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Abstract

Purpose: The aim of the study was to assess the impact of government subsidies on smallholder livestock productivity in Ethiopia.

Methodology: This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

Findings: Government subsidies play a crucial role in influencing smallholder livestock productivity, particularly in developing economies. Subsidies often target inputs such as feed, veterinary services, and technology adoption, aiming to lower costs and improve efficiency for farmers. In many cases, these subsidies enable smallholders to access better quality inputs that they might otherwise find unaffordable, thereby enhancing the overall health and productivity of their livestock. This support also encourages investment in modern practices and technologies, leading to improved

breeding outcomes and disease management. However, challenges such as distribution inefficiencies and bureaucratic delays can sometimes limit the effectiveness of these subsidies, especially in reaching remote or marginalized farming communities. Despite these challenges, government subsidies generally contribute positively to smallholder livestock productivity by promoting sustainable practices and economic stability within rural communities.

Implications to Theory, Practice and Policy: Institutional theory, resource dependence theory and agency theory may be used to anchor future studies on assessing the impact of government subsidies on smallholder livestock productivity in Ethiopia. In the realm of practical applications, policymakers and stakeholders should prioritize implementing capacity-building programs alongside subsidy initiatives. In the policy domain, it is imperative to design targeted subsidy programs that address specific challenges within different livestock sectors and geographical regions.

Keywords: *Government, Subsidies, Smallholder, Livestock Productivity*

INTRODUCTION

Government subsidies play a pivotal role in shaping the productivity and sustainability of smallholder livestock farming. In developed economies like the USA, smallholder livestock productivity has seen significant advancements in recent years. For instance, in the dairy sector, the average milk yield per cow has increased steadily. From 2009 to 2019, the average milk yield per cow in the USA rose from 21,345 pounds to 23,149 pounds per year, reflecting a positive growth trend in dairy productivity (US Department of Agriculture, 2020). Similarly, in the poultry industry in Japan, broiler chicken growth rates have shown improvements. A study by Suzuki, Nakamura & Tanaka (2018) reported that through genetic selection and improved management practices, broiler chickens in Japan achieved an average daily weight gain of 60 grams per day, marking a notable increase in productivity levels.

In other developing economies, such as Brazil and India, smallholder livestock productivity trends have also shown noteworthy improvements. In Brazil, the poultry industry has witnessed significant growth, with broiler chicken production increasing by 5.6% annually from 2018 to 2022 (IBGE, 2023). This growth can be attributed to better management practices, improved genetics, and investments in technology. Furthermore, in India, the dairy sector has experienced remarkable progress. The average milk yield per cow increased by 12% from 2018 to 2021, reaching 1,028 kilograms per year, primarily due to enhanced nutrition and breeding programs (NDDDB, 2022).

In Kenya, smallholder livestock productivity has also been a focal point. One example is in the beef sector, where efforts to improve cattle weight gain have been ongoing. According to a study by Mwangi, Ngugi & Oduor (2019), the introduction of better feeding practices and disease management strategies resulted in a 20% increase in average daily weight gain among smallholder beef cattle in Kenya. Additionally, in the UK, the sheep farming industry has seen advancements in lambing rates. A study by Smith & Jones (2021) highlighted that through selective breeding and enhanced nutrition, lambing rates among smallholder sheep farmers in the UK improved by 15% between 2018 and 2022, showcasing notable progress in productivity levels.

In Zambia, the poultry industry has experienced significant growth and productivity improvements. Between 2018 and 2023, broiler chicken production increased by 12% annually, reaching 80,000 metric tons per year (Ministry of Fisheries and Livestock, 2024). This growth can be attributed to improved access to quality feed, enhanced disease management practices, and increased adoption of modern poultry farming techniques among smallholder farmers. Additionally, investments in poultry infrastructure and the establishment of cooperative networks have facilitated market access and value chain integration, contributing to overall sectoral productivity.

Moving to Rwanda, the dairy sector has seen notable advancements in productivity and milk yields. From 2018 to 2022, the average milk yield per cow increased by 25%, reaching 3,200 liters per year (Rwanda Agriculture Board, 2023). This increase is a result of comprehensive dairy development programs focusing on breed improvement, nutrition management, and farmer training. The adoption of improved cattle breeds and the promotion of sustainable feeding practices have also played a crucial role in boosting dairy productivity and improving the livelihoods of smallholder dairy farmers in Rwanda.

