EXAMINING THE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF UGANDA'S OIL BOOM IN THE CONTEXT OF CLIMATE CHANGE: A CASE STUDY OF THE ALBERTINE GRABEN REGION

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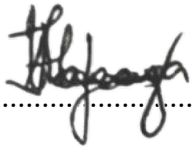
Signature:  Date: 10/03/2025

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ABSTRACT

The discovery of oil in Uganda's Albertine Graben region has initiated a period of significant socio-economic transformation, presenting both opportunities and challenges. This study examines the social and economic impacts of Uganda's oil boom within the context of climate change, focusing on the Albertine Graben region. The research aims to assess the economic benefits and costs associated with oil development, evaluate the environmental consequences, analyze how oil companies address climate change and sustainability, and explore the potential risks and opportunities for Uganda's economy in transitioning to a low-carbon future.

The findings reveal a complex interplay between economic growth, environmental degradation, and social displacement. While the oil industry has contributed to economic development through increased foreign investment and job creation, it has also led to social upheaval and environmental challenges, including deforestation, pollution, and threats to biodiversity. The study highlights the need for sustainable practices, robust policy frameworks, and effective community engagement to mitigate the negative impacts and ensure equitable distribution of benefits.

Furthermore, the research underscores the importance of climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies in the oil sector. By adopting cleaner technologies, promoting renewable energy, and implementing conservation efforts, Uganda can leverage its oil resources while transitioning to a sustainable, low-carbon economy. This study provides valuable insights for policymakers, stakeholders, and communities, emphasizing the importance of balancing economic development with environmental sustainability and social well-being

CHAPTER ONE

1.1 Introduction

This chapter comprises the background of the study, problem statement, study objectives, significance of the study, scope of the study, and conceptual framework in accordance with the research topic.

1.2 Background of the Study

1.2.1 Historical background

Globally, as the 20th century began, concerns about the environment and the development of technology created a shift in energy from coal to oil because they made oil exploration very efficient. The Chinese discovered the first oil in 600 BC. Still, the first oil was successfully drilled on 27th August 1859 by an American named Colonel Drake from an oil well called Titusville, Pennsylvania. The first oil company was the Pennsylvania Rock Oil Company. In the world, Venezuela has the largest oil reserves, with a percentage of 18.2%, and it is estimated that it will hold 300 trillion barrels. It's followed by Saudi Arabia, with a rate of 16.2%, and Canada, with a percentage of 10.4% (J. Laherrere,2001). Once oil is discovered, equipment is put in place and contracts are signed between the drilling companies and drilling firms.

What affects the exploration of oil is the rock hardness, weather conditions, depth of the drilling wells, and where the site is located in terms of distance, which affects the drilling hours (Connolly,2008). Ploiesti was the first oil refinery to be opened in the world in Romania in 1856, and the oldest operating refinery is Digboi Refinery located in India. As the oil demand increased in 1974, the OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) countries decided to take complete control of all oil fields in their territory away from the IOCs (Integrated Oil Companies) to increase oil prices, in the long run, earning highly. Agreements on the oil prices were made between OPEC and IOC, though OPEC still decided to increase the oil prices, bringing about inflation in the world. However, power has been shifted from OPEC to other exporters. Countries are now looking forward to the best production and freedom in energy and other oil products. As it is to date, the government is undergoing inflation, a case of increasing commodity prices and fuel prices inclusive. This is all due to the war between one of the superpower countries, Russia battling against Ukraine. They have, therefore, brought an economic setback to poor countries. The amount of oil constantly drilled is what depicts the Pham price.

In Africa, oil and gas exploration has been a source of economic growth due to its discovery, all through investments and trade. However, the first oil in Africa was discovered in 1909 in North Africa, strategically located in the Southern Gulf Suez central region of Egypt, although the oil it produced was in small quantities. Nigeria, Angola, Algeria, Libya, and Egypt are leading in oil production in Africa. According to statistics, Nigeria is the leading country in oil production among the mentioned countries. It produces 86.9 million metric tons, followed by Angola, 64.5 million tons, and Algeria, 57.6 million metric tons (Orekoya and Oluleke,2021). Algeria has the largest oil refinery in Africa, named Skikda Refinery, producing 365500 barrels per day, and the smallest is Solimar Refinery in Madagascar. Total Refinery, located in Algiers, and Socomy, situated in Durban, were the first refineries in Africa built in 1954, so the main refining centers are in South Africa, Nigeria, Egypt, and Algeria, all producing different capacities of oil and gas (Gary and Kaiser,2007).

Regarding oil and gas, its consumption in Africa is still deficient. The countries with high gas consumption are Egypt, Algeria, and South Africa which have good economies and investments (Y. Keho,2016). Oil production has gradually risen over the last years, making it an international market for oil and gas; an example is China, which quarterly depends on countries like Algeria, Angola, and Chad, thus leading to the development of its firms in those countries due to oil and gas provision. Sadly, Africa is undergoing a resource curse. A resource curse is an inconsistent circumstance in which countries with large quantities of natural resources like fossil fuels go through motionless economic growth (Karl,1999). A resource curse mainly occurs when a country focuses on single industries like oil production and mining, neglecting investment in other major economic sectors. It can also result in government intervention, i.e., corruption, which can affect the economy in the long run.

1.2.2 Conceptual background

As oil exploration activities are taking place in the Albertine Region in advance, the only companies licensed to do the work include Total Energies EP Uganda, CNOOC Uganda Limited, working under a joint venture agreement, and the other companies include Oranto Petroleum, DGR Global, Armour Energy. According to Uganda's constitution (Act 244), the government owns the oil and gas resources on behalf of the people. It empowers the parliament, which is the legislature, to set laws that govern the exploitation and exploration of minerals (Petroleum Act 2013).

However, more exploration activities are being done in other sedimentary basins, including the Kadam-Moronto Basin, Kyoga Basin, Hoima, and Lake Victoria Basin to discover more oil and gas reserves **Invalid source specified.**

The Albertine Graben in Uganda is a significant oil exploration and production area. Some key activities include Seismic Surveys, Drilling, and Infrastructure Development and their social and economic impacts: Economic Growth, Employment Opportunities, Land and Population Dynamics, Environmental Concerns, and Community Livelihoods. Furthermore, oil exploration in the Albertine Graben region of Uganda has significant implications for climate change: Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Deforestation, Biodiversity Loss, Water Pollution, and Community Livelihoods.

1.2.3 Contextual background

According to Nart 2024, following the landmark Final Investment Decision announced in 2022 by the joint venture partners Total Energies E&P Uganda, China National Offshore Oil Company (CNOOC) Uganda Ltd, and Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC) Uganda's vision for harnessing these resources is steadily materializing with Uganda's production capacity is at its peak of 230,000 barrels of crude oil daily.

The Government continues making discoveries and enhancing our current petroleum resources, which stand at 6.5 billion barrels (with 1.5 billion recoverable). Since 2017, Oranto Petroleum Limited and Armour Energy Uganda Limited have held licenses for the Ngassa Deep & Shallow Play and Kanywataba contract areas. These companies continue the required technical studies, aiming to drill exploration wells. In February and May 2023, additional exploration licenses were granted to Uganda National Oil Company and DGR Energy Turaco Uganda SMC Limited for the Kasuruban and Turaco contract areas. These licenses concluded the Second Competitive Licensing Round, which began in 2019. Both companies are now conducting technical studies and gathering data in preparation for exploration drilling.

The projects include the Tilenga and Kingfisher projects in the Upstream sector, with investments upwards of US $6 billion, the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), valued at US $5 billion, and the Uganda Refinery project, estimated at US $4 billion, both in the Midstream sector. Together with the Government's investment in supportive infrastructure and a renewed focus on

exploration for additional oil and gas resources, these projects represent a substantial investment of approximately US $20 billion in Uganda's economy.

