

Policy Research Center
Research Project Accomplishment Report

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Project Leader:	Alistair Munro	Professor	GRIPS

Research Project Title:

Behavioural Economics and Climate Change Adaptation in Vietnam

Project duration:

2017/4/1 ~ 2018/3/30 1年間

Project Participants:

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Participant 1	Thi Tra Trinh	PhD Student	GRIPS
Participant 2			

Project aims and goals:

This is an exploratory project. Its aim is to study the adaptation of rural households to the effects of climate change in southern Viet Nam. In particular it will build on recent work done by the project leader on fatalism and household-decision making and apply a behavioural economics approach. Viet Nam is one of the countries most at risk from the consequences of climate change. For example, many rice-growing parts of the country are extremely low-lying. As sea levels rise, rice paddies face problems of salt infiltration and there have been frequent episodes of flooding and inundation in the last 10 years (Rutten et al, 2014). Some farmers and other rural residents face the need to change their livelihoods in a quite dramatic way. We will conduct a household survey to measure vulnerabilities and use techniques developed by experimental economists to measure attitudes to risk, cooperation and the locus of control. In this way we aim to understand the factors that determine which households adapt.

The scale of the experiment will be small: the idea is to use it as an initial exercise. If the project is a success, then we would submit a larger bid for funding to an external research body and return to the same areas of Viet Nam to conduct follow-up work on a larger scale.

Accomplishment of Project(in 400 words):

The plan had four phases.

1. Survey preparation - design and write a survey instrument that will produce the information we need.
2. Site selection - build local contact and partners and select suitable sites for the interviews
3. Piloting, training and implementation of the survey
4. Data analysis and write-up.

Phase 1 and 2 have been accomplished. We have designed and written a survey instrument and made contact with a local partner. We have selected two areas of the Mekong delta for the fieldwork.

Accomplishment:

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Other things to report:

The plan was that field work would be conducted by locally recruited assistants aided by the PhD student/research assistant from the project (who is Vietnamese). However, a personal issue arose with the research assistant, which means that she is unable to travel for several months. As a result we were unable to visit the sites and do the field work. The Policy Center was informed of this development and we have not spent any of the 1m yen proposed budget.

List of Accomplishment
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Article

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