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The participants were taken through different and relatable hypothetical scenarios focused on three themes (mining, farming and use of alternative sources of energy) to understand their perceptions of causes and effects of dimate change, as well as the role of the government in mitigating the impact of climate change.

Key findings

Understanding of climate change: Participants understand climate change as the change in weather patterns that is occurring in the country. For instance, it was mentioned that rain would previously start in November, but this is changing. It was widely believed that cutting down trees and deforestation was the main cause of climate change and there was a linear association especially among farming communities that cutting down trees worsens climate outcomes, and replanting trees which may be the solution, is not possible given the drought.

Other causes less commonly mentioned in the

the end of times mentioned in the bible or a curse by the Almighty (God).

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Effects of climate change: Older generations who lived through the drought of the 1990s are acutely aware of the impact of climate on food security, with lingering fears of hunger still prevalent

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