Following the amendment of the Petroleum Supply Act of 2003 in 2023, we recall that UNOC was given the mandate as the sole importer and supplier of all Ugandan-bound petroleum products. The Tripartite Agreement between the Uganda Government, Kenya Government, and UNOC was signed, paving the way for the commencement of the importation business. The first Cargo for UNOC petroleum products was received on the vessel – MT Martinez with 58,330mt of Petrol, and another ship – Sinbad was received carrying 79,968mt of diesel between 2nd July and 4th July 2024. The pump prices will decline in the medium term. However, we must note that petroleum prices are hinged on global market conditions.

1.3 Problem Statement

The discovery and exploitation of oil resources in Uganda would lead to significant economic growth and social development. The oil boom would create numerous job opportunities, increase income levels, and improve public infrastructure and social services. Additionally, the environmental impacts of oil extraction would be minimal, with stringent regulations and sustainable practices in place to mitigate any negative effects. The oil sector would contribute to the country's overall economic stability and growth, while also aligning with global climate change goals by adopting environmentally friendly technologies and practices. However, the reality in Uganda presents a different picture. While the oil boom has the potential to drive economic growth, it has also led to several social and economic challenges. Local communities in oil-rich regions have experienced displacement, changes in land ownership, and disruptions to their traditional livelihoods. The influx of oil revenue has not always translated into improved public services or infrastructure, and there are concerns about the equitable distribution of benefits. Furthermore, the environmental consequences of oil extraction, such as pollution and deforestation, have raised significant concerns, especially in the context of climate change. The current regulatory framework may not be sufficient to address these issues effectively (Ogwang, 2017).

This research aims to fill the gap by examining the social and economic impacts of Uganda's oil boom within the broader context of climate change. It will explore how oil exploration and production have affected local communities, employment rates, income levels, and public infrastructure. The study will also assess the environmental consequences of oil extraction and

how they intersect with climate change concerns. By providing a comprehensive analysis of these impacts, the research will offer insights into the effectiveness of current policies and suggest strategies for mitigating negative effects while maximizing the benefits of the oil boom. This will contribute to a more sustainable and equitable approach to managing Uganda's oil resources in the face of climate change. Therefore, examining the social and economic impacts of Uganda's oil boom in the context of climate change is crucial.

1.4 Objective of the study

1. To assess the economic benefits and costs associated with Uganda's oil boom.
2. To assess the environmental consequences of oil development in Uganda, particularly climate change
3. To evaluate how oil companies in Uganda are addressing climate change and environmental sustainability in their operations.
4. To assess the potential risks and opportunities for Uganda's economy in transitioning to a low-carbon future while leveraging its oil resources.

1.5 Research questions

1. What are the economic benefits and costs associated with Uganda's oil boom?
2. What are the environmental consequences of oil development in Uganda, particularly about climate change?
3. How are oil companies in Uganda addressing climate change and environmental sustainability in their operations?
4. What are the potential risks and opportunities for Uganda's economy in transitioning to a low-carbon future while leveraging its oil resources?

1.6 Hypothesis

1.6.1 Null Hypothesis (H_0): There is no significant correlation between years of experience in the oil sector and perceived income increase.

1.6.2 Alternative Hypothesis (H_1): There is a significant correlation between years of experience in the oil sector and perceived income increase.

1.7 Significance of the study

By examining these impacts, Uganda can better navigate the challenges and opportunities presented by its oil boom, ensuring that economic benefits are maximized while negative social and environmental consequences are minimized.

1.8 Justification

Examining the social and economic impacts of Uganda's oil boom in the context of climate change is essential for maximizing the benefits of oil extraction while minimizing negative impacts. This holistic approach can help Uganda achieve sustainable development, improve the well-being of its citizens, and contribute to global climate goals.

1.9 Scope of the Study

1.9.1 Time scope

The study looks back to 2006, when oil and gas developments in the Albertine region of Uganda began, leading to the discovery of commercially viable oil deposits. To date, there are vigorous developments taking place in the Albertine region due to the projects leading to the acquisition of the first oil in 2026.

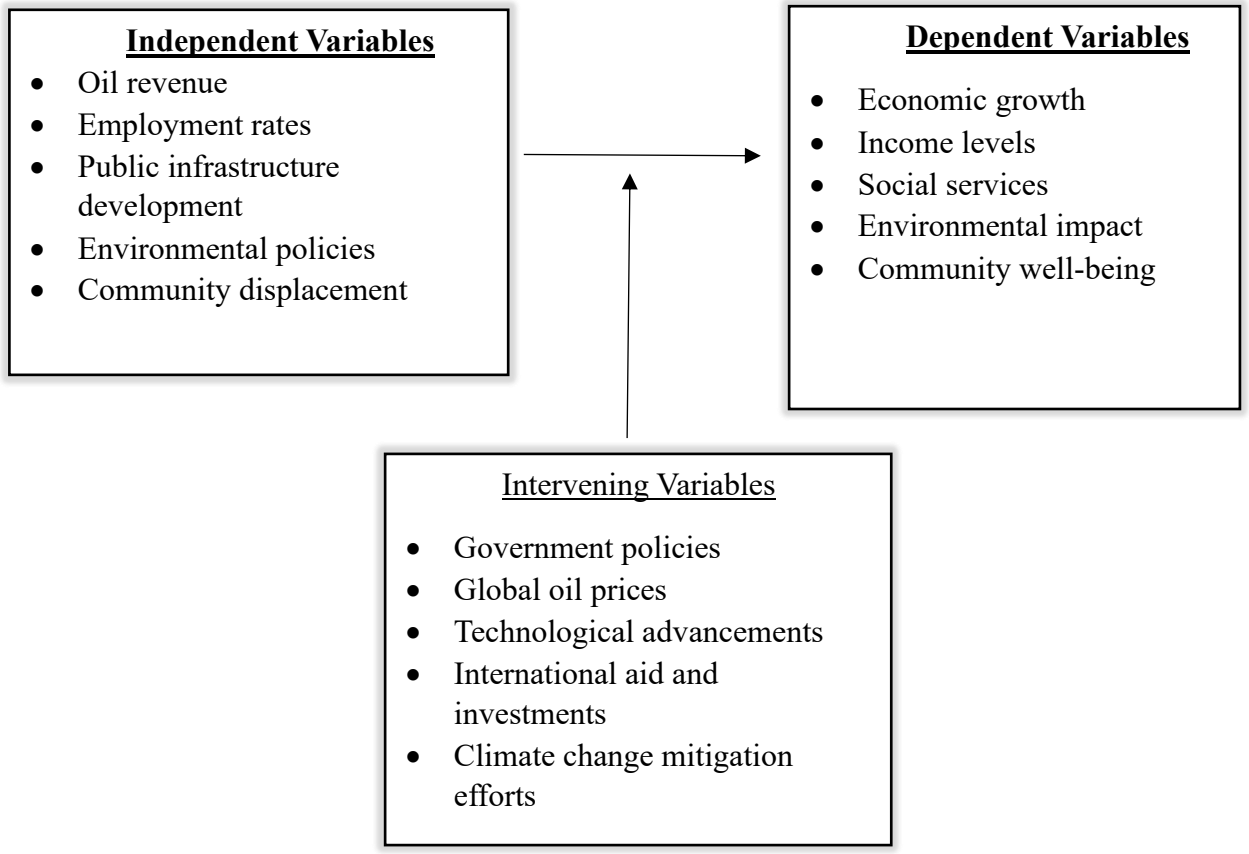
1.9.2 Geographical scope

The study takes place in the Albertine region of Uganda where developmental activities are being undertaken especially in Buliisa and Hoima districts**.**

1.9.3 Context scope

The study concentrates on key regions affected by oil exploration and production, such as the Albertine Graben and other sedimentary basins in Uganda. It also explores how climate change is influencing the oil industry in Uganda, including the risks and opportunities it presents. The study investigates the measures taken by oil companies to address environmental sustainability and reduce carbon emissions.

1.10 Conceptual Framework



The conceptual framework for examining the social and economic impacts of Uganda's oil boom in the context of climate change involves understanding how various independent, dependent, and intervening variables interact as explained below;

Increased oil revenue can boost Uganda's GDP by providing funds for public investments and economic activities. However, the effectiveness of this boost depends on government policies that manage and allocate the revenue efficiently while mismanagement can cause economic volatility.

