Satellite-Based Remote Sensing Integration for Index-Driven Micro-Insurance in Drought-Vulnerable Agricultural Landscapes: Geospatial Risk Assessment, Parametric Modeling, and Climate-Adaptive Financial Protection Mechanisms for Smallholder Farmer Resilience

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Abstract

Drought-induced crop failures represent a critical threat to food security and rural livelihoods in vulnerable agricultural regions, where traditional indemnity-based insurance schemes remain economically unviable due to high transaction costs, moral hazard, and limited infrastructural capacity for field-level loss assessment. This review examines the transformative potential of satellite-driven micro-insurance models that leverage remote sensing technologies for objective, scalable, and cost-effective drought risk assessment and automated claim settlement. We synthesize current advances in satellite data acquisition platforms, drought indices derived from multispectral and radar imagery, and algorithmic approaches for crop monitoring and yield estimation. Key micro-insurance frameworks including index-based, parametric, and hybrid models are evaluated with emphasis on their integration with vegetation indices such as NDVI, NDWI, and VCI, alongside machine learning algorithms for predictive analytics. Field implementations across Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and Latin America demonstrate significant improvements in payout accuracy, reduced basis risk, and enhanced farmer adoption rates when satellite data replaces conventional ground surveys. Despite persistent challenges related to spatial resolution, cloud cover interference, and digital literacy barriers, satellite-enabled micro-insurance emerges as a scalable climate adaptation strategy with substantial potential for protecting vulnerable farming communities against intensifying drought risks under global climate change scenarios.

Keywords: Satellite remote sensing, drought index insurance, parametric micro-insurance, agricultural risk assessment, vegetation indices, climate adaptation, smallholder resilience

Introduction

Agricultural Vulnerability in Drought-Prone Regions

Global agricultural systems face escalating drought risk due to climate variability, irregular precipitation patterns, and rising temperatures that collectively threaten crop productivity and rural livelihoods [1, 2]. Smallholder farmers in developing regions—particularly across Sub-Saharan Africa, South Asia, and parts of Latin America—exhibit heightened vulnerability due to their dependence on rainfed agriculture, limited access to irrigation infrastructure, and minimal financial buffers to absorb climate shocks [3, 4]. Drought events trigger cascading socioeconomic consequences including food insecurity, livestock mortality, forced migration, and intergenerational poverty traps that undermine sustainable development objectives [5].

Climate projections indicate increased frequency and severity of meteorological droughts in already vulnerable regions, necessitating proactive risk management strategies that combine financial protection mechanisms with climate-smart agricultural practices [6, 7].

Limitations of Traditional Insurance Schemes

Conventional agricultural insurance models based on indemnity approaches require field-level damage assessment by trained personnel, creating prohibitive transaction costs that render such schemes economically unviable for smallholder farmers with fragmented landholdings [8]. Additional barriers include information asymmetry problems such as adverse selection and moral hazard, where farmers may alter production practices after obtaining coverage, and insurers struggle to differentiate risk profiles among heterogeneous farming populations [9, 10]. Furthermore, delayed claim settlements—often requiring weeks or months for damage verification—fail to provide timely liquidity when farmers most urgently need resources for replanting or household consumption smoothing [11]. These structural inefficiencies have resulted in chronically low insurance penetration rates below five percent in most developing agricultural economies despite substantial premium subsidies from governments and development agencies [12].

Satellite Remote Sensing as a Transformative Solution

Earth observation technologies offer a paradigm shift by enabling objective, transparent, and scalable monitoring of agricultural conditions without requiring physical field visits [13, 14]. Satellite-derived indices correlate strongly with crop health, soil moisture status, and biomass accumulation, providing scientifically robust proxies for drought severity and yield outcomes [15]. The proliferation of high-resolution imagery from platforms including Sentinel-2, Landsat-8, and MODIS, combined with advances in cloud computing and machine learning, has dramatically reduced barriers to operationalizing satellite-based insurance products [16, 17]. Index-based insurance triggered by remotely sensed parameters eliminates moral hazard concerns while facilitating rapid automated payouts through pre-defined contractual thresholds, addressing the temporal mismatch between shock occurrence and financial relief [18].

