

Project Summary

Title	Assessment of spatio-temporal redistribution of major crops and livestock mobility due to climate change and variability in Uganda
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Purpose	The main objective is to enhance the resilience of agro-pastoral based communities in mitigating present and future climate change impacts.
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	informant interviews of the different livelihood groups. Among the outputs of this project include the map of hotspots areas, ex-ante factor rating of important crops, and livestock mobility scenarios, ex-ante contingency plan to enhance the resilience of agro-based communities, one MSc trained in climate change modeling, and 3 peer review papers.
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