The creation of jobs in the oil sector can increase employment rates, leading to higher income levels for individuals and households. Technological advancements can influence the types of jobs available and the skills required. Higher employment rates can improve living standards and reduce poverty, but if technological advancements lead to automation, it may reduce the number of available jobs.

Investments in infrastructure funded by oil revenue can enhance the availability and quality of social services such as education, healthcare, and transportation. International aid and investment can supplement these efforts. Improved infrastructure can lead to better access to social services, enhancing the overall quality of life for the population. However, the effectiveness of these improvements depends on the level and management of international aid and investment.

Effective environmental policies can mitigate the negative impacts of oil extraction, such as pollution and deforestation, and promote sustainable practices. Climate change mitigation efforts can further enhance these policies. Strong environmental policies and climate change mitigation efforts can reduce environmental degradation and contribute to sustainability goals.

Displacement of communities due to oil activities can disrupt social cohesion, traditional livelihoods, and access to resources, negatively affecting community well-being. Government policies on resettlement and compensation play a crucial role in mitigating these impacts thus maintaining community well-being and social stability.

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

This chapter provides a comprehensive review of the existing literature related to the social and economic impacts of Uganda's oil boom in the context of climate change. The review is organized into several key themes, including economic growth, social impacts, environmental consequences, and policy responses. By synthesizing the current body of knowledge, this chapter aims to identify gaps in the literature and provide a foundation for the research.

2.2 Theoretical Review

The theoretical framework for this study is grounded in several key theories that explain the dynamics of resource-based economic development and its social and environmental implications.

2.2.1 Greenhouse Gas Theory

This theory posits those certain gases in the Earth's atmosphere, such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O), trap heat from the sun. These gases allow sunlight to enter the atmosphere but prevent some of the heat from escaping back into space, leading to a warming effect known as the greenhouse effect. Over the last century, burning of fossil fuels like coal and oil has increased the concentration of atmospheric carbon dioxide (CO2). This increase happens because the coal or oil burning process combines carbon with oxygen in the air to make CO2. To a lesser extent, clearing of land for agriculture, industry, and other human activities has increased concentrations of greenhouse gases thus affecting both the environment and local communities (NASA, 2024).

2.2.2 Resource Curse Theory

As Uganda embarks on large-scale oil extraction, it faces the risk of falling into the resource curse trap. A theory in view is the “resource curse theory”. It states that many resources rich countries fail to benefit fully from their natural resource wealth and for the governments in these countries to respond effectively to public welfare needs. As Jonathan Di John (2011) claims that the ideology that mineral and fuel abundance create poor economic performance in less developed countries is termed as resource curse. It examines the suggestion that mineral and fuel abundance generate growth - restricting forms of state interference and remarkable great degrees of rent - seeking and

corruption which are typically negative in terms of economic growth outcomes they bring out. Some countries experiencing the resource curse include; Venezuela, Nigeria, and Ghana. The ideologies on how to overcome the curse are arrangement in oil contracts, enclosing of oil export proceeds and designation of debts in terms of oil. Following a monetary target that dwells on product prices, transportation of product funds and annuity distribution. These measures will automatically help to overcome the resource curse.

2.2.3 Carbon Lock-In

This theory suggests that once a society becomes dependent on carbon-intensive technologies and infrastructure, it becomes difficult to transition to low-carbon alternatives. The oil boom can exacerbate this by increasing investments in fossil fuel infrastructure, making it harder to shift to sustainable energy sources. The fossil fuel chain contributes to greenhouse gas emissions at every stage, from exploration to the final use of resources, and can generally be divided into upstream and downstream emissions. The term ‘upstream’ or ‘fugitive’ emissions usually refer to the intentional or unintentional releases of greenhouse gases that ‘occur during the exploration, processing and delivery of fossil fuels to the point of final use’. Such emissions include fuel combustion processes in mining and oil and gas installations such as venting and flaring of natural gas that often occurs during oil production. Decarbonizing the exploration and production processes through, e.g. the reduction of flaring or electrifying platforms is essential for climate action. However, most of the emissions occur not during the production, but at the point of consumption of the final product, so-called ‘downstream’ emissions. For example, for oil, such downstream emissions account for 67–95 per cent depending on the processes used. It is, therefore, imperative to consider downstream emissions when making initial decisions of fossil fuels projects investment and authorization (Shapovalova, 2023).

2.3 Economic benefits and Economic costs

Uganda's oil boom, heralded as a potential economic game-changer, presents a complex interplay of opportunities and challenges. The discovery of significant oil reserves in the Albertine Graben region has sparked hopes for accelerated economic growth, infrastructure development, and poverty alleviation. However, this newfound wealth comes with its own set of social, economic, and environmental implications, particularly in the context of global climate change.

The benefits of the oil industry are diverse and not only limited to the creation of employment by the oil companies and service providers but also the supply of goods and services by Ugandan companies, better service delivery as a result of the taxes paid to the Government as a host by Total Energies as a tenant in the project. Increased Foreign Direct Investment which will lead to an increase in income and more purchasing power to locals and an overall boost in targeted economies, training of Ugandans in the sector, infrastructure development, reduced expenditure on white products importation and raw materials for the plastics industry, growth of petrochemical industry, etc. The companies themselves bring in equipment since it is not manufactured here. This equipment has to be transported from Europe and Asia to the remote drilling locations in the Albertine. They also bring in personnel and these have to be transported, fed, housed, clothed, to mention which is an economic cost. The presence of these large oil companies attracts large multinational companies that provide support services to the oil companies by bringing in more people, more equipment, and more resources which becomes an opportunity for the ordinary, informed, and prepared Ugandan by supplying them with their products (Steven, 2022). The economic costs are associated with environmental degradation, economic volatility, and social displacement.

Balancing these benefits and costs will be crucial for Uganda to ensure that the oil boom leads to sustainable and inclusive economic growth. Effective governance, transparent management of oil revenues, and investment in human capital and infrastructure will be key to achieving this balance.

2.4 Environmental consequences of oil development in Uganda

The oil development in Uganda is a driver to deforestation and forest degradation that also reduces the country's resilience to climate hazards such as flooding, drought and landslides. Besides, deforestation is a driver of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and adversely affects the delivery of ecosystem services. Uganda is also warming very fast and rainfall patterns are becoming more variable. Coupled with increasing occurrence and severity of drought, intense rainfall, flooding and landslides, energy supply systems are becoming more vulnerable. While Uganda is currently not a major emitter of GHG, emissions will rise significantly in the future given the country's rapidly growing population and urbanization that are increasing demand for energy and exacerbated by ongoing oil and gas development.

Oil spills from oil collection pits have been reported and more are expected as the oil development progresses. These spills cause soil and water pollution there by affecting biodiversity and the livelihoods of many people in the region. Gas flaring is another activity that is linked to air pollution, with gases associated with gas flaring comprising carbon dioxide, methane, sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides, some of which are GHG that cause global warming and climate change. Besides the increased dissolution of these gases could form acid rainfall, which could scotch vegetation. During gas flaring, hazardous compounds that ensue from unburned fuel components such as benzene, toluene, xylene, and hydrogen sulphide, and the seepage of these compounds into the environment results in soil pollution, destruction of vegetation and water contamination which could cause death of wildlife that drink the water (Revocatus Twinomuhangi, 2021).

2.5 Addressing Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability

According to UNOC (2024), on Wednesday 30th August at the Serena Kampala Hotel, a transformative event unfolded, the birth of the Alliance for Climate Resilience (ACR). At its helm is the Uganda National Oil Company (UNOC) determined to lead by example. The ACR's vision is clear: to operate their businesses with an unwavering commitment to the environment and society, not just within the confines of their workplaces, but throughout the very communities the oil and gas projects touch. This initiative was a rallying cry for stakeholders from both public and private sectors, international development partners, environmental funds, carbon market players, and more. Together a sustainable response to climate change has been formed, emphasizing both mitigation and adaptation.

