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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment <i>(if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)</i>
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	Line 20: lack of space between "thatwas". Line 86: Taylor (2002) is not in the list of references. Lines 136-137: Difficult to find the area if study by coordinates given. Use commonly used coordinates systems, like geographic coordinates, to describe the location. Line 159: It is not explained why the Z-test was chosen to analyse data. Is the sample normally distributed in order to apply this technique? What assumptions are behind the criteria of using this statistic? How is the frequency distribution of the data set? Line 174,176: Check consistency of the model. How f is defined in the Cobb-Douglas production function? How the units agree to get Kg as output if none of the inputs has it? Line 178: Wrong citation year "(Olayemi, 19996)" Line 184: Thamodaran et al (1982) is not in the list of references. Line 227: Last column of the table on the heading: is it referring to the p-value instead of "t value"? Line 227: Include units for variables and a legend with the meaning of ***, **, Same for other tables. Line 244: Lack of space between "thatwas". Lines 257-259: Lack of econometric base to state the origins of the negatively related output to farmers. What is the optimum value of labor use in the study area or the marginal product of household activities?	



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<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	Lines 61-62: It is not clear on what aspect wells and water pumps have mitigated the effects of the 70s severe drought. On agriculture, drinking water? By improving what? Irrigation efficiency, access to fresh water? Line 83: Not clear to who it is referencing on "His survey in 2002". Line 114: it would be complementary to the paragraph (Lines 104-114) to explain why micro-credit could not be an agent to offset migration, its benefits and limitations in the study area, how it has evolved since 2001 and accessibility by households. Has the indebtedness increased since then? Are the remittances used to pay the loans?	
<u>Optional/General</u> comments	Interesting findings and consistent conclusions that could lead to improve the quality of life of Nigerian households, as well as other less favoured communities.	

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