



IMPACT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND CAPITAL FORMATION ON FOOD SECURITY IN NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

The study examined the impact of climate change and capital formation on food security in Nigeria using annual time series data from 1990-2022. Secondary data were extracted from the databases of Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) and World Bank (WDI). The food production index (FPI) was used as the dependent variable, while the independent variables include, CO2 emissions and gross fixed capital formation (GFCF), made up the main explanatory variables. Annual population growth (POP), Gross Domestic Product (GDP), and consumer price index (CPI) were used as control variables. The Autoregressive Distributed Lag (ARDL) Model Approach was used for the analysis. The findings showed a negative and statistically significant effect between climate change and food security in Nigeria both in the long-run and short-run. Moreover, the study established a positive and statistically significant effect between capital formation and food security both in the long run and short run. The study also revealed negative and significant interaction effect of climate change and capital formation on food security in the long-run. This implies that negative CO2 emissions counteract the positivity of gross fixed capital formation. The study thus, recommends climate-smart resilience policies that are beneficial to crops production and promoting storage facilities. Emphasis should also be placed on investment in tools and machineries, provision of improved seed variety processing units and facilitation of climate change adaptation strategies.

1.0 Introduction

Food security has four major components, which includes, availability, accessibility, stability and utilization. Availability is having a balanced food supply, not only in quantity but also having a quality and variety of food (Peng & Berry, 2018). It also includes domestic production, imports, or food aid programs (Kumar et al, 2017). Accessibility covers being economically and financially strong to get the required meals either through production or purchase from the markets, whereas Utilization and stability consist of whether there is a stable capacity to pass shocks and the degree of

diversity of nutrients in one's food system. However, achieving all four pillars of food security is challenged by high CO2 emissions, environmental problems, poor infrastructure, and low storage facilities among others (Adesete et al, 2022). Thus, a stable climate is among the critical factors that result in better agricultural productivity and thereby improve food security. Currently, Nigeria is far from achieving many climate resilient goals due to greenhouse gas emissions, deforestation, land degradation, and exploitation of natural resources (McGuire, 2015). Climate

change is becoming worse. A report from IPCC (2021) indicates that the temperature will rise by more than 2 degrees in the coming two decades.

Carbon dioxide emission (CO₂) is a significant greenhouse gas that retains heat in the Earth's atmosphere and also released gas through human activities. It also arises from the combustion of fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas from deforestation and industrial processes (World Bank, 2023). CO₂ emissions cause a lot of issues globally and have become more threatening to the sustainable development of agriculture especially in Nigeria. It affects the quantities and types of food produced as well as production-related income (Gobezie & Boka, 2023). It has also been observed that CO₂ emissions phenomenon affect agriculture in a number of ways. For example, uncertainties at the onset of the farming season, due to changes in rainfall characteristics (early rains may not sustain, and crops planted at their instance may become smothered by heat waves) which can lead to an unusual sequence of crop planting and replanting which may result in food shortages due to harvest failure and food security challenge (FAO, 2021). Therefore, addressing CO₂ emissions has become crucial for ensuring sustainable agriculture and food security in Nigeria. It is significant to observe that food is basic for all economies developmental needs and for a for a healthy and productive life (Gobezie & Boka, 2023).

Capital formation on the other hand, is the proportion of present or current income that is saved and invested in order to augment future output and income. It usually results from acquisition of new factory along with machinery, equipment and all productive capital goods. Capital formation determines the national capacity to produce including agricultural productivity (Ifeyinwa, 2017). Capital formation is therefore, measured through 'Gross fixed capital formation' leading to more technical progress, helps realize the economy at large-scale

production and enhance specialization in terms of provision of machines, tools, resources and equipment for growing labor force (Kalu, 2015). Capital formation can also lead to increase in CO₂ emissions, as many types of physical capital require energy to operate and maintain (Onwiodiokit, 2023).