Furthermore, the company is exploring the Liquified Petroleum Gas (LPG) business which will promote a shift from the use of biomass to cleaner energy. Our oil and gas projects will enable significant production of tones of LPG which is needed as a substitute for charcoal and firewood to reduce the loss of forest cover. The planned Refinery also plans to produce cleaner fuels conforming to Euro 5/Afri-6 specifications as well as to reduce emissions from transportation of refined petroleum products from East Africa. Subsequently, the petrochemical industries will significantly improve the balance of trade payments for Uganda.

The government and IOCs recognized the need for intervention in the areas hosting the projects through CSR activities. By investing in the communities, the IOCs have not only improved the

lives of the residents but have also created goodwill and positive relationships with the host communities (SSEKATAWA, 2023).

2.6 The Potential Risks and Opportunities for Uganda's Economy in Transitioning to a Low-Carbon Future.

As the world grapples with the urgent need to address climate change, Uganda stands at a critical juncture. The discovery of substantial oil reserves in the Albertine Graben region has the potential to transform the nation's economy, offering significant revenue and development opportunities. However, this potential boon comes with a complex set of challenges, particularly in the context of global efforts to transition to a low-carbon future.

The opportunities entail Economic Diversification whereby transitioning to a low-carbon economy can help Uganda diversify its economic base. By investing in renewable energy sources such as solar, wind, and hydropower, Uganda can reduce its dependence on oil revenues and create new industries and job opportunities (Independent, 2024). Secondly, Attracting Investment thus embracing renewable energy and sustainable practices can attract foreign direct investment (FDI). Investors are increasingly looking for environmentally responsible projects, and Uganda's commitment to a low-carbon future can make it an attractive destination for green investments. Thirdly, Improved Energy Security. Developing renewable energy sources can enhance Uganda's energy security by reducing reliance on imported fossil fuels. This can lead to more stable energy prices and a more resilient energy supply. Another point is, Environmental Benefits whereby transitioning to a low-carbon economy can significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions and environmental degradation. This can improve public health, preserve biodiversity, and enhance the overall quality of life for Ugandans. Lastly, Innovation and Technology Transfer. The shift towards renewable energy can drive innovation and technology transfer. Uganda can benefit from advancements in clean energy technologies, which can improve efficiency and reduce costs (Huxham, 2020).

The risks are, Economic Volatility thus the transition to a low-carbon economy may lead to economic volatility, particularly if the shift away from oil is not managed carefully. Fluctuations in global oil prices and the potential decline in oil revenues can impact Uganda's economic stability.

Infrastructure Challenges: Developing renewable energy infrastructure requires significant investment and technical expertise. Uganda may face challenges in financing and implementing large-scale renewable energy projects.

Regulatory and Policy Uncertainty: Inconsistent policies and regulatory frameworks can hinder the transition to a low-carbon economy. Clear and stable policies are essential to attract investment and ensure the successful implementation of renewable energy projects.

Social Impact: The transition to a low-carbon economy can have social implications, particularly for communities dependent on the oil industry. Job losses in the oil sector and the need for reskilling and retraining workers can pose challenges.

Technological and Financial Barriers: Access to advanced technologies and financing for renewable energy projects can be limited. Uganda may need to rely on international partnerships and support to overcome these barriers (Huxham, 2020).

By carefully managing these risks and leveraging the opportunities, Uganda can successfully transition to a low-carbon future while maximizing the benefits of its oil resources. This requires a comprehensive and integrated approach, involving government, private sector, and international stakeholders to ensure sustainable and inclusive economic growth

2.7 Conclusion

Balancing economic development with environmental protection is crucial for Uganda to achieve sustainable and inclusive growth. By leveraging theoretical frameworks and addressing the study objectives, this chapter provides a comprehensive understanding of the complex interplay between Uganda's oil boom, social and economic impacts, and climate change. This analysis serves as a foundation for developing strategies that ensure the responsible and sustainable exploitation of Uganda's oil resources.

CHAPTER THREE

RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

3.1Introduction

This chapter outlines the methodology used to examine the social and economic impacts of Uganda's oil boom within the broader context of climate change. By employing a case study approach, combining both qualitative and quantitative research methods, this study aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of the multifaceted impacts of oil development. The chapter will detail the data collection methods, sampling techniques, data analysis procedures, and ethical considerations that underpin this research. Through this rigorous methodological framework, the study seeks to offer valuable insights into how Uganda can navigate the opportunities and risks associated with its oil resources while striving for sustainable and inclusive development.

3.2 Research Design

The research design used is “A case study”. John Gerring (2004) argues that a case study is a thorough study of one unit with the aim of conceptualizing over a wide collection of units, its therefore a specific way of defining cases rather than analyzing cases or portraying casual relations. This study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining both qualitative and quantitative research methods to provide a comprehensive analysis of the social and economic impacts of Uganda's oil boom in the context of climate change. The case study of the Albertine Graben region serves as the focal point for this research.

3.3 Area of study

The area of study for this research is the Albertine Graben region in Uganda but particularly focused on the Tilenga project located in Buliisa and Nwoya districts in the Lake Albert region, the Tilenga Project operated by TotalEnergies EP Uganda in partnership with CNOOC and UNOC covers three Production Licenses (PLs) from Contract Area-1 (Jobi-Rii, Gunya and Ngiri) and three PLs from License Area-2 (Kasamene-Wahrindi, Kigogole-Ngara and Nsoga) (Uganda, 2024). This region is of particular interest due to its significant oil reserves and its rich biodiversity. The Albertine Graben, located in the western part of Uganda, stretches along the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo and encompasses several districts, including Hoima, Buliisa, Nwoya, and Kikuube.

3.4 Study Population

The review had a populace of 100 individuals and 80 respondents who were obtained by primary data. The 80 respondents were obtained by Simple random sampling of all residents residing in the sub counties of Kigwera, Ngwendo and Buliisa town council; the individuals are believed to be workers working in the Tilenga project under Total Energies, displaced persons, and government officials.

3.5 Sampling procedures

3.5.1 Sample size

Using Krejci and Morgan (1970), the sample size is **80 individuals.**

3.5.2 Sampling techniques

Taherdoost (2016) argues that Simple random sampling is a probability sampling technique in which every victim of the population has an equal probability of inclusion in a sample, ensuring a representative sample of the population affected by the oil boom. Purposive sampling is non-probability sampling in which particular persons are deliberately selected in order to provide important information that cannot be obtained from other alternatives (Maxwell, 1996). It's where the researcher includes participants in the sample because they warrant inclusion based on their knowledge and experience related to the oil industry and climate change.

3.6 Data Collection Methods and Instruments

3.6.1 Primary data

Data will be collected using primary data with the help of tools like questionnaires and interview guides whereby the researcher will receive an initial letter from Uganda Christian University permitting him to conduct research.

3.6.2 Questionnaires

The questionnaires should be designed in a way that they are simple to understand and also able to avoid unnecessary respondents. Out of a sample size of 80 individuals, only 40 individuals will be given questionnaires. Since it's a self-guided questionnaire, it will be divided into four sections i.e. A, B, C, D and E using nominal, ordinal and Linkert scales.

3.6.3 Interview guide

Using the initial letter from Uganda Christian University, the researcher will present it to the CEO of Total Energies and will be authorized to interview the workers. Out of a sample size of 80 individuals, only 40 will be interviewees working in the Tilenga project as accountants, managers, drillers, environment officers, stakeholders etc.

3.7 Data Analysis

3.7.1 Quantitative Analysis

The research will be analyzed using Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS). It's a software used to conduct quantitative analysis and it has been widely used by researchers since its development (Norman H, 1960). The findings will be calculated using frequencies and averages.

3.7.2 Qualitative Analysis

It's a systematic analysis used to describe life experiences and accord them meaning. The data will be analyzed using information such as; the respondents' biographies, the level of competence in total Energies following the level of performance at Tilenga project, the challenges faced by individuals at Tilenga project, Project Affected Persons, and what needs to be mitigated. The findings will be presented in accordance with research objectives and research questions.

