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Climate-smart Agriculture and Food Security

Cross-country Evidence from West Africa

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What is CSA? Sustainably increases productivity and income National Food Security and Povelopment Goals Strengthens resilience to climate change and variability Reduce agriculture's contribution to climate change

WHAT DO WE DO?

- Examine the relationship between climate-smart agriculture (CSA), land productivity (yields) and food security
 - Is CSA land productivity increasing?
 - Does CSA increase food security?
 - Which CSA practice matters most?
 - Should CSA be **bundled** or adopted **piecemeal**?
- Outcome measures: Food consumption score (diversity and frequency)-Three FS categorizations: poor (0-21), borderline (21.5-35), and acceptable (>35)
- **CSA measures:** Climate-smart varieties, Cereal legume Intercropping (cultural ecology), Organic fertilizers

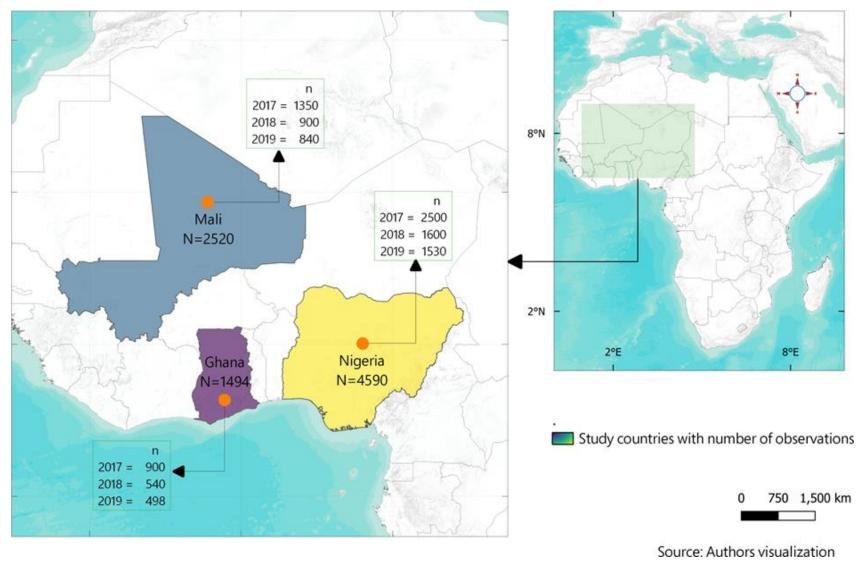
WHAT DO WE FIND?

- Adoption of CSA (climate-smart varieties, cereal-legume intercropping, organic fertilizers) increases land productivity (yields)
- Farmers that use these climate-smart agricultural practices are more likely to consume diverse and more nutritionally valued foods
- The bundled use of CSA practices matter for yield increases and food consumption with implications for greater caloric intake. CSA is food and nutrition-sensitive!

METHODS

- Multinomial endogenous switching regression (FIML) Multinomial logit model (Bourguignon et al. 2007) and Bias-adjusted OLS model
- Actual vs counterfactual framework
- Test robustness with multinomial endogenous treatment effect model (METE)
- Two possible sources of endogeneity that may bias results?
- Measurement error: less likely as varieties have been promoted and known
- Selection bias: Switching regressions

Figure 1: Location of the sites



RESULTS

Figure 2: Adoption of CSA practices is low and varying in all the study countries