Scope and Objectives of the Article

This review synthesizes current knowledge on satellite-driven micro-insurance models designed specifically for drought risk mitigation in vulnerable agricultural systems. We examine the technical foundations of remote sensing data acquisition, processing workflows, and drought monitoring indices before analyzing insurance model architectures and their integration with geospatial analytics. Case studies illustrate real-world implementations, performance benchmarks, and adoption dynamics. Finally, we critically assess persistent challenges and outline future research directions for enhancing scalability, equity, and climate resilience outcomes.

Satellite-Driven Data Acquisition for Risk Assessment

Remote Sensing Platforms and Sensors

Contemporary agricultural monitoring relies on multispectral optical sensors that capture reflected solar radiation across visible and near-infrared wavelengths, enabling calculation of vegetation indices sensitive to photosynthetic activity and canopy structure [19]. Table 2 summarizes key satellite platforms utilized in micro-insurance applications. The Moderate Resolution Imaging Spectroradiometer (MODIS) aboard Terra and Aqua satellites provides daily global coverage at 250-500m resolution, suitable for regional drought monitoring despite coarse spatial granularity [20]. Landsat series satellites offer 30m resolution with 16-day revisit cycles, balancing spatial detail with temporal frequency for farm-scale applications [21]. The European Space Agency's Sentinel-2 constellation delivers 10m multispectral imagery every five days, representing a significant advancement for smallholder-focused insurance products requiring parcel-level differentiation [22]. Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) sensors on Sentinel-1 penetrate cloud cover and provide all-weather monitoring capabilities crucial for humid tropical regions where optical imagery suffers frequent data gaps [23].

Drought Indices and Crop/Soil Monitoring

Satellite-derived drought indices translate raw spectral measurements into actionable agricultural risk metrics, as detailed in Table 1. The Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) remains the most widely adopted indicator, computed from red and near-infrared reflectance to quantify photosynthetic vegetation density [24]. NDVI values ranging from -1 to +1 correlate with crop vigor, with temporal deviations from historical baselines signaling moisture stress and yield reductions [25]. The Enhanced Vegetation Index (EVI) improves upon NDVI by incorporating blue band reflectance to minimize atmospheric interference and soil background effects, particularly valuable in semi-arid regions with sparse vegetation cover [26]. The Vegetation Condition Index (VCI) normalizes current NDVI against multi-year minimum and maximum values, providing a standardized drought severity metric comparable across diverse agroecological zones [27]. Soil moisture proxies including the Normalized Difference Water Index (NDWI) and Land Surface Temperature (LST) complement vegetation indices by capturing pre-symptomatic water deficits before visible crop stress manifests [28, 29]. Table 1 comprehensively maps these indices to their monitoring applications and insurance relevance.

Table 1: Key Drought Indices and Remote Sensing Parameters for Crop and Soil Monitoring

Drought Index/Parameter	Satellite Data Source	Calculation Formula/Bands	Temporal Resolution	Application in Insurance	Sensitivity to Drought
NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index)	Landsat, Sentinel-2, MODIS	(NIR - Red)/(NIR + Red)	5-16 days	Vegetation vigor monitoring, yield estimation	High - detects canopy stress
EVI (Enhanced Vegetation Index)	MODIS, Sentinel-2	2.5×(NIR - Red)/(NIR + 6×Red - 7.5×Blue + 1)	5-16 days	Semi-arid crop monitoring	Very high - reduces soil/atmospheric noise
VCI (Vegetation Condition Index)	MODIS, AVHRR	100×(NDVI - NDVImin)/(NDVImax - NDVImin)	Weekly	Drought severity classification	Standardized across regions
NDWI (Normalized Difference Water Index)	Landsat, Sentinel-2	(Green - NIR)/(Green + NIR)	5-16 days	Plant water content estimation	Moderate - early stress detection
LST (Land Surface Temperature)	MODIS, Landsat	Thermal infrared brightness temperature	Daily-16 days	Heat stress assessment	High - combines with vegetation indices
SPI (Satellite-derived Precipitation Index)	GPM, TRMM, CHIRPS	Standardized precipitation anomaly	Daily-Monthly	Meteorological drought tracking	High - precursor to agricultural drought
VHI (Vegetation Health Index)	NOAA-AVHRR	0.5×(VCI + TCI)	Weekly	Combined moisture-temperature stress	Very high - multivariate approach

Table 2: Satellite Platforms and Sensors Suitable for Agricultural Risk Assessment

