

with the observations of the researchers, will be analyzed through Ika Darnhofer's Resilience Thinking Approach.

**Result** The expected outcome of the study will show that the family farmers will diversify crops; seek assistance from different NGOs, LGUs and the organizations that they belong to; engage in different jobs; apply different techniques instructed by International Rice Research Institute; and gain support from their relatives.

**Conclusion** This study will identify how the resilience strategies of the family farmers contribute not just for ensuring the availability of food but also in attaining sustainable development for the community.



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#### RESILIENCE STRATEGIES OF FILIPINO FAMILY FARMERS: ENSURING FOOD AVAILABILITY DURING EL NIÑO PHENOMENON FROM 2008–2013

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**Background** Philippines experiences different kinds of natural calamities and one commonly known extreme weather events is the El Niño phenomenon. Drought, considered as a challenge faced by Family Farmers in the country, is commonly endured problem in Sitio Madlum in Brgy. Sibul Springs, San Miguel, Bulacan in ensuring the availability of food.

**Objectives** In this study, the resilience strategies of Filipino Farmers in ensuring food availability during El Niño phenomenon will be identified.

**Methods** The family farmers and the barangay officials, chosen through homogenous sampling technique, will help determine the socio-economic profile of the community and will also serve as the key informants for the study. Using the extreme case sampling, 6 family farmers from 30 family farmers who answered the survey will be interviewed further for the case study. The results, together