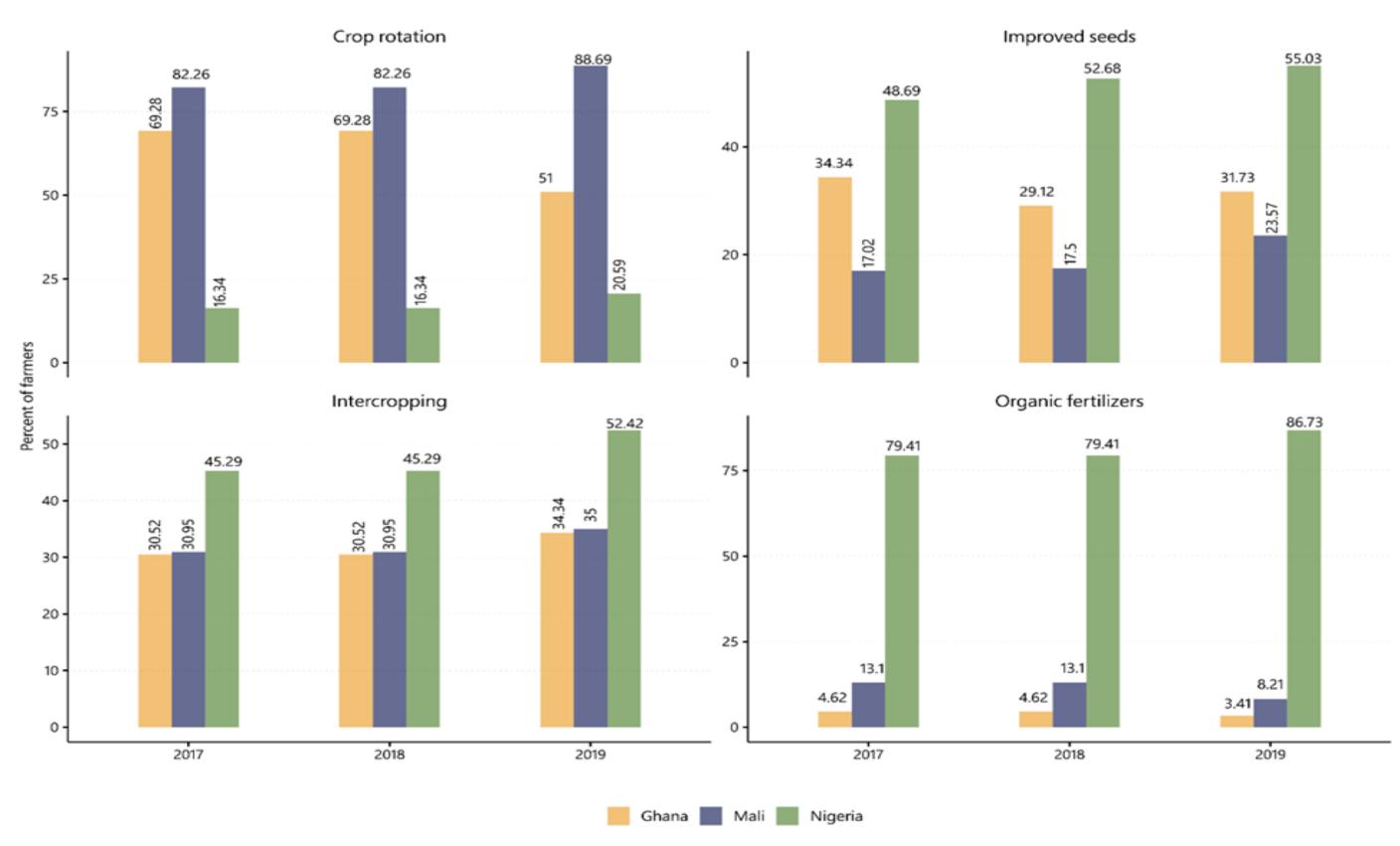


Figure 3: Positive association between CSA and yields

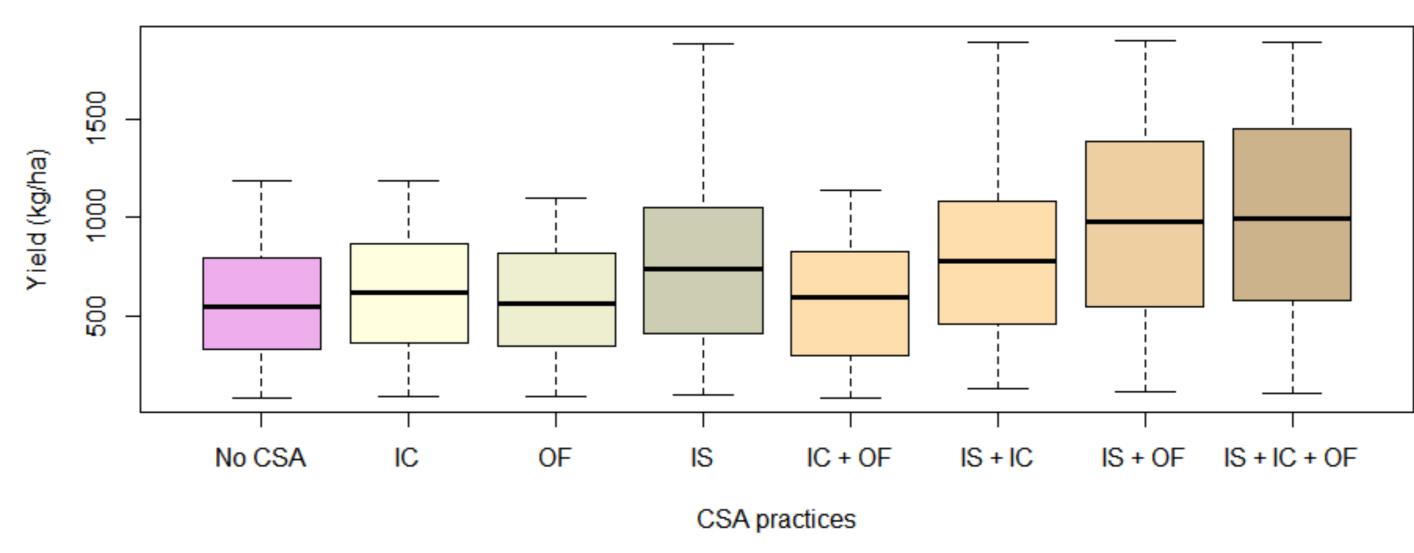


Figure 4: Positive association between CSA and food consumption score