3.8 Quality control

3.8.1 Data validity

Under data validity, a research instrument known as Content Validity Index will be used. It should be in line with the independent and dependent variables of the conceptual framework of the study.

3.8.2 Data reliability

Data reliability is the degree to which a research instrument produces consistent and stable results. It means that data is totally complete and accurate in that the research questionnaire should be in line with the research objectives and responded validly by the respondents.

3.9 Ethical considerations

Ethical considerations are a set of principles that guide the research designs and practices. Since the investigation will be crucial, respondents will be asked for their consent so as to collect the data. The respondent's information will be treated with confidentiality so as to ensure their safety,

they will be notified the reason for conducting the research, why and how they were chosen to be part of the research. They will be assured that the research tends not to harm them but to acquire valid information, it will require voluntary participation of individuals and it will also ensure autonomy of the individuals.

3.10 Limitations of the study

These are referred to as shortcomings incurred during research. They include; insufficient sample size which made it difficult to draw valid conclusions, the research was expensive in line of transport and persuading the right respondents who had the valid information. Limited access to data since there was difficult access to the workers in Total energies who were respondents of the research and also time constraints in that the respondents were only available during a certain period causing a delay in the collection of the data.

CHAPTER FOUR

DATA PRESENTATION, ANALYSIS, AND INTERPRETATION

4.1 Introduction

This chapter presents the findings of the study on the social and economic impacts of Uganda's oil boom in the context of climate change, focusing on the Albertine Graben region. The data was collected from 80 respondents residing in the sub-counties of Kigwera, Ngwendo, and Buliisa Town Council. The respondents include workers in the Tilenga Project under Total Energies, displaced persons, and government officials. The findings are presented in tables and figures, followed by an interpretation of the results.

4.2 Demographic Characteristics of Respondents

The demographic profile of respondents is crucial in understanding the diversity of perspectives on the oil boom's impact. The study considered gender, age, occupation, and education level.

Table 4.1: Gender Distribution

Gender	**Frequency**	**Percentage (%)**
Male	50	62.5
Female	30	37.5
Total	**80**	**100**

Primary Data table 1: Gender Distribution

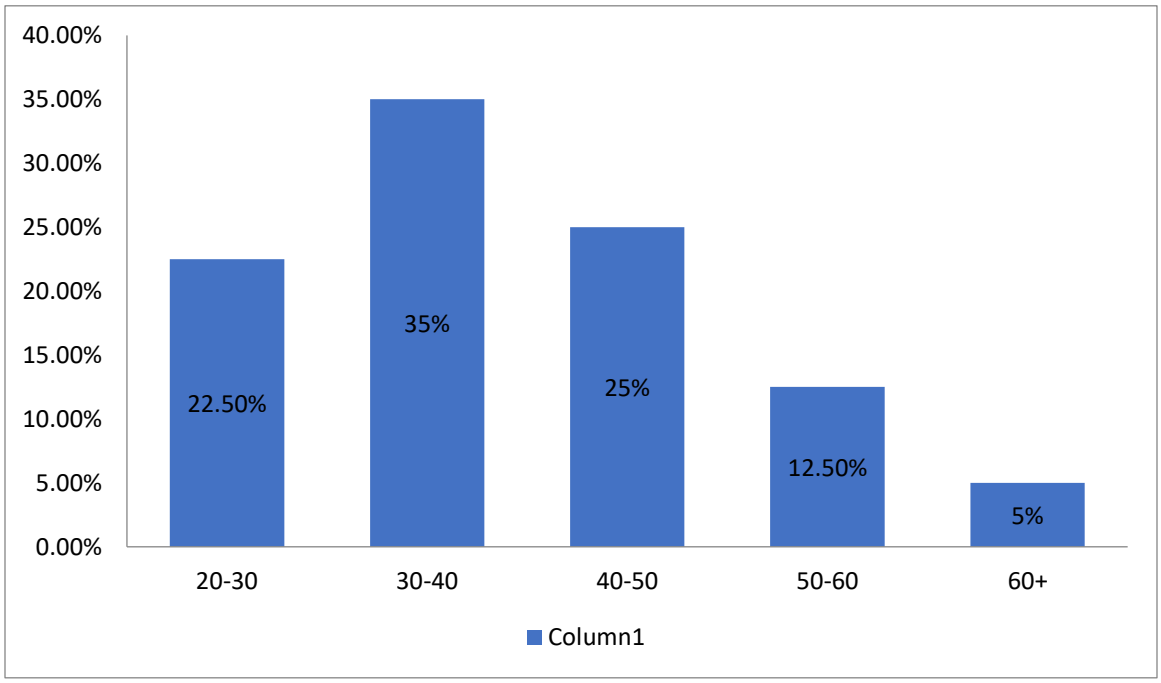
The findings indicate that a majority of respondents (62.5%) were male, while 37.5% were female. This gender disparity suggests that oil-related employment may be male-dominated, reflecting broader trends in the extractive industry where physical labor and technical roles are often filled by men. The implication is that policies promoting gender inclusivity should be reinforced to ensure that more women have access to opportunities in the sector, particularly in administrative, environmental management, and technical training programs.

Table 4.2: Age Distribution

Age Group	Frequency	Percentage (%)	Cumulative Percentage (%)
20-30	18	22.5	22.5
30-40	28	35	57.5
40-50	20	25	82.5
50-60	10	12.5	95
60+	4	5	100
Total	**80**	**100**	**100**

Primary Data table 2: Age Distribution

The largest age group (35%) falls between 30-40 years, followed by those aged 40-50 years (25%). This indicates that the oil sector primarily employs middle-aged individuals, who are likely to have significant work experience. However, a relatively low percentage (22.5%) of younger individuals (20-30 years) suggests potential barriers to entry for younger workers, such as lack of specialized training. The implication is that more skills development and internship programs should be promoted to enhance youth employment in the oil sector.



Graph 1: Showing Age Distribution

4.3 Social Impacts of the Oil Boom

Table 4.3: Community Displacement due to Oil Activities

Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)	Cumulative Percentage (%)
Yes	52	65	65
No	28	35	100
Total	**80**	**100**	**100**

Primary Data table 3: Community Displacement due to oil activities

The data shows that 65% of respondents have experienced displacement due to oil activities. This indicates a significant impact on local communities, leading to disruptions in livelihoods, loss of ancestral land, and social conflicts. The implication is that oil companies and the government should enhance compensation mechanisms, provide alternative housing, and implement sustainable livelihood programs to mitigate the negative effects of displacement.

Figure 4.3: Showing Community Displacement due to Oil Activities

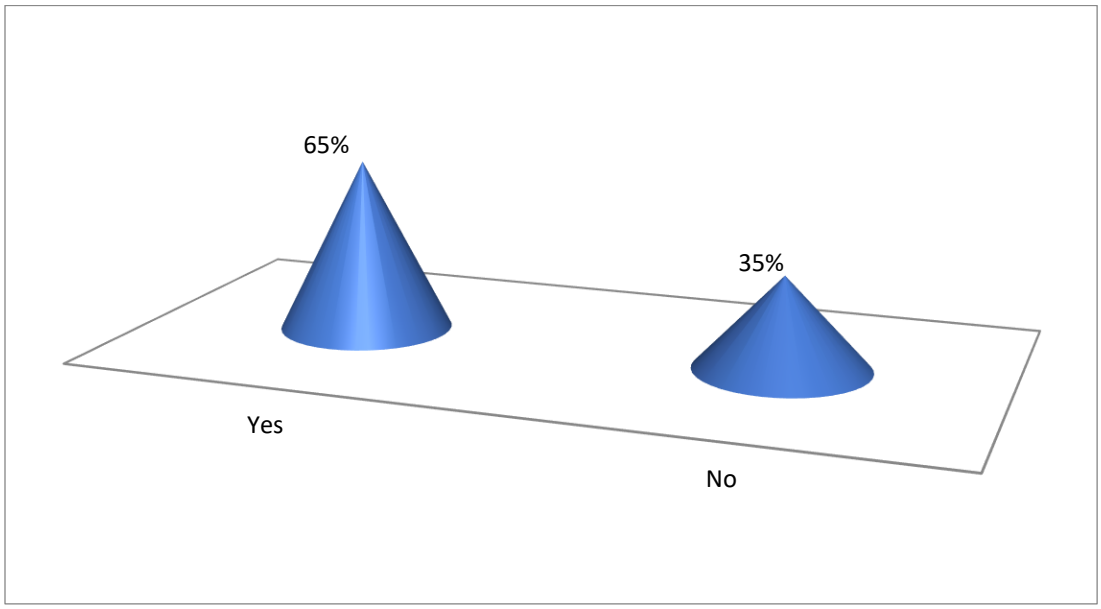


Figure 1: Showing community displacement due to oil activities

Table 4.4: Impact on Social Cohesion

Impact	Frequency	Percentage (%)	Cumulative Percentage (%)
Improved	20	25	25
No change	30	37.5	62.5
Deteriorated	22	27.5	90
Not sure	8	10	100
Total	**80**	**100**	**100**