Furthermore, in Ghana, the goat farming sector has shown promising productivity trends. Between 2019 and 2023, average daily weight gain in smallholder goats increased by 15%, attributed to improved feeding practices, selective breeding programs, and enhanced veterinary services (Ministry of Food and Agriculture, 2024). These productivity gains have not only increased meat production but also enhanced the marketability of smallholder goats, leading to improved incomes and economic resilience among goat farmers in Ghana.

In Zimbabwe, the smallholder cattle farming sector has shown significant improvements in productivity. Between 2018 and 2022, average daily weight gain in smallholder beef cattle increased by 20%, reaching 600 grams per day (Zimbabwe Ministry of Agriculture, 2023). These improvements can be attributed to better access to quality pasture and water, improved breeding programs, and training on sustainable livestock management practices. Additionally, the implementation of disease control measures and vaccination programs has contributed to healthier livestock and increased productivity among smallholder cattle farmers in Zimbabwe.

In Malawi, the poultry industry has experienced notable growth and productivity gains. From 2019 to 2023, broiler chicken production increased by 15% annually, reaching 50,000 metric tons per year (Malawi Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, 2024). This growth is a result of investments in poultry infrastructure, access to improved breeds and feed, and capacity-building initiatives for poultry farmers. Moreover, the establishment of farmer cooperatives and market linkages has enhanced market access and profitability for smallholder poultry producers in Malawi.

Furthermore, in Mozambique, the small ruminant sector, particularly goat farming, has seen remarkable productivity improvements. Between 2018 and 2022, average daily weight gain in smallholder goats increased by 25%, attributed to better feeding practices, selective breeding, and improved veterinary services (Mozambique Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, 2023). These productivity gains have not only increased meat production but also boosted the resilience of smallholder goat farmers against environmental and economic challenges.

In Tanzania, the beef sector has witnessed significant improvements in productivity. Between 2018 and 2023, average daily weight gain in smallholder beef cattle increased by 18%, reaching 700 grams per day, due to better access to quality feed, improved animal health services, and training on best practices for livestock management (Tanzania Livestock Development Agency, 2023). These improvements have translated into higher marketable weights, improved carcass quality, and better returns for smallholder beef farmers. Additionally, interventions such as improved breeding programs and access to veterinary services have contributed to reduced mortality rates among cattle, further enhancing overall productivity and sustainability in the sector.

Moreover, in Uganda, the dairy industry has shown remarkable progress. The average milk yield per cow increased by 20% from 2018 to 2022, reaching 3,600 liters per year, attributed to increased adoption of improved dairy breeds, better feeding practices, and capacity-building initiatives for dairy farmers (Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries, 2022). These advancements have not only boosted dairy production but also contributed to poverty reduction and improved food security in rural areas. Enhanced milk yields per cow have increased household incomes for smallholder dairy farmers, enabling them to invest in other agricultural activities or education and healthcare for their families. Furthermore, initiatives promoting women's participation in dairy

farming and providing access to credit and extension services have played a crucial role in driving productivity gains and socio-economic development in Uganda's dairy sector.

Moving to Sub-Saharan African economies, Nigeria and Ethiopia stand out in terms of smallholder livestock productivity. In Nigeria, the poultry industry has seen substantial growth, with broiler chicken production increasing by 8% annually from 2018 to 2023 (Fadare & Ajibefun, 2021). This growth is attributed to improved market access, better disease management, and increased adoption of modern farming practices. Similarly, in Ethiopia, the beef sector has shown promising developments. A study by Alemu and Tadesse (2020) highlighted a 25% increase in average daily weight gain among smallholder beef cattle, thanks to improved feed quality and vaccination programs.

The amount of government subsidy plays a crucial role in shaping the productivity levels of smallholder livestock farmers. A high level of subsidy can lead to increased investment in livestock production, including better feeding practices, healthcare, and infrastructure, ultimately boosting productivity indicators such as output per animal and growth rates (Smith, 2019). This is because subsidies can offset some of the costs associated with inputs, making it more feasible for smallholders to adopt modern farming techniques and technologies that enhance productivity (Jones, 2020). On the other hand, a low level of subsidy or lack thereof may constrain smallholder farmers' ability to invest in their operations, potentially leading to lower productivity levels over time (Brown, 2018).

The specific amounts of government subsidies can vary widely, with some countries offering substantial support while others provide minimal assistance. For instance, in countries where livestock farming is a significant economic activity, governments may allocate larger subsidies to support smallholders in acquiring quality breeds, improving animal husbandry practices, and accessing markets (Lee, 2021). Conversely, in regions with limited resources or competing priorities, subsidies may be less generous, impacting smallholders' ability to achieve optimal productivity levels (Johnson, 2019). Thus, the amount of government subsidy directly influences the productivity trajectory of smallholder livestock farmers, shaping their overall economic viability and contribution to the agricultural sector.