Studies, like (Prakash & Sethi, 2023; Von Grebmer et al, 2022; Dauda, 2023) proved that extreme climatic condition that manifest high CO₂ emissions have very adverse consequences on food security in Nigeria (Ani, 2022). Ahmad et al, (2019) reported that the interaction effect between climate change and capital formation is that investment tends to harm the environment, due to the fact that CO₂ emissions increase in the stage of growth and industries expansion which tends to decrease income and stabilize food security in the economy. In fact, CO₂ emissions are the result of a rise in energy consumption based on fossil fuels and agricultural wastes (Segbefia et al, 2023). According to climate trace report (2022), CO₂ emissions trend of seven years shows fluctuation analysis of agricultural emissions at 9.81m, 9.57, & 9.82 tones released in 2015, 2016 and 2017 respectively. However, it increased to 10.58m tones in 2018, then fell drastically to 8.96m tones in 2019, and then rise again to 9.14 and 8.70m tones in 2020 and 2021. Therefore, it is observed that from 2019 to 2021 respectively. A CO₂ emission from agricultural sector in Nigeria has reduced compared to previous years. However, this is only limited to emissions from cropland fires alone. Infrastructure is also threatened by high CO₂ emissions, with evidence of encroachment of coastlines, stress to the energy grid, decreased hydroelectric power supply and shifting structures or landscapes, loss of shelter, bad roads and degraded farmlands due to erosion in some parts of Nigeria (Cossimon et al, 2022).

Drawing from the foregoing therefore, it is observed that poor storage facilities and fluctuating temperature are negatively

affecting food security as CO₂ emissions contribute to unfriendly weather conditions, leading to low agricultural productivity, while low investment in agricultural sector, and inadequate farm mechanization are leading to poor storage facilities which in the same vein affects the agricultural sector negatively. In addition, the interactive effect between climate change and capital formation as aforesaid earlier explained that capital formation leads to the increase in high CO₂ emissions as numerous types of physical capital requires energy to operate and maintain which is adding more to food security challenges. The challenge between these factors makes it critical to the study, thereby ascertaining to the fact that climate change and capital formation are affecting food security in Nigeria.

Achieving food security is challenged by climate change problems (Irfan et al, 2023), and capital formation factors (Cassimon, Fadare & Mavrotas, 2022). Therefore, a consistent climate is among major factors that result in stable agricultural productivity and thereby improve food security (Kubik, Douglas & Mirzabaev, 2023). However, the world currently is far from achieving many development of infrastructural facility that will leads to achieving the component of food security and climate resilience goals due to green house gas emissions, deforestation, land degradation and exploitation of natural resources (Adekunle, Omoobi & Sulieman, 2014; Ajose & Oyedokun, 2018). The prospect of climate change is becoming worse. A report by the IPCC (2021) indicates that temperatures will rise by more than 2 degrees Celsius in the coming decades.

This study examined the impact between climate change and capital formation on food security in Nigeria, using CO₂ emissions as a proxy for climate change, gross fixed capital formation as a proxy for capital formation and food production index as a proxy to food security (Adesete et al., 2022; Kumar et al., 2015). The primary goal of the paper was to understand food security

and the interactive effect between CO₂ emission and capital formation in Nigeria.

2.0 Literature Review

Ohiomu & Ozor (2021) conducted a study "Relationship between Climate Change and Food Security in Sub-Saharan Africa" with variables; Agricultural output, temperature, rainfall, government expenditure on agriculture, inflation, exchange rate, gross fixed capital formation and labor force. The study covers the years from 1980 to 2019, Preliminary diagnostic tests on Panel data across the 17 sub-Sahara African countries and result shows that the climate change exerts negative impact on food security through temperature variations which degenerated during the period. It also showed positive significant impact of government expenditure which increased during the period.

On the other hand, Ceesay & Ndiaye (2022) studied the impact of Climate change, food security and economic growth nexus in the Gambia: Evidence from an econometric analysis from 1971 to 2020. The model were VAR, ARDL and ECM and the variables are; Agricultural value added, average annual rainfall, GDP per capita, population growth annually, and GDP current. The findings revealed that food security growth has strong optimistic correlation with the agriculture sector but negative correlation with rainfall variation.