Primary Data table 4: Impact on social cohesion

The findings reveal that while 25% of respondents believe social cohesion has improved due to oil-related developments, 27.5% feel it has deteriorated. This mixed response suggests that while economic benefits might enhance some social interactions, displacement and environmental concerns may contribute to tensions. The implication is that community engagement programs and conflict resolution strategies should be strengthened to maintain harmony among affected populations.

4.4 Economic Impacts of the Oil Boom

Table 4.5: Job Creation from Oil Activities

Response	Frequency	Percentage (%)	Cumulative Percentage (%)
Yes	56	70	70%
No	24	30	100%
Total	**80**	**100**	**100**

Primary Data table 5: Job Creation from Oil Activities

A majority (70%) reported that the oil sector has created jobs in their community. This indicates that the industry has contributed to employment opportunities. However, 30% of respondents did not experience any job benefits, suggesting gaps in employment distribution. The implication is

that recruitment processes should be more inclusive and ensure that locals have priority access to available positions.

Table 4.6: Changes in Cost of living

Change in Cost of Living	Frequency	Percentage (%)	Cumulative Percentage (%)
Increased significantly	45	56.25%	56.25%
Increased slightly	22	27.5%	83.75%
No change	10	12.5%	96.25%
Decreased	3	3.75%	100%
Total	**80**	**100**	

Primary Data table 6: Changes in cost of living

The findings show that 56.25% of respondents experienced a significant increase in the cost of living. This suggests that while the oil industry has brought economic opportunities, it has also driven up prices for basic goods and services. The implication is that government regulations should be in place to control inflation and provide subsidies for essential goods.

Figure 4.6: Showing Changes in Cost of living

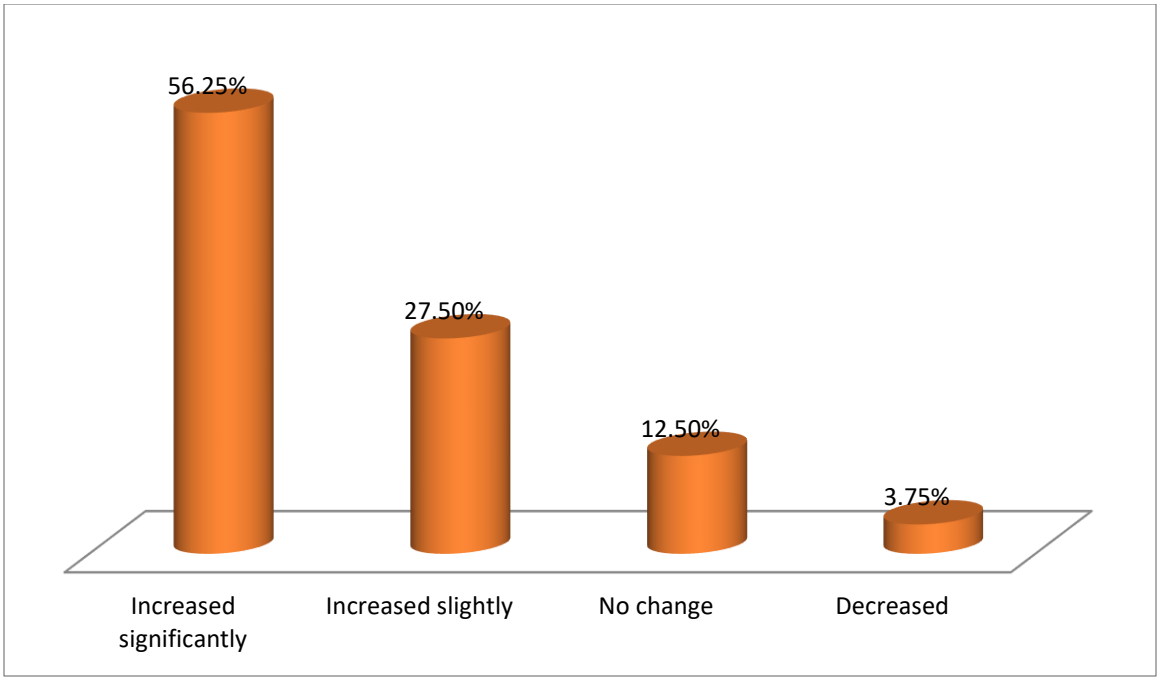


Figure 2: showing changes in cost of living

4.5 Environmental Impacts of the Oil Boom

Table 4.7: Environmental Changes Observed

Environmental Change	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Deforestation	35	43.75
Water pollution	22	27.5
Air pollution	15	18.75
No change observed	8	10
Total	**80**	**100**

Primary Data table 7: Environmental Changes observed

The study indicates that deforestation (43.75%) and water pollution (27.5%) are the primary environmental concerns identified by the respondents, as shown in Table 4.7. These findings reveal critical environmental issues linked to oil extraction activities in the Albertine Graben region. Deforestation, the most reported concern, could result from the clearing of large areas to establish oil-related infrastructure, such as roads, camps, and extraction sites. This loss of forest cover significantly threatens biodiversity and disrupts local ecosystems, exacerbating climate change

through reduced carbon sequestration. Water pollution, the second most prevalent concern, is likely attributed to oil spills, improper disposal of waste, and runoff from oil extraction sites into water bodies. This contamination not only affects aquatic ecosystems but also compromises the water quality for human consumption and agricultural activities, putting communities at risk of health issues and economic instability. These findings underscore the urgent need for sustainable oil extraction practices and stricter enforcement of environmental regulations. Enhanced monitoring systems should be established to ensure oil companies adhere to eco-friendly methods. Furthermore, community awareness campaigns are essential to educate residents about mitigating these environmental challenges. Policymakers must also prioritize environmental restoration initiatives, such as reforestation projects and cleaning polluted water bodies, to safeguard the region's ecological integrity and improve residents' livelihoods.

4.6 Climate Change Awareness and Perceptions

Table 4.8: Awareness of Climate Change Impact

Awareness Level	Frequency	Percentage (%)
Very aware	42	52.5
Somewhat aware	30	37.5
Not aware	8	10
Total	**80**	**100**

Primary Data table 8: Awareness of climate change impact

The results in Table 4.8 demonstrate that 52.5% of respondents reported being highly aware of the impacts of climate change. This indicates that more than half of the sampled population is knowledgeable about how climate change is affecting their environment, livelihoods, and daily activities. This high level of awareness suggests an important foundation for implementing community-based mitigation strategies. However, the fact that 37.5% of respondents are only somewhat aware, and 10% are not aware at all, reveals a gap in information dissemination and education about the effects of climate change.

The findings highlight the critical need for targeted awareness campaigns to further enhance knowledge and understanding across the population. These campaigns should focus on educating communities about both short-term and long-term mitigation strategies, such as reducing deforestation, managing water resources effectively, and adopting sustainable farming practices. Additionally, adaptation measures, including improving infrastructure resilience and developing early warning systems, should be emphasized to help communities prepare for and respond to climate-related challenges.

