

Editor's Comment:

I now have had an opportunity for a closer look at the reviewers' recommendations and comments, and the manuscript itself. The reviews are highly positive, and I couldn't agree more.

The topic is novel and timely, and the manuscript proficiently written. The manuscript is an excellent inclusion in this journal.

However, the following outlined revisions need to be addressed before publication:

1. Titles for Figures/Tables should be informative enough to stand-alone. Therefore, do the following:
 - a. Figure 1: Please add **the units of measure** (either in the plot itself OR on the title). Also, indicate (on the title for this figure) the **location and time**. For example ...climate variability in *Ibadan City, Nigeria for 300BC to 1910AD*
 - b. Figure 2: Please **add the units of measure** (either in the plot itself OR on the title), for example, temperature in °C, rainfall in "inches" OR "mm".
 - c. Tables 1, 3 & 7: Add, on the titles themselves, the **location**
 - d. Table 7: Add more details about school attendance (on the title for that Table). For example, add **# of classes** (is it one, 10, 50, or 100 classes), **how many students were registered for school for that year?**
 - e. Table 12: Coping strategies **to what, where, when...**
2. The presentation of data is unnecessarily too scattered. Please combine Tables/Figures with related/same or scant information. **Combine as follows:**
 - a. Put the details presently in Table 2 below Table 1 (& then delete Table 2).
 - b. Put the details presently in Table 5 below Table 4 (& then delete Table 5).
 - c. Put the details presently in Table 6 below Figure 1 (& then delete Table 6).
 - d. Put the details presently in Table 8 AND 9 below Table 7 (& then delete 8 & 9).
 - e. Put the details presently in Table 11 below Table 10 (& then delete Table 11).
 - f. Put the details presently in Table 13 below Table 12 (& then delete Table 13)

Note: Please simply put **5A to 5F (above)** **in the same manner you have presently presented the "source" or "note"**

3. AFTER combining the above, please go back and revise the same within the TEXT itself.

Note to author: In your revision, please **highlight the revised text** within the manuscript itself

Final decision: Accept after these revisions

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