Platform/ Constellation	Sensor Type	Spatial Resolution	Temporal Revisit	Spectral Bands	Coverage	Key Advantages for Micro-Insurance	Data Access
MODIS (Terra/Aqua)	Multispectral optical	250-500m	Daily	36 bands (visible-thermal)	Global	High temporal frequency, free access, long historical record (2000-present)	Free (NASA)
Landsat 8/9	Multispectral optical	30m (15m pan)	16 days	11 bands (visible-thermal)	Global	Moderate resolution, established algorithms, 40+ year archive	Free (USGS)
Sentinel-2A/2B	Multispectral optical	10-20m	5 days	13 bands (visible-NIR-SWIR)	Global	High resolution, frequent revisit, suitable for smallholder parcels	Free (ESA)
Sentinel-1A/1B	C-band SAR	10-40m	6-12 days	Single frequency radar	Global	All-weather capability, soil moisture sensitivity, cloud penetration	Free (ESA)
Planet SkySat	High-resolution optical	0.5-1m	Daily (tasked)	4 bands (RGB-NIR)	Targeted	Very high resolution for precision mapping	Commercial
SMAP	L-band microwave	9-36km	2-3 days	Passive/active radar			

Data Preprocessing and Calibration

Raw satellite imagery requires systematic preprocessing to ensure radiometric consistency and geometric accuracy before drought index calculation [30]. Atmospheric correction algorithms remove scattering and absorption effects that distort surface reflectance measurements, with products like Landsat Surface Reflectance employing physics-based models validated against ground stations. Cloud masking procedures identify and exclude contaminated pixels using spectral thresholds and temporal filtering, though residual cloud shadows and haze remain problematic in monsoon-dependent regions. Geometric orthorectification corrects terrain-induced distortions to align imagery with cadastral boundaries defining insured parcels, essential for accurate premium rating and claim assessment. Ground-truthing campaigns establish local calibration relationships between satellite indices and crop yield through coordinated field measurements, reducing basis risk by accounting for regional soil types, crop varieties, and management practices.

Micro-Insurance Models Leveraging Satellite Data

Index-Based and Parametric Insurance Approaches

Index insurance decouples payouts from individual farm losses, instead triggering compensation when an objective index—such as rainfall deficit or vegetation anomaly—crosses predetermined thresholds. Table 3 categorizes distinct model architectures. Pure parametric designs base payouts solely on satellite index values without considering actual yield outcomes, maximizing operational efficiency but potentially creating basis risk when index deviations do not perfectly correlate with farmer losses. Hybrid models combine satellite indices with complementary data sources such as meteorological station records or farmer-reported crop stages to improve correlation with ground-truth yields. Area-yield indices average satellite measurements across administrative units rather than individual farms, reducing idiosyncratic risk while maintaining statistical power for rare catastrophic droughts. Contract structures define trigger thresholds (index values initiating partial payouts), exit thresholds (maximum deficit triggering full indemnity), and payout slopes (compensation rates between thresholds) through actuarial analysis of historical satellite time series.

Table 3: Micro-Insurance Models Based on Satellite-Derived Data

Insurance Model Type	Satellite Index Used	Trigger Mechanism	Payout Calculation	Target Crop/System	Basis Risk Level	Operational Complexity	Example Implementation
Pure Parametric NDVI	Seasonal NDVI integral	NDVI falls below historical percentile threshold	Linear payout slope between trigger and exit points	Cereals (maize, wheat, rice)	Moderate (0.20-0.30)	Low - fully automated	Kenya Index-Based Livestock Insurance
Hybrid VCI-Rainfall	VCI + ground rainfall data	Combined vegetation and precipitation deficit	Weighted average of indices with floor/cap	Mixed cropping systems	Low (0.10-0.20)	Moderate - requires station data	India Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
Area-Yield Index	NDVI averaged over district	District-level yield estimate below threshold	Payout proportional to estimated yield gap	Homogeneous crop zones	Low for widespread drought	Low - no individual assessment	Ethiopia Satellite Insurance pilot
Machine Learning Predicted Yield	Multi-temporal NDVI, LST, rainfall	Predicted individual yield below insured level	Difference between predicted and guaranteed yield	Diverse crops with calibration data	Very low (0.05-0.15)	High - requires training data	Precision agriculture insurtech platforms
Vegetation Deficit Insurance	Cumulative NDVI anomaly	Seasonal vegetation deficit exceeds threshold	Graduated payout tiers based on deficit magnitude	Pastoral rangelands	Moderate (0.15-0.25)	Low - straightforward calculation	African Risk Capacity drought pool
Smart Contract Parametric	Real-time NDVI from blockchain oracle	Automated trigger based on smart contract logic	Instant cryptocurrency/mobile money transfer	Any with satellite coverage			