The implications of these findings are significant, especially in a region experiencing the effects of climate variability exacerbated by oil exploration activities. Raising awareness is a crucial step toward building community resilience and encouraging active participation in environmental conservation initiatives. Collaborative efforts between government bodies, oil companies, and local stakeholders are needed to bridge the knowledge gap and foster sustainable development.

Figure 4.8: Showing Awareness of Climate Change Output

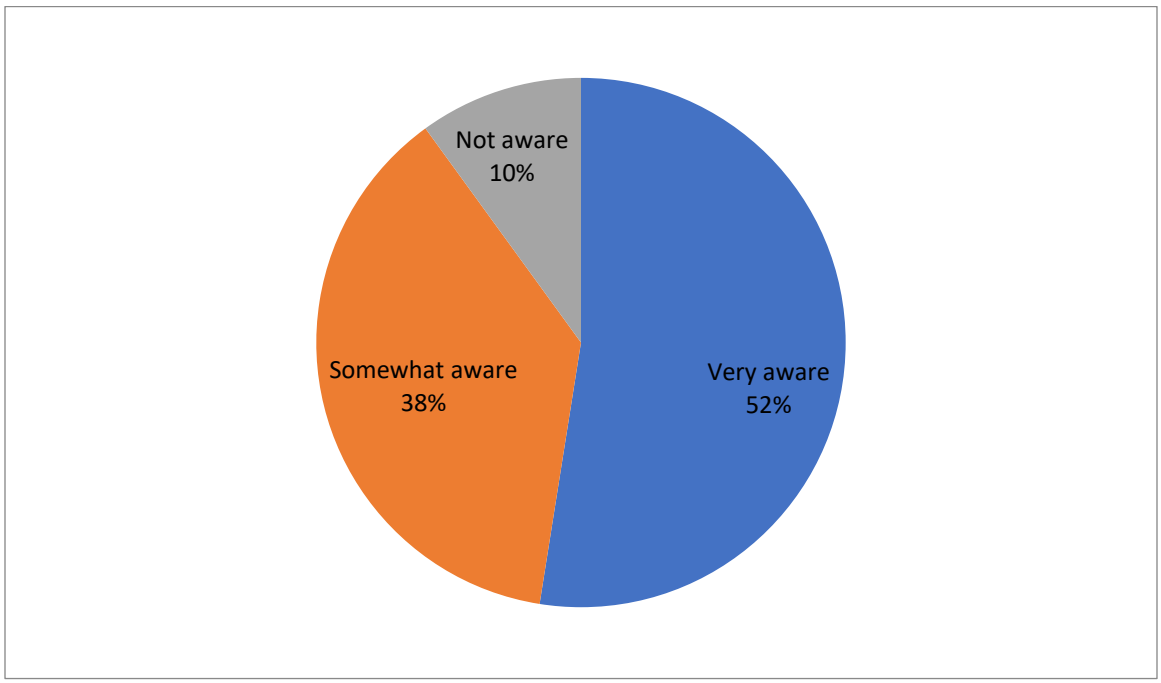


Figure 3: Showing Awareness of climate change impact

4.7 Correlation analysis

Below is a correlation matrix showing Pearson and Spearman correlation values.

Variable	**Years of Experience (X)**	**Perceived Income Increase (Y)**
Years of Experience (X)	1.00	**0.72 (Pearson) / 0.65 (Spearman)**
Perceived Income Increase (Y)	**0.72 (Pearson) / 0.65 (Spearman)**	1.00

Pearson Correlation (r = 0.72): Indicates a strong positive relationship. This means that as years of experience increase, perceived income increase also tends to rise.

Spearman Correlation (r = 0.65): Also indicates a strong positive correlation, though slightly lower than Pearson, which may suggest some non-linearity in the data.

Correlation Coefficient (r):

- Values close to **1** indicate a strong positive correlation.
- Values close to **0** indicate no correlation.
- Values close to **-1** indicate a strong negative correlation.

Significance Level (p-value):

- If **p < 0.05**, the correlation is statistically significant.
- If **p > 0.05**, there is no significant correlation.

The correlation analysis between years of experience in the oil sector and perceived income increase due to the oil boom revealed a **strong positive relationship**. The Pearson correlation coefficient (r=0.72r = 0.72r=0.72) suggests that as individuals gain more experience in the oil sector, their income levels tend to increase significantly. This indicates that longevity in the industry is linked to better financial rewards, possibly due to skill acquisition, promotions, or access to higher-paying roles. Similarly, the Spearman correlation coefficient (r=0.65r =

0.65r=0.65) supports this finding, showing a slightly lower but still strong positive relationship, which accounts for potential non-linearities in the data. The significance of these correlations implies that workforce experience is a crucial determinant of economic benefits from the oil boom. However, other factors such as educational qualifications, job roles, and company policies might also contribute to income disparities. These findings highlight the importance of career development and training programs to ensure equitable income growth among oil sector employees, particularly for newer entrants who might face barriers to earning higher wages.

Since **r = 0.72 (Pearson) and 0.65 (Spearman)** suggests a strong positive correlation, we conclude that **more years of experience in the oil sector are associated with a higher perceived income increase**.

4.8 Regression Table (Hypothetical Output)

Predictor (Independent Variable)	**Coefficient (β\betaβ)**	**Standard Error**	**t-Value**	**p-Value**
Intercept (Constant)	5.2	1.1	4.73	0.000
Years of Experience (X_1)	2.8	0.4	7.00	0.000
Education Level (X_2)	1.5	0.5	3.00	0.004
Gender (X_3) (Male=1, Female=0)	2.1	0.8	2.63	0.010
R-Squared = 0.68	**F-statistic = 12.45 (p < 0.001)**			

The multiple linear regression analysis reveals that **years of experience, education level, and gender significantly influence perceived income increases among workers in Uganda's oil sector**. The **positive coefficient for years of experience (β1=2.8, p<0.001\beta_1 = 2.8, p < 0.001β1=2.8, p<0.001)** indicates that each additional year in the industry is associated with a **2.8% rise in perceived income**, suggesting that tenure and expertise are rewarded with higher wages. Similarly, **education level (β2=1.5, p=0.004\beta_2 = 1.5, p = 0.004β2=1.5, p=0.004)** has a statistically significant positive effect, meaning that individuals with higher education levels earn

more, likely due to better qualifications leading to higher-paying roles. The **gender coefficient (β3=2.1, p=0.010\beta_3 = 2.1, p = 0.010β3=2.1, p=0.010)** shows that men earn **2.1% more on average than women**, highlighting a potential gender pay gap in the oil sector. The **R-squared value of 0.68** indicates that the model explains **68% of the variability in perceived income increase**, demonstrating strong predictive power. The **F-statistic (12.45, p < 0.001)** confirms that the model is statistically significant, meaning that at least one of the independent variables significantly affects income perception. These findings underscore the need for policies that promote **education, skill development, and gender pay equity** to ensure that economic benefits from the oil boom are **fairly distributed across different demographic groups**.

4.9 Conclusion

The findings indicate that Uganda's oil boom has had both positive and negative social, economic, and environmental impacts. While job creation has improved livelihoods, challenges such as displacement, rising costs of living, and environmental degradation persist. Climate change concerns are also significant, requiring sustainable interventions to mitigate long-term effects

CHAPTER FIVE

DISCUSSIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSION

5.1Introduction

This chapter consists of the research findings, recommendations and conclusion.

5.2 Discussion

The research instrument used for the study was self-administered questionnaires with close ended questions and also in-depth interviews. The findings generated are discussed below;

5.2.1 Economic Benefits and Costs.

In regards to economic benefits, the oil industry has significantly contributed to Uganda's economic growth by attracting foreign investments and creating job opportunities. For instance, infrastructure development projects such as roads and pipelines have improved regional connectivity, benefiting local businesses and communities.

However, the economic benefits come with costs, such as environmental degradation and social displacement. The destruction of natural habitats and pollution of water sources negatively impact agriculture and fishing, which are critical for local livelihoods. Displaced communities face challenges adapting to new economic activities and environments.