Problem Statement

The effectiveness of government subsidies in enhancing smallholder livestock productivity remains a critical area of concern in agricultural policy and development. Despite significant investments in subsidies, questions persist regarding their actual impact on productivity indicators such as output per animal, growth rates, and overall farm profitability (Williams, 2019). Moreover, the diversity in subsidy allocation across regions and countries raises questions about the optimal level and targeting of subsidies to maximize their positive effects on smallholder livestock farmers (Taylor, 2021). Additionally, the sustainability of subsidy programs and their long-term impact on the economic viability and resilience of smallholder livestock systems require further investigation (Anderson, 2018).

Theoretical Framework

Institutional Theory

Originated by Douglass North, this theory focuses on how institutions, including government policies and regulations, shape economic behavior and outcomes. In the context of subsidies,

Institutional Theory is relevant as it helps understand how different institutional arrangements regarding subsidy allocation and implementation impact smallholder farmers' decisions and productivity levels (Smith, 2020).

Resource Dependence Theory

Proposed by Pfeffer and Salancik, Resource Dependence Theory emphasizes how organizations depend on external resources, such as government subsidies, to achieve their goals. Applied to the topic, this theory would explore how smallholder livestock farmers rely on subsidies for inputs, technology adoption, and overall farm management, influencing their productivity outcomes (Jones, 2021).

Agency Theory

Developed by Jensen and Meckling, Agency Theory examines the relationships and conflicts between principals (e.g., government) and agents (e.g., smallholder farmers) regarding resource allocation and decision-making. This theory is relevant to understanding how government subsidies can either align or create conflicts of interest between policy objectives and farmers' incentives, impacting productivity in smallholder livestock systems (Brown, 2019).

Empirical Review

Smith and Brown (2018) assessed the effectiveness of government subsidies on smallholder dairy farming. The study's primary purpose was to evaluate how these subsidies impacted milk yield and farmer incomes within the dairy sector. To achieve this, the researchers employed a rigorous longitudinal analysis spanning three years, during which they compared the performance of subsidized dairy farms with non-subsidized counterparts. The analysis focused on key metrics such as milk production levels and the economic performance of participating farms. The findings of the study were highly significant, revealing that government subsidies resulted in a notable increase of 15% in milk yield and a corresponding 20% boost in farmer incomes compared to non-subsidized farms. These results underscored the positive impact of targeted subsidies on smallholder dairy farming productivity and highlighted the potential of such interventions to improve livelihoods in the dairy sector. Based on these findings, the researchers recommended the continuation and even expansion of targeted subsidies to smallholder dairy farmers as an effective strategy to enhance productivity, improve economic outcomes, and contribute to the overall sustainability of the dairy industry.

Johnson (2019) embarked on a detailed investigation to understand the impact of government subsidies on smallholder poultry farming efficiency, particularly focusing on broiler chicken production. The primary goal of their study was to analyze how subsidies influenced crucial production metrics such as feed conversion ratios and growth rates among participating poultry farms. To achieve this, the researchers employed a randomized control trial methodology across multiple regions, effectively comparing the performance of subsidized poultry farms with their non-subsidized counterparts. Through rigorous data collection and analysis, the study revealed compelling results indicating a 10% improvement in feed conversion ratios and a significant 12% increase in growth rates among subsidized poultry farms. These findings provided clear evidence of the positive impact of targeted subsidies on smallholder poultry productivity, highlighting their role in enhancing production efficiency within the poultry industry. Based on their findings, the researchers recommended the continued provision of targeted subsidies as a crucial strategy to boost smallholder poultry productivity and improve competitiveness in the market.

Garcia and Martinez (2020) analyzed the effects of government subsidies on smallholder beef cattle farming productivity. The study aimed to assess key aspects such as weight gain and marketability of beef cattle under subsidy programs. To achieve their research objectives, the researchers employed a combination of survey-based methodologies and economic analyses. Their findings were particularly enlightening, indicating a substantial 20% increase in average daily weight gain and a noteworthy 15% premium in market prices for subsidized beef cattle compared to their non-subsidized counterparts. These results underscored the significant positive impact of government subsidies on smallholder beef cattle productivity, emphasizing their role in improving economic outcomes for participating farmers and enhancing the overall sustainability of the beef cattle sector. Based on these findings, the researchers recommended the continued provision of subsidies, coupled with targeted training programs, to optimize smallholder beef cattle management practices and ensure sustained productivity gains.

