

Natural disasters and economic growth in Northeast Brazil: evidence from municipal economies of the Ceará State

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Table A1. Pairwise correlations

| | ln(GDP) | ln(GDPa) | ln(GDPi) | ln(GDPs) | ln(EC) | ln(ECa) | ln(ECi) | ln(ECs) | ln(FW) | ln(FWa) | ln(FWi) | ln(FWs) | ln(G) | ln(H) | ln(HB) | INFRA | WSI | ln(ND) | ln(Dr) | ln(Fl) | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|----------|--------|--|
| ln(GDP) | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ln(GDPa) | -0.13*** | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ln(GDPi) | 0.87*** | -0.30*** | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ln(GDPs) | 0.88*** | -0.35*** | 0.74*** | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ln(EC) | 0.78*** | -0.10*** | 0.77*** | 0.68*** | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ln(ECa) | 0.20*** | 0.51*** | 0.18*** | 0.11*** | 0.56*** | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ln(ECi) | 0.63*** | -0.23*** | 0.72*** | 0.54*** | 0.71*** | 0.