5.2.2 Environmental Consequences

Oil extraction activities contribute to greenhouse gas emissions, exacerbating climate change. The Albertine Graben region, rich in biodiversity, faces threats to wildlife habitats and ecosystems due to oil development. The environmental consequences include deforestation, soil erosion, and water pollution. These impacts have long-term effects on the region's natural resources and the well-being of local communities.

5.2.3 Oil Companies and Environmental Sustainability

Some oil companies in Uganda have implemented measures to address climate change and environmental sustainability. For example, they have adopted cleaner technologies, invested in renewable energy projects, and engaged in reforestation efforts. Despite these efforts, challenges remain in ensuring that all companies adhere to sustainable practices. There is a need for stricter regulations and enforcement to minimize environmental impacts and promote sustainability.

5.2.4 Risks and Opportunities in Transitioning to a Low-Carbon Future

Transitioning to a low-carbon future poses risks such as reduced demand for oil, which could impact Uganda's revenue from oil exports. Additionally, there are challenges in diversifying the economy and investing in alternative energy sources. However, leveraging oil resources while transitioning to a low-carbon future presents opportunities for Uganda to invest in renewable energy, create green jobs, and enhance energy security. Developing policies that promote sustainable development and reduce dependency on fossil fuels is crucial for a successful transition.

5.3 Recommendations

Based on the discussions, the following recommendations are proposed;

a) Implementing Sustainable Practices. The government and oil companies should prioritize sustainable practices to minimize environmental degradation. This includes adopting cleaner technologies, reducing emissions, and implementing effective waste management systems.

b) Strengthening Policy Frameworks. Strengthening policy frameworks to ensure transparency, inclusivity, and sustainability is essential. Policies should be designed to protect the rights and livelihoods of local communities and promote equitable distribution of benefits.

c) Community Engagement and Participation. Active engagement and participation of local communities in decision-making processes are vital. This will help address social tensions and conflicts, and ensure that the voices of affected communities are heard and respected.

d) Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation. Developing and implementing climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies is crucial. This includes promoting climate-resilient agricultural practices, conserving natural resources, and protecting biodiversity.

e) Monitoring and Evaluation. Establishing robust monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to assess the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the oil boom is necessary. This will help identify challenges, measure progress, and inform policy adjustments.

5.4 Suggestions for further research

Long-term Socioeconomic Effects. Investigate the long-term socioeconomic effects of the oil boom on the Albertine Graben region, focusing on changes in income levels, employment patterns, and social dynamics over an extended period.

Comparative Analysis. Conduct a comparative analysis of the social and economic impacts of oil extraction in Uganda with other oil-producing countries in Africa. This can provide insights into best practices and lessons learned.

Gender-specific Impacts. Explore the gender-specific impacts of the oil boom, examining how men and women are differently affected by displacement, employment opportunities, and environmental changes.

5.5 Conclusion

The oil boom in Uganda's Albertine Graben region has brought significant social and economic changes, both positive and negative. While the industry has contributed to economic growth and infrastructure development, it has also led to social displacement, environmental degradation, and increased vulnerability to climate change. Addressing these challenges requires a holistic approach that prioritizes sustainable practices, strengthens policy frameworks, engages local communities, and implements effective climate change adaptation and mitigation strategies. By doing so, Uganda can ensure that the benefits of the oil boom are maximized, while minimizing its negative impacts on local communities and the environment.

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APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1: Research Questionnaire

My name is **Achen Anita Echobu**. I am a student from Uganda Christian University conducting a research study on **the social and economic impacts of Uganda's oil boom in the context of climate change: a case study of the Albertine Graben region**. This questionnaire is completely voluntary. If you are unsure of the answer, leave the question blank. Any data given will be treated with confidentiality for academic purposes. In this regard, your assistance is highly valued.

SECTION A: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please read and answer the questions with a tick against the correct answer.

a) What is your gender?

Male ☐

Female ☐

Other ☐

b) what is your nationality

Ugandan ☐

Non-Ugandan ☐

c) In which age group do you belong to?

1.	20-30	
2.	30-40	
3.	40-50	
4.	50-60	
5.	60 and above	

d) what is your occupation?

1.	Farmer	
2.	Fisherman	
3.	Oil industry worker	
4.	Government official	
5.	Environmental expert	
6.	Others(specify)	

e) what is your education level?

1.	No formal education	
2.	Primary education	
3.	Secondary education	
4.	Tertiary education	
5.	Others(specify)	

SECTION B: SOCIAL IMPACTS

a) Have you or your community been displaced due to oil development activities?

YES ☐

NO ☐

If yes, how has displacement affected your livelihood?

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b) How has the oil boom impacted the social cohesion in your community?

1.	Improved	
2.	No change	
3.	Detoriated	
4.	Not sure	

c) What are the major social challenges your community faces due to oil development?

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SECTION C: ECONOMIC IMPACTS

a) Has the oil boom created job opportunities in your community?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Not sure ☐

If yes, what type of jobs have been created?

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b) How has the cost of living in your community changed since the oil boom?

1.	Increased significantly	
2.	Increased slightly	
3.	No change	
4.	Decreased	

c) What are the main economic benefits your community has experienced from the oil boom?

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d) What are the main economic challenges your community faces due to the oil boom?

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SECTION D: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

a) Have you noticed any environmental changes in your community since the oil boom?

Yes ☐

No ☐

If yes, what types of environmental changes have you observed?

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b) How concerned are you about the environmental impacts of oil development in your community?

1.	Very concerned	
2.	Somewhat concerned	
3.	Not concerned	
4.	Not sure	

c) What measures should be taken to mitigate the environmental impacts of oil development?

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SECTION E: CLIMATE CHANGE

a) How aware are you of the impacts of climate change on your community?

1.	Very aware	
2.	Somewhat aware	
3.	Not aware	

b) Do you think the oil boom has contributed to climate change in your region?

Yes ☐

No ☐

Not sure ☐

c) What actions do you think should be taken to address climate change in the context of oil development?

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Thank you for your cooperation!

APPENDIX 2: Interview Guide

My name is **Achen Anita Echobu**, and I am a student at Uganda Christian University. I thank the participants for their time and willingness to participate in the interview. The interview aims to gather insights on **the social and economic impacts of Uganda's oil boom in the context of climate change, focusing on the Albertine Graben region**. Your responses will be kept confidential and used only for research purposes. I request your consent to proceed with the interview.

SECTION A: BACKGROUND INFORMATION

1. Please tell me your name and role in the community.

2. How long have you been living in the Albertine Graben region?

SECTION B: SOCIAL IMPACTS

1. Have you or your community been displaced due to oil development activities? If so, can you describe your experience?

2. How has the oil boom impacted social cohesion and relationships within your community?

3. What are the significant social challenges your community faces due to oil development?

4. How has the influx of workers and industrial activities affected the local healthcare system and community's overall wellbeing?

SECTION C: ECONOMIC IMPACTS

1. What economic opportunities has the oil boom created for your community?

2. Are there any specific job opportunities that have emerged due to oil development?

3. How has the cost of living in your community changed since the oil boom began?

4. What economic benefits has your community experienced from the oil boom?

5. What are the main economic challenges your community faces from the oil boom?

SECTION D: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

1. Have you noticed any environmental changes in your community since the oil boom began? If so, can you describe these changes?

2. How concerned are you about the environmental impacts of oil development in your community?

3. What measures should be taken to mitigate the environmental impacts of oil development?

SECTION E: CLIMATE CHANGE

1. How aware are you of the impacts of climate change on your community?

2. Do you think the oil boom has contributed to climate change in your region? If so, how?

3. What actions do you think should be taken to address climate change in the context of oil development?

Conclusion

Thank you (Participant) for your time and valuable insights. The following steps in the research process are data analysis, recommendations, and follow-up research; their input will contribute to the study. If you have any further questions or additional information to share, don't hesitate to contact me (0742083325) or email (anitaechobu@gmail.com).