Similarly, Cassimon, Fadare & Mavrotas (2022) Combined the Effect of Institutional Quality and Capital Flows on Food and Nutrition Security and Undernourishment in Sub-Saharan Africa from 1996 to 2018. Panel data for 25 SSA countries over the year. The findings clearly demonstrate the importance of a heterogeneity approach and reflect on earlier work regarding the role of institutional quality in the overall nexus between external capital flows and various measures of food and nutrition security which leads, and as expected, to an interesting variation in the results obtained,

depending on the type of capital flows and the interaction with the governance indicators.

Satrovic, Muslija & Abul (2020) took the same model approach of Toda-Yamamoto causality test with limited variables in the study to examine the Relationship between CO2 emissions and Gross capital formation in Turkey and Kuwait from 1971-2014. Variables used were CO2 emissions, gross capital formation (% of GDP) and energy use (ENE). Toda and Yamamoto approach was used in the model and the findings confirm a bi-directional links between all the variables of interest not only in the case of Turkey, but also in the case of Kuwait.

3.0 Methodology

The study utilized time series data from World Bank database and FAOSTAT 1990-2022. The data covers food production index (FS) which is the dependent variable and obtained from FAOSTAT, CO2 emissions was sourced from World Bank database, while gross fixed capital formation (GFCF)

was also obtained from World Bank database. In addition, annual population (POP), gross domestic product (GDP), and consumer price index (CPI) are the control variable, which all are also obtained from World Bank database. The study adopted ARDL model to examine the interactive effect between CO2 emissions and capital formation on food security in Nigeria. This is because ARDL model has become more appropriate to use for the study, the test of the unit root was conducted using Augmented Dickey-fuller (ADF) and Phillip-Perron (PP) test, while the diagnostics tests (normality test, serial correlation test, heteroskedasticity test and Ramsey reset test) were conducted for reliability checks.

3.1 Model Specification

In order to examine the impact of climate change and capital formation on food security in Nigeria, a specific model in which food security is dependent on climate change, capital formation and other variables is specified as follows:

$$FPI_t = \beta_0 + \beta_1 CO_2_t + \beta_2 GFCF_t + \beta_3 POP_t + \beta_4 GDP_t + \beta_5 CPI_t + \mu_t \quad (1)$$

Where, FPI is the dependent variable, CO2 emissions and GFCF are the independent variables, while, POP, GDP, and CPI represents the control variables. Thus, the variables are written as; food production index, climate change, capital formation, annual population growth, and consumer price index respectively. β_0 Is the constant or intercept, while $\beta_1 \beta_2 \beta_3 \beta_4$ and β_5 are the parameters. Lastly, μ_t is the Error Term.

3.2 Estimation Techniques

The study used estimation techniques to achieve the objective of the interactive

effect between carbon emissions and capital formation on food security in Nigeria in stages. Firstly, it involves conducting unit root tests to establish the stationarity test of the study by employing Augmented Dickey Fuller (ADF) and Phillip-Perron (PP). Secondly, the study establishes the cointegration (long-run and short-run) relationship among the variables using ARDL bound testing procedures which is developed by Pesaran & Shin (2001). Lastly, it involves the estimation of the coefficients of the model using ARDL. The ARDL model is specified as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta(\ln FPI)_t = & \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_1 \ln FPI_{t-1} + \sum_{i=0}^k \beta_2 \ln CO2_{t-1} \\
& + \sum_{i=0}^l \beta_3 \ln GFCF_{t-1} + \sum_{i=0}^m \beta_4 \ln POP_{t-1} + \sum_{i=0}^n \beta_5 \ln GDP_{t-1} \\
& + \sum_{i=0}^r \beta_6 \ln CPI_{t-1} + \sum_{i=0}^s \beta_7 \ln (CO2_{t-1} * GFCF_{t-1}) + \delta_1 \ln (\ln FPI)_{t-1} \\
& + \delta_2 \ln (\ln CO2)_{t-1} + \delta_3 \ln (GFCF)_{t-1} + \delta_4 \ln (POP)_{t-1} + \delta_5 \ln (GDP)_{t-1} \\
& + \delta_6 \ln (CO2_{t-1} * GFCF_{t-1}) + \varepsilon_t
\end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

In equation 2, “ln” represents the natural logarithms of variables; β_0 denotes the intercept, while $\beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4$ and β_5 are the parameters that signify the magnitude and direction of each of the variable on food security (FPI) and μ_t is the error term which represents the unobserved factors affecting food security (FPI) that are not explained by

the included independent and control variables.