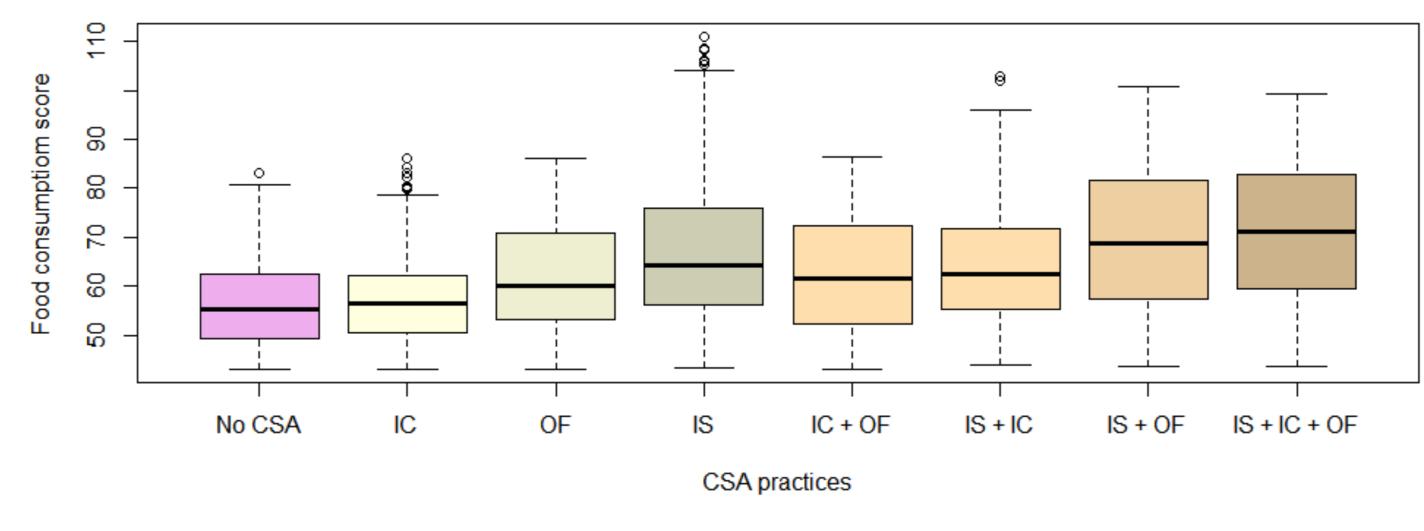


Figure 5: CSA increases food consumption (insights robust)

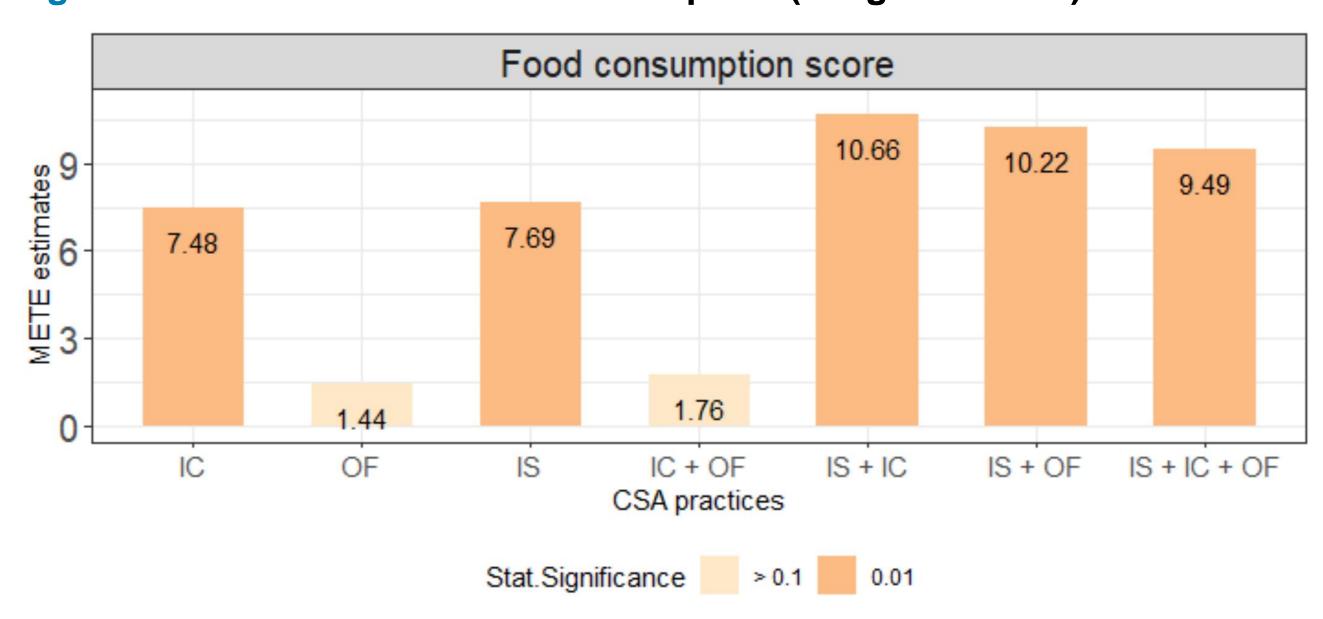


Figure 6: CSA increases different dimensions of the food consumption score

