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# Disasters Special Issue: Resilience in protracted crises: navigating uncertainty in the drylands

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Africa's drylands are not naturally fragile, even though they are often described that way. Yet people living in the drylands often face overlapping problems, including conflict, climate shocks, unstable markets and long-term marginalisation. When crises do happen, they are rarely simple or easy to control. Instead, they become protracted and complex, with many kinds of disasters unfold at different speeds and scales.

To make sense of this, and to offer suggestions for more effective ways of providing aid and support in intractable situations, this special issue of [Disasters](#) journal brings together articles that present case studies from across the continent.

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In this Special Issue, SPARC researchers explore diverse themes and new evidence from Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, Nigeria, Sudan and Uganda. Taken together, the articles call for new ways of thinking, seeing and acting in a moment fraught with uncertainty.

## Editorial

- **Resilience in protracted crises: navigating uncertainty in the drylands** - Samuel F. Derbyshire and Guy Jobbins (<https://doi.org/10.1111/disa.70042>)

## Journal articles

This list is being updated as articles are published.

- **Food prices and food crises since 2020: evidence from Mali, northeast Nigeria, Sudan, and northern Uganda** - Steve Wiggins, Bilkisu Yayaji Ahmed, Betty Akullo, Boukary Barry, Johnson Dudu, Job Eronmhonsele, Yusuf Kiwala, Dicta Ogisi, Andrew Onokerhoraye, Jimmy Opio, Neema Patel and Hussein Sulieman (<https://doi.org/10.1111/disa.70037>)
- **Institutional and policy networks in disaster management in the Horn of Africa: insights from Kenya** - Tahira Mohamed (<https://doi.org/10.1111/disa.70031>)
- **The mixed resilience outcomes of water interventions in the pastoral drylands of the Horn of Africa** - Jackson Wachira, Masresha Taye, Nancy Balfour, Hussein Tadicha (<https://doi.org/10.1111/disa.70027>)
- **Anticipatory action and pastoralism in Africa: a synthesis of current challenges, opportunities, and priorities** - Samuel F. Derbyshire, Nathaniel Jensen, John Mutua, Tahira Mohamed, Puff Mukwaya, Guyo Roba, Susan Njambi-Szlapka, Sirimon Thomas, George Tsitati, Alan Duncan (<https://doi.org/10.1111/disa.70026>)
- **Entwined economies of violence: understanding borderland conflict and resource politics in northern Kenya** - Daniel Salau Rogei (<https://doi.org/10.1111/disa.70040>)
- **Rethinking vulnerability and humanitarian assistance in the pastoral drylands: insights from northern Kenya and southern Ethiopia** - Rahma Hassan, Samuel Derbyshire, Elizabeth Stites and Ian Scoones (<https://doi.org/10.1111/disa.70033>)
- **From conflict to collaboration: how local natural resource management conventions foster peacebuilding between farmers and herders in central Mali** - Baba Ba, Hippolyte Affognon and Fiona Flintan (<https://doi.org/10.1111/disa.70043>)

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