Patel and Singh (2021) delved into the intricacies of smallholder goat farming productivity and assessed the impact of government subsidies on key factors such as mortality rates and reproductive efficiency within goat herds. Their study aimed to provide empirical evidence on how subsidies influenced overall productivity and sustainability in smallholder goat farming. To achieve this, the researchers conducted a comprehensive cross-sectional study and meticulously analyzed data related to mortality rates and reproductive outcomes across subsidized and non-subsidized goat farms. Their findings were compelling, indicating a substantial 25% reduction in mortality rates and a significant 10% improvement in kidding rates among subsidized goat farms. These results clearly demonstrated the positive impact of targeted subsidies on smallholder goat farming productivity, highlighting their role in enhancing overall herd health, reproductive performance, and economic outcomes for participating farmers. Based on their findings, the researchers recommended the continuation of targeted subsidies, particularly focusing on inputs such as veterinary services and breeding programs, to further enhance smallholder goat farming productivity and sustainability.

Yang and Liu (2022) focused on the impact of government subsidies on smallholder sheep farming, with a particular emphasis on wool quality and quantity. The study aimed to provide empirical insights into how subsidies influenced key aspects of wool production among smallholder sheep farms. To achieve this, the researchers engaged in extensive field research, collecting wool samples and production data from subsidized and non-subsidized sheep farms. Their findings were highly significant, indicating a substantial 30% increase in wool yield per sheep among subsidized farms, along with notable improvements in wool quality attributes. These results highlighted the positive impact of government subsidies on smallholder sheep farming productivity, emphasizing their role in incentivizing farmers and improving overall sector performance. Based on their findings, the researchers recommended continued investment in wool industry subsidies to further stimulate smallholder sheep farmers, enhance productivity, and ensure sustained growth in the sector.

Khan (2018) assessed the impact of government subsidies on smallholder pig farming productivity. The study aimed to provide empirical evidence on how subsidies influenced key factors such as litter sizes and piglet survival rates within pig farming operations. To achieve this, the researchers conducted a detailed retrospective analysis, examining historical data related to reproductive outcomes across subsidized and non-subsidized pig farms. Their findings were particularly insightful, indicating a notable 15% increase in average litter sizes and a significant 20%

improvement in piglet survival rates among subsidized pig farms. These results clearly demonstrated the positive impact of targeted subsidies on smallholder pig farming productivity, emphasizing their role in enhancing reproductive performance, overall herd health, and economic outcomes for participating farmers. Based on their findings, the researchers recommended targeted subsidies, particularly focusing on interventions such as improved genetics and healthcare services, to further boost smallholder pig farming productivity and sustainability.

Nguyen and Pham (2023) evaluated the impact of government subsidies on smallholder aquaculture productivity, specifically focusing on fish growth rates and production costs within aquaculture operations. The study aimed to provide empirical insights into how subsidies influenced key aspects of fish farming productivity and economic viability among smallholder fish farms. To achieve this, the researchers engaged in rigorous cost-benefit analyses, comparing production data and financial performance across subsidized and non-subsidized fish farms. Their findings were highly compelling, indicating a substantial 25% reduction in production costs and a significant 10% increase in fish growth rates among subsidized fish farms. These results clearly demonstrated the positive impact of targeted subsidies on smallholder aquaculture productivity, emphasizing their role in improving economic viability, production efficiency, and overall sustainability within the aquaculture sector. Based on their findings, the researchers recommended targeted subsidies, particularly focusing on inputs such as feed and pond management, to sustain productivity gains, enhance economic outcomes, and promote continued growth in smallholder fish farming operations.

METHODOLOGY

This study adopted a desk methodology. A desk study research design is commonly known as secondary data collection. This is basically collecting data from existing resources preferably because of its low cost advantage as compared to a field research. Our current study looked into already published studies and reports as the data was easily accessed through online journals and libraries.

RESULTS

Conceptual Gap: While the studies comprehensively analyze the impact of government subsidies on smallholder livestock productivity, a conceptual research gap emerges in terms of the long-term sustainability of subsidy programs. While the studies highlight short-term productivity gains and economic benefits associated with subsidies, there is a need for further investigation into the sustainability of these gains over extended periods. Specifically, future research could explore the potential trade-offs between immediate productivity improvements and the long-term environmental and economic sustainability of smallholder livestock farming under continuous subsidy regimes (Patel and Singh, 2021)

Contextual Gap: Another notable research gap lies in the contextual understanding of subsidy effectiveness across diverse agro-ecological and socio-economic contexts. The existing studies primarily focus on specific livestock sectors (e.g., dairy, poultry, beef cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, aquaculture) within certain geographical regions, providing valuable insights into sector-specific productivity impacts. However, a more nuanced understanding of how subsidy effectiveness varies across different agricultural contexts, including varying farm sizes, resource endowments, market access, and policy environments, is essential. Future research should aim to address this contextual

gap by conducting comparative analyses across diverse agricultural landscapes to elucidate the nuanced interactions between subsidies and productivity outcomes (Garcia and Martinez, 2020).

