, April 2021.
Paper presented: Food Vendors and School Management Compliance to Home Grown School Feeding Programme Implementation Module in Osun State, Nigeria
- 4) Tropentag 2021 hybrid conference, University of Hohenheim Stuttgart Germany
'Towards shifting paradigms in agriculture for a healthy and sustainable future'
September 15-17, 2021.
Paper Presented: Historical Pathways and the Dynamics of Change of Cocoa Production in Ondo and Osun States, Nigeria

XII Ten Best Publications that Reflect the Totality of my Contributions to Scholarship

1. **Thomas, K. A.**, Tijani, S. A. and Seidu, A. A. (2012). Journalists' Attitude towards Maternal Health Education Broadcast on Radio in Oyo State, Nigeria *Tropical Agricultural Research and Extension* Vol. 15:13-18. (Sri-Lanka) (Contribution: 50%)
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1: 10-16, DOI: 10.1080/0005772X.2019.1692416. (United States of America)
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Research Focus

My research focus centered on rural sociological and communication approaches for development efforts in rural health, human nutrition, food safety, climate change, rural livelihoods, poverty alleviation and youth empowerment among farming and rural households.

Rural health: The interactions between agriculture and health are well recognized in literature. The process of agricultural production and the outputs it generates can contribute to both good and poor health, among producers as well as the wider population particularly in rural communities. Publications 18, 20, 28, 37 and 38 addresses these concerns. Journalists' attitude required to promote maternal health education broadcast on radio, determinants of insecticide treated net utilization among rural households and utilisation of maternal health care services were investigated.

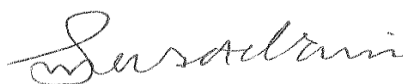
Human nutrition: Research efforts on this subject were channeled to unravel how adequate nutrition and sustainable agricultural production can grow together to minimize the negative links among them and maximize the positive synergies. Publications added to the body of knowledge are listed in 9, 19 and 21. Alternative approach outside the conventional extension method was used to deliver nutrition intervention and another study examine constraints to adequate dietary intake among women.

Food safety: Food safety and food security are interrelated concepts with a profound impact on quality of human life. The context of food safety encompasses facets of handling, preparation and storage of food to prevent contamination, while the research conducted was conceptualized around cassava processing among rural households to build safety and quality cassava-based food supply chain. Article 24 sought to assess food safety practices among cassava processors in rural communities.

Climate change: Studies have established that social structure and institutions, cultural values and ideologies, and social practices are primary driving forces of global climate change. As such, efforts to ameliorate and adapt to global warming require analyses of these social processes at various scales. Publication 30 provided information on the utilization of agro-meteorological services among arable crop farmers. The research sufficiently helps to understand climate change not only by contributing to existing programmes, but also pose new research questions derived from sociological theories and perspectives for climate change mitigation strategies.

Rural livelihoods and poverty alleviation: Smallholders' agriculture services support the production and marketing of related agri-food goods with direct and indirect impacts on poverty reduction and growth in the broader rural economy. Articles 14, 15,16,27,31 and 34 contain baseline data on how higher incomes among smallholders generate demand for local agricultural inputs, capital and services, commercial distribution, processing infrastructure and services, and nonfood consumable goods.

Youth empowerment: Youth involvement in agriculture is pivotal to sustainability of the sector. Publications 13, 29, 31 and 36 examined networks of young motivated farmers and common challenges faced by these young farmers with a view to engendering sustainable agriculture.



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