Upon establishing the long-run relationship among the variables, in order to get the short-run coefficients, an error correction model (ECM) is cointegrated. The ARDL specification of the ECM is represented as:

$$\begin{aligned}
\Delta(\ln FPI)_t = & \beta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^p \beta_1 \ln FPI_{t-1} + \sum_{i=0}^k \beta_2 \ln CO2_{t-1} + \sum_{i=0}^l \beta_3 \ln GFCF_{t-1} \\
& + \sum_{i=0}^m \beta_4 \ln POP_{t-1} + \sum_{i=0}^n \beta_5 \ln GDP_{t-1} + \sum_{i=0}^r \beta_6 \ln CPI_{t-1} + \sum_{i=0}^s \beta_7 \ln (CO2_{t-1} * GFCF_{t-1}) \\
& + \theta_1 ECT_{t-1}
\end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

ECM is used in order to check the robustness of the result. According to Engle & Granger (1987), if cointegration is established among variables, causality relationship can be determined within a dynamic error correction term, and the statistical significance of the ECT_{t-1} is used to determine the long-term causality.

4.0 Results Presentation

4.1 Result of Unit Root Tests

Table 1 presents the result of the Augmented Dickey-Fuller (1981) and Phillips-Perron

(1989) unit root tests. The result revealed that most of the variables have unit root at level which means they are not stationary. For instance, FPI, CO₂ emissions, GDP and POP have unit root at level [I(0)] both in ADF and PP tests. But after the first difference of the variables using ADF and PP, the unit root in the variables (FPI, CO₂ emissions, GDP and POP) became stationary and integrated of order one, I(1). The exceptions of the study are in the case GFCF and CPI which are found to have no unit root at level both in the ADF and PP tests, respectively.

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Vrbls.	Level				First Difference				
	ADF		PP		ADF		PP		Status
	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.	t-Statistic	Prob.	

LNFPI	-2.347	0.398	-3.116	0.120	-	0.065	-	0.000	I(1)
					2.842***		9.885***		
LNCO ₂	-2.660	0.258	-2.751	0.225	-	0.000	-	0.000	I(1)
					5.954***		6.869***		
LNGFCF	-		-		-	-	-	-	I(0)
	5.929***	0.000	5.759***	0.000					
LNGDP	-1.6932	0.730	-0.627	0.851	-2.968**	0.049	-2.943**	0.051	I(1)
LNPOP					-				I(1)
	-2.018	0.278	-0.377	0.984	4.139***	0.014	-3.423*	0.067	
LNCPI	-		-		-	-	-	-	I(0)
	3.874***	0.006	2.975***	0.048					

Note: *** and * are statistically significant at 1%, 5% and 10% respectively; both intercept and trend are used in the estimations, Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) was employed to select optimum lag length in the ADF test

Based on the results of the unit root tests, it is concluded that the variables are integrated at mixed order of [I(1) and I(0)]. Consequently, the study employs ARDL bound testing cointegration of Pesaran & Shin (2001) to explore the existence of the relationship among the variables.

4.2 Results of the ARDL Bound Tests

The results in Table 2 indicated that the computed F-statistics (8.524) is greater than the upper bound test even at 1% level. This result implies a strong cointegration among the variables or in other word, long-run relationship exists among climate change, capital formation, GDP, population, food price index and food production index.

Table 2: ARDL Bounds Testing Cointegration Results

F- Statistics	K	Significance	Lower(bound)	Upper(bound)
		10%	1.99	2.94
8.5240***	6	5%	2.27	3.28
		1%	2.88	3.99

Note: the *** denotes significant at 1% level and K indicates the number of variables used in the model. Only intercept was used in the model and the optimum lag was selected using Akaike information criterion (AIC). Selected Model: ARDL (1, 1, 2, 0, 0, 2, 2)

4.3 Discussions of Results

Having established that a long-run relationship exists among the variables, the next step presents the estimated relationship among food security, climate change and capital formation. The Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) indicated the optimal lag

length (1, 1, 2, 0, 0, 2, 2). The results of the long-run and short-run for the selected models; as shown in the Tables, the variables are significant and the signs are consistent with a priori expectations particularly in the long-run.