Yield Estimation and Risk Modeling

Accurate yield prediction from satellite data forms the foundation for actuarially sound premium pricing and payout determination, as outlined in Table 4. Empirical statistical models establish regression relationships between seasonal vegetation index profiles and historical yield records, with model forms ranging from simple linear regressions to polynomial and logarithmic transformations capturing non-linear stress responses. Machine learning approaches including random forests, support vector machines, and neural networks exploit complex multivariate patterns across temporal index sequences, meteorological variables, and soil characteristics to improve prediction accuracy. Process-based crop simulation models such as DSSAT and APSIM integrate satellite observations as model inputs or calibration constraints, leveraging mechanistic understanding of crop physiology to extrapolate beyond historical climate ranges. Ensemble methods combining multiple algorithms provide robust predictions with quantified uncertainty bounds, facilitating risk-based premium differentiation across heterogeneous farming landscapes.

Table 4: Algorithmic Methods for Yield Estimation and Payout Determination

Methodology	Input Data Requirements	Algorithm Type	Prediction Accuracy (R^2)	Computational Complexity	Pre-Season vs In-Season	Advantages	Limitations
Linear Regression (NDVI-Yield)	Historical yield records, seasonal NDVI metrics	Statistical empirical	0.50-0.70	Very low	Both	Simple, transparent, minimal data needs	Assumes linear relationships, limited to historical range
Multiple Linear Regression	NDVI, rainfall, temperature, soil type	Statistical empirical	0.60-0.75	Low	Both	Incorporates multiple stress factors	Multicollinearity issues, overfitting risk
Polynomial/Non-linear Models	Same as linear regression	Statistical empirical	0.65-0.80	Low-moderate	Both	Captures saturation effects and thresholds	Risk of overfitting with limited data
Random Forest	Multi-temporal satellite indices, climate, soil	Machine learning ensemble	0.70-0.85	Moderate	Primarily in-season	Handles complex interactions, robust to outliers	Requires substantial training data, less interpretable
Support Vector Machines	Same as random forest	Machine learning	0.68-0.82	Moderate	Both	Effective in high-dimensional spaces	Sensitive to parameter tuning, computationally intensive
Deep Learning (CNN/LSTM)	Time series imagery, ancillary rasters	Neural networks	0.75-0.90	Very high	In-season	Extracts spatial-temporal patterns, highest accuracy	Requires large datasets, black-box nature, high computational cost
Crop Simulation Models (DSSAT, APSIM)	Daily weather, soil parameters, management	Process-based mechanistic	0.60-0.80	High	Both	Mechanistic understanding, scenario analysis capability	Intensive calibration, parameter uncertainty
Bayesian Hierarchical Models	Similar to regression models	Statistical probabilistic	0.65-0.80	Moderate-high	Both		

Smart Contracts and Automated Payout Mechanisms

Blockchain-enabled smart contracts automate claim assessment and fund disbursement based on satellite index values published to distributed ledgers, eliminating manual verification delays and reducing administrative costs. Oracles—trusted data feeds linking satellite processing pipelines to blockchain networks—ensure tamper-proof transmission of index calculations from earth observation platforms to insurance contracts. Pre-programmed contract logic evaluates index values against threshold conditions at predetermined dates (e.g., end of growing season), automatically executing payout transactions to farmer digital wallets within hours of trigger confirmation. This near-instantaneous settlement accelerates liquidity provision during critical periods when farmers require capital for emergency consumption or rapid replanting after failed seasons. Transparency features inherent to blockchain systems allow participating farmers to independently audit index calculations and contract terms, building trust in products that previously suffered from opacity and perceived unfairness in claim rejections.

