



2013 BHEARD Scholar
Bashiru Haruna

Profile

Position:	Research Technician
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RESEARCH INTERESTS: Bashiru's research interests are investigating the adaptation of smallholder farmers to climate change as well as smallholder farmers risks management and farm investment. He feels that the climate change impact on agriculture is already being felt in Ghana, especially in the three Northern regions. Farmers are facing long dry spells and short cropping seasons. As a result, crop yields are being reduced which pose a threat to food security. Bashiru feels it will be interesting to find out how smallholder farmers are coping with or adapting to the adverse effects of climate change. Climate change is increasing the risk of crop failure and causes many farmers to have an unwillingness to commit their scarce resources into investing on their farms.

Bashiru is interested in exploring if providing crop insurance to farmers as an incentive for them to increase their investment on-farm.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: When not working, Bashiru enjoys watching soccer with his friends and also playing FIFA.