Table 3: Long-run Estimated Coefficients

Variables	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
LNCO ₂	-3.861	1.099	-3.511	0.003
LNGCF	5.697	1.627	3.508	0.003

LN(CO ₂ *GCF)	-3.384	1.121	-3.017	0.008
LNGDP	0.619	0.180	3.429	0.003
LNPOP	-0.244	0.531	-0.460	0.651
LNCPI	0.138	0.023	5.871	0.000

Note: *** and * denote significant at 1%, and 10% respectively. The Akaike Information Criterion (AIC) indicated the optimal lag length of (1, 1, 2, 0, 0, 2, 2).

Table 3 reports the long-run coefficients of the variables. It indicates that CO₂ emission has a negative and significant effect on food security in long-run at 5% level. A 1% increase in CO₂ emissions will lead to a 3.86% decrease in food security in Nigeria. This implies that higher levels of CO₂ emissions are detrimental to food security in the long run. The outcome is also consistent with Kuznet theory which postulate that the emissions of some undesirable substances such as sulfur dioxide and carbon dioxide emitted into the air, waste of various kinds of emissions into water bodies or dumped on ground first increase with economic growth and then fall, then affect the economy and food security negatively. Also, empirical studies of (Bouznit *et al*, 2022; Madaleno & Carlos, 2023) are consistent with the result.

However, the long-run estimated coefficient for gross fixed capital formation is 5.697, indicating a positive and highly significant effect on food security at 1% level of significant. In practical terms, a 1% increase in gross capital formation (GFCF) is associated with about 5.697% increase in

food security on the average, *ceteris-peribus*. This finding implies that high GFCF positively affects food security in Nigeria as in the Accelerator theory of investment which postulates that capital investment outlays is a function of output, this means the higher the capital formation in an economy the higher the food security *ceteris-peribus* (Ajose & Oyedokun, 2018).

Moreover, the long-run estimated coefficient for the interaction between carbon dioxide emissions and gross fixed capital formation (CO₂*GCF) is -3.384, suggesting a negative and statistically significant effect on the food security in Nigeria. A 1% increase in this interaction is associated with an approximately 3.384% decrease in food security, on the average, *ceteris-peribus* in the long-run. It has also been observed that capital formation tend to increase CO₂ emissions, as many types of physical capital require energy to operate and maintained, which lead to the decrease of the result and affecting food security negatively (Onwiodiokit, 2023).

Table 6: Short-run Estimated Coefficients

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
D(LCPI)	-0.076	0.034	-2.227	0.041
D(LCO ₂)	-3.190	0.364	-8.758	0.000
D(LCO ₂ (-1))	-0.489	0.075	-6.518	0.000
D(LPOP)	2.719	0.601	4.527	0.000
D(LPOP(-1))	-1.134	0.494	-2.294	0.036
D(GFCF)	5.075	5.709	8.889	0.000
ECT _{t-1}	-0.908	0.105	-8.662	0.000
R-squared	0.904			
Adjusted R-squared	0.845			

Note: The maximum Selected Model: ARDL lags are (1, 1, 2, 0, 0, 2, 2).

The presented results in Table 6 outline the short-run estimated coefficients of the variables in the model. These coefficients represent the short-run impact of changes in the natural log of CO₂ emissions and its lagged values. The short-run estimated coefficient of CO₂ emissions is about -3.190, indicating a negative and statistically significant effect at 1% level on food security. This implies that 1% increase in CO₂ emissions is associated with an approximately 3.190% decrease in food security in the short run. The short-run estimated coefficient of gross fixed capital formation is about 5.075. The first lag of gross fixed capital formation has a positive and statistically significant effect on food security. A 1% increase in the first-differenced natural log of gross fixed capital

formation from the previous period is associated with an approximately 1.20% increase in food security on the average, ceteris-paribus in the short run. The coefficient of error correction term lagged by one period ECT_{t-1} is -0.908. Its captures adjustments towards the long-run equilibrium indicate that any deviation from the long-run will be corrected by approximately, 91% in a year. The value for R-squared is (90%) and adjusted R-squared is (84%) respectively.