Applications and Case Studies in Drought-Prone Regions

Smallholder Adoption in Drought-Prone Regions

Table 5 synthesizes implementation experiences across major pilot programs. Kenya's satellite-based livestock insurance protecting pastoralists against forage scarcity utilized MODIS NDVI to trigger payouts during severe droughts, achieving 80% correlation with reported livestock mortality while reducing operational costs by 60% compared to ground-based index insurance. India's weather-indexed crop insurance scheme integrated Sentinel-2 imagery for rice and wheat monitoring, demonstrating improved payout accuracy and farmer satisfaction relative to rainfall-gauge products, though adoption remained constrained by trust deficits and premium affordability barriers. Ethiopia's satellite-indexed drought insurance for smallholder maize farmers combined NDVI anomaly detection with mobile money platforms, achieving 40% voluntary uptake among target populations when bundled with agricultural credit products.

Table 5: Field Implementation Strategies and Case Studies in Drought-Prone Regions

Program/Region	Target Population	Satellite Platform Used	Insurance Product Design	Distribution Channel	Enrollment Rate (%)	Payout Accuracy (Correlation with Losses)	Key Success Factors	Main Challenges
IBLI Kenya (Marsabit, Isiolo)	15,000 pastoralist households	MODIS NDVI	Seasonal livestock mortality index	Microfinance institutions, cooperatives	45-60%	0.80 (livestock deaths vs NDVI)	Long-term engagement, trusted intermediaries, mobile money	Basis risk in localized grazing areas
PMFBY India (Maharashtra)	2+ million smallholders	Sentinel-2 NDVI + Landsat	Area-yield index with satellite component	Government scheme via banks	30-40% (voluntary)	0.70 (district yields)	Mandatory bundling with credit, premium subsidies	Low voluntary renewal, delayed payouts
R4 Rural Resilience (Senegal, Malawi, Zambia)	60,000+ smallholder farmers	CHIRPS rainfall + MODIS VCI	Hybrid parametric with insurance-for-assets	Community groups, WFP partnership	55-70%	0.75 (self-reported losses)	Integrated risk management, social capital, premium financing options	Sustainability without donor support
Ethiopia Satellite Insurance Pilot	5,000 maize/teff farmers	Sentinel-2 NDVI	Individual parcel-level parametric	Agricultural cooperatives	40-50%	0.82 (sample yield measurements)	High-resolution imagery, farmer training, transparent payouts	Limited smartphone penetration
Picture-Based Insurance (PBI) Peru	1,200 potato farmers	Smartphone crop photos + Sentinel-2	Hybrid satellite-image AI assessment	Mobile app direct enrollment	35-45%	0.85 (field validation)	Innovative tech, visual transparency	Digital literacy barriers, network connectivity
African Risk Capacity (ARC)	30+ African governments	MODIS, CHIRPS, FEWS NET	Sovereign-level drought pool	Government membership	Country-level			

Governmental and NGO-Supported Programs

Development organizations have catalyzed satellite insurance scaling through premium subsidies, technical capacity building, and risk capital provision. The World Food Programme's R4 Rural Resilience Initiative integrates satellite-indexed insurance within comprehensive risk management portfolios spanning improved seeds, microcredit, and savings groups across Senegal, Malawi, and Zambia, serving over 60,000 households. The African Risk Capacity insurance pool leverages satellite rainfall and vegetation monitoring to provide sovereign drought insurance to African governments, enabling rapid financing for emergency response when triggers activate at national scales. These programs demonstrate that satellite insurance achieves optimal development impact when embedded within broader climate adaptation strategies rather than deployed as standalone financial instruments.

Performance Metrics and Outcomes

Rigorous impact evaluations quantify satellite insurance effects on household resilience and agricultural productivity. Randomized controlled trials in West Africa found that insured farmers maintained higher asset levels, reduced distress livestock sales by 30%, and preserved children's school enrollment during drought years compared to uninsured control groups [56]. Basis risk—the correlation gap between index payouts and actual losses—averaged 0.15-0.25 across satellite-indexed products, representing substantial improvement over rainfall-gauge indices but indicating continued calibration needs. Payout frequency aligned with agronomic drought return periods, with 10-20% of enrolled farmers receiving compensation annually in semi-arid zones, validating actuarial models while demonstrating meaningful risk transfer. Farmer retention rates exceeding 70% after initial payout experiences suggest that satellite insurance builds credibility through transparent, objective claim settlement once farmers observe product functionality.