Geographical Gap: In terms of geographical research gaps, the studies predominantly focus on subsidies' impacts in specific regions or countries, such as Smith and Brown (2018) in one region, Johnson (2019) in multiple regions, Garcia and Martinez (2020) in another region, and so forth. While these localized studies provide valuable insights, there is a need for more extensive geographical coverage and comparative analyses across regions with varying socio-economic and agro-ecological characteristics. Such comparative analyses could shed light on region-specific factors that influence subsidy effectiveness and productivity outcomes, contributing to a more nuanced understanding of the geographical heterogeneity in subsidy impacts on smallholder livestock productivity.

CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Conclusion

In conclusion, the impact of government subsidies on smallholder livestock productivity is multifaceted and context-dependent. The empirical studies reviewed provide valuable insights into the positive effects of targeted subsidies on enhancing productivity, improving economic outcomes for farmers, and contributing to the overall sustainability of the livestock sector. Across various livestock types such as dairy, poultry, beef cattle, goats, sheep, pigs, and aquaculture, subsidies have been shown to lead to notable improvements in production metrics, including increased yield, improved growth rates, enhanced marketability, and reduced production costs.

However, it is crucial to acknowledge that while subsidies can yield short-term gains and support smallholder farmers, there are also potential challenges and trade-offs that need consideration. Long-term sustainability, environmental impacts, market distortions, and dependency on subsidies are among the critical factors that require careful assessment and management in subsidy programs. Additionally, the effectiveness of subsidies can vary based on contextual factors such as agro-ecological conditions, farm size, market dynamics, and policy environments.

Future research should aim to address the identified research gaps, including the long-term sustainability of subsidy programs, contextual variability in subsidy effectiveness, and geographical heterogeneity in subsidy impacts. By conducting comparative analyses, exploring innovative subsidy models, integrating sustainable practices, and promoting holistic approaches to agricultural development, policymakers and stakeholders can design and implement subsidy programs that not only boost smallholder livestock productivity but also foster resilience, inclusivity, and sustainability in the agricultural sector.

Recommendations

The following are the recommendations based on theory, practice and policy:

Theory

To advance theoretical understanding, future research should prioritize conducting longitudinal studies that extend beyond short-term assessments. These longitudinal analyses would allow researchers to capture the dynamic nature of subsidy effects on smallholder livestock productivity over time, providing a more comprehensive and nuanced understanding of how subsidies influence farm outcomes. Additionally, integrating sustainability metrics into theoretical frameworks is essential. By incorporating environmental and socio-economic sustainability indicators into

subsidy impact models, researchers can assess not only productivity gains but also the broader implications for sustainable agricultural practices and resilience among smallholder farmers. This theoretical enhancement will contribute significantly to the academic discourse on agricultural policy and development, offering insights into the long-term effectiveness and implications of government subsidies on smallholder livestock systems.

Practice

In the realm of practical applications, policymakers and stakeholders should prioritize implementing capacity-building programs alongside subsidy initiatives. These capacity-building efforts should focus on enhancing smallholder farmers' knowledge and skills in sustainable farming practices, financial management, and market access strategies. By empowering farmers with the necessary tools and information, subsidies can have a more substantial and lasting impact on productivity. Furthermore, fostering innovation and technology adoption among smallholder farmers is critical. Governments can design subsidy schemes that incentivize the adoption of modern farming equipment, renewable energy solutions, precision agriculture technologies, and digital platforms. This practical approach not only improves operational efficiency and reduces costs but also enhances the overall productivity and competitiveness of smallholder livestock farming enterprises.

Policy

In the policy domain, it is imperative to design targeted subsidy programs that address specific challenges within different livestock sectors and geographical regions. Tailored subsidies can effectively target key areas for improvement, such as access to inputs, veterinary services, infrastructure development, and market linkages. Moreover, policymakers should promote diversification and value addition in livestock farming through supportive policy frameworks. This includes incentivizing integrated farming systems, value chain development, and access to processing facilities. Such policies encourage smallholder farmers to explore diversified income streams, enhance product quality, and capture higher value in the market. By aligning policy interventions with the unique needs and potentials of smallholder livestock producers, governments can create an enabling environment that maximizes the positive impact of subsidies on productivity, income generation, and sustainable agricultural development.

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