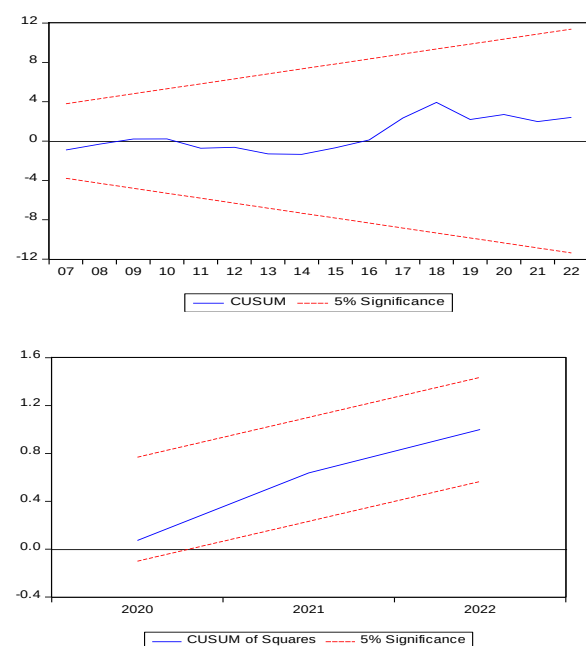
4.4 Results of Diagnostic Tests

The results of diagnostic tests reported in Table 7 shows that the ARDL model passed the serial correlation, functional form, heteroskedasticity and normality tests.

Table 7: ARDL model diagnostic tests

Test Statistics	F-Statistic [Prob]
Normality: Jarque-Bera	0.228 [0.892]
Serial Correlation: Breusch-Godfrey LM Test; F (2, 14)	1.989[0.174]
Heteroskedasticity: Breusch-Pagan-Godfrey; F (14, 16)	0.969[0.519]
Functional Form: Ramsey Reset; F (1, 15)	0.035 [0.855]

According to the result obtained from Jarque-Bera test (JB) the result indicates that the p-value is (0.892) implying that data is normally distributed. Furthermore, Breusch-Pagan-Godfrey test was used to ascertain whether the residuals are homoscedastic. As reported in Table 7, the p-value (0.519). Therefore, the distance term is homoscedastic. In addition, the cumulative sum of square of recursive residuals (CUSUM) and the cumulative sum of square of recursive residuals (CUSUMQ) tests were conducted to check the stability property of the estimated parameters.



5.0 Conclusion

Generally, the study has achieved its objectives on the impact of climate change on food security, capital formation on food security, as well as the interaction effect among climate change and capital formation on food security in Nigeria. The study has shown a clear link between both the variable of interest on food security in Nigeria. However, while capital formation (GFCF) is positive and significant both in the long-run and short-run, climate change (CO₂ emissions) is negative and significant both in the short-run and long-run. The positive impact of capital formation on food security is largely mediated through investment channel on agriculture and proper storage facilities, while the negative impact of climate change on food security is consistent with previous studies as being debated in literatures and largely due poor climate resilience adaptation policies sensitization on farmers. In addition, the interaction effect of climate change and capital formation on food security suggests the existence of negative and significant effect of the variable of interest both in the long-run and short-run. These findings explained that although capital formation (GFCF) is positive and significant, but the magnitude of climate change (CO₂ emissions) counteract capital formation in Nigeria.

Integrate Climate-Smart Practices: Promote the integration of climate-smart agricultural practices that enhance resilience to changing climate patterns. This includes the adoption of sustainable farming methods, conservation agriculture, and the use of climate-resilient crop varieties.

Enhance Research and Data Collection: Invest in comprehensive research and data collection to better understand the localized impacts of climate change on agriculture. This knowledge can inform targeted interventions and adaptive strategies tailored to specific regions and crops.

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