Land Acquisition for Industrial Parks and Household Income: A Study from the Mekong Delta, Vietnam

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BACKGROUND

- To February 20, 2021, the whole country has 33,215 projects with a total registered capital of 388.8 billion USD.
- 326 industrial zones established with a total natural land area of nearly 93,000 hectares, of which the industrial land area was nearly 64,000 hectares, accounting for about 68% of the total natural land area

(Source: Economic Zone Management Department, 2021) If each hectare of acquired land for industrial zone development affects 10 agricultural workers (Dinh Long, 2010), the acquisition of agricultural land

SAMPLE AND RESULTS

The Mekong Delta accounts for 12% of the area and 19% of the country's population, the largest agricultural production center of Vietnam, contributing 50% of rice production, 95% of rice exports, 65% of farming output. Aquaculture, 60% of the country's fish exports and 70% of the country's fruits, are important areas in ensuring security, politics and economic development of the country. This study conducted a direct survey of 280 households whose land was acquired in industrial parks in Can Tho City, Tien Giang, Ben Tre and Vinh Long provinces in the Mekong Delta.

affects the lives of 640,000 workers.

RESEARCH OBJECTIVES

This study leaves its focus on (i) Identify the factors affecting the changes of farm household's income after land acquisition; and (ii) Policy implications to improve farm household income.

CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK



	Table 1: Describe qualitative varial	oles (numb	pers in perc	entage)
	Borrowing money from formal	Yes	No	Skewness
	financial institutions	46.7	53.3	-0.134
		Yes	No	
40 30 33 lincome does not increase / decrease	Using compensation money to			
30 - 25 23 income increases	invest in production and business	46.7	53.3	-0.151
20	The gender of the head of	Male	Female	
	household	90.4	9.6	2.763
Can Tho Tien Ben Tre Vinh	Household labors are allowed			
	to work in the industrial park	36.7	63.3	-0.557

Figure 2: changes in income after land acquisition (%)

Table 2: Describe quantitative variables

	Min	Max	Mean	S.D	Skewness
Acquire agricultural and non- agricultural land (m ²)	100	14,003	2762,97	2284,876	2.542
Labor in the household (People)	1	5	2.85	1.003	0.055
Dependency ratio (%)	0	40	17.40	18.317	-0.115
Age of household head (Year)	20	59	39.15	10.285	-0.416
The educational attainment of the head of household	_				
(Schooling year)	1	12	6.3	3.457	0.486

Figure 1: Sustainable livelihood model Source: Based on the sustainable livelihood framework of DFID (1999)

HYPOTHESES

H1: The educational attainment of the household head enhance the ability of the household to increase income;

H2: The gender of the household head has effect on the ability to increase income;

H3: Age of household head impacts the ability to increase income;

H4: Dependency ratio of household affects the ability to increase income;

H5: Number of labor in the household influences the ability to increase income;

H6: The area of land to be acquired affects the ability to increase income;

H7: Use compensation money for investment in production and business increases income; H8: Labors allowed to work in the industrial park increases household's income;

H9: Borrowing money from formal financial institutions courages household's income.

CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLICATIONS

Table 3: Binary Logistic Regression Results (only significant variables)

	В	S.E.	Wald	Sig.	Exp(B)
Head's Edu	0.822	0.213	14.949	0.000	2.275
Head's age	0.119	0.051	5.398	0.020	1.126
Dependency	-0.194	0.036	29.259	0.000	0.823
Investment	4.932	1.268	15.124	0.000	138.633
Employed	2.731	1.054	6.711	0.010	15.347
Borrowing	2.887	0.893	10.456	0.001	17.939
Constant	-9.144	4.218	4.699	0.030	

Table 4: Forecast scenarios with the impact factors

Variables	Coefficient (B)	Values of Variables	
		Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Head's Edu	0.822	1	12
Head's age	0.119	20	59
Dependency	-0.194	80	0
Investment	4.932	0	1
Employed	2.731	0	1
Borrowing	2.887	0	1
Constant	1.844		
LogOdds		-4.856	34.897
e ^{LogOdds}		0.007782	14307810
1+e ^{LogOdds}		1.007782	14307810
P(Y/Xi): Probability that $Y = 1$ occurs is when the			
independent variable X has a sp	0	100	

- Policy makers need to take some actions to support farmers whose land was acquired:
- Assist farmers in their investment projects for production and business to ensure households to make right decision to invest.
- Provide free vocational training for the workforce to change jobs due to reduced agricultural land and support them in finding jobs.
- Encourage and facilitate children of those families to go to school by tuition fee exemptions and reductions for children of poor families.
- Consult young household heads with high dependent members in implementing production-business investment projects.

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