Challenges and Future Perspectives

Data Resolution, Latency, and Cost Issues

Despite technological advances, spatial resolution constraints limit satellite insurance applicability for farmers with landholdings below one hectare, where 10-30m pixels aggregate heterogeneous field conditions and management practices. Temporal revisit gaps during critical growth stages due to cloud cover or satellite orbital patterns create monitoring blind spots that increase basis risk, particularly in tropical monsoon climates where persistent cloud coverage coincides with peak water stress periods. Table 6 comprehensively documents these limitations alongside operational challenges. While public satellite programs like Copernicus provide free imagery access, commercial very-high-resolution data and advanced analytics platforms impose cost barriers for resource-constrained insurers and agricultural ministries in low-income countries. Data latency between image acquisition and processed index availability can extend to weeks when manual quality control and atmospheric correction are required, potentially delaying payout triggers beyond optimal intervention windows.

Table 6: Advantages, Limitations, and Challenges of Satellite-Driven Micro-Insurance Systems

Dimension	Advantages	Limitations	Technical Challenges	Operational/Social Challenges	Future Research Needs
Data Acquisition	Objective measurement, extensive coverage, historical archives	Cloud interference, spatial resolution constraints, data latency	Atmospheric correction, cloud masking, real-time processing pipelines	Cost of commercial high-resolution data, internet infrastructure	Multi-sensor fusion, CubeSat constellations for higher frequency
Risk Assessment	Eliminates moral hazard, reduces transaction costs, scalable	Basis risk (index-loss correlation gap), coarse aggregation	Calibration to local conditions, validation with ground truth	Limited meteorological station networks, heterogeneous farming systems	Hyperlocal models, participatory calibration approaches
Product Design	Transparent triggers, rapid automated payouts, actuarially sound				

Farmer Adoption and Accessibility Constraints

Low financial literacy and limited understanding of probabilistic insurance concepts impede voluntary uptake, with farmers frequently misinterpreting coverage terms and expecting payouts for any yield shortfall regardless of drought causation. Affordability constraints persist even with subsidized premiums, as marginal farming households prioritize immediate consumption needs over uncertain future risk protection, particularly when historical insurance experiences involved claim denials perceived as arbitrary. Digital divides restrict smartphone and internet access needed for enrollment platforms and payout notifications in remote rural areas, requiring alternative distribution channels through farmer cooperatives and agricultural extension networks. Gender disparities further limit women farmers' access to satellite insurance despite their disproportionate vulnerability, as patriarchal land tenure systems and financial exclusion prevent product registration and payout receipt.

Scalability, Policy Frameworks, and Integration with Climate Adaptation Strategies

Regulatory frameworks governing insurance products, data privacy, and cross-border satellite data flows require harmonization to facilitate regional insurance pools that diversify drought risk across broader geographic areas. Sustainable business models balancing actuarial solvency with development objectives remain elusive, as commercial insurers require risk premiums exceeding affordability thresholds for vulnerable populations, creating dependency on perpetual donor subsidies. Integration with complementary climate adaptation interventions—including drought-resistant crop varieties, water harvesting infrastructure, and forecast-based early warning systems—amplifies insurance value by reducing underlying risk exposure rather than merely transferring financial consequences. Future research priorities include developing real-time satellite processing pipelines, enhancing machine learning models for diverse cropping systems, establishing participatory design processes incorporating farmer preferences, and evaluating long-term behavioral and livelihood impacts of sustained insurance access across multi-year climate cycles.

Conclusion

Satellite-driven micro-insurance represents a transformative financial innovation for drought risk management in vulnerable agricultural systems, addressing fundamental limitations of traditional insurance through objective monitoring, automated claim settlement, and scalable deployment. Integration of multispectral vegetation indices, radar-based soil moisture proxies, and machine learning algorithms enables accurate drought detection and yield prediction at operational scales previously unattainable. Field implementations demonstrate measurable improvements in household resilience, asset protection, and agricultural investment among insured farming populations. However, persistent challenges related to spatial resolution, basis risk, affordability, and digital accessibility require continued innovation in sensor technologies, actuarial methodologies, distribution channels, and policy frameworks. Realizing the full potential of satellite insurance demands holistic integration within comprehensive climate adaptation strategies that simultaneously reduce exposure, enhance adaptive capacity, and provide financial protection, thereby contributing to sustainable rural development and food security goals in an era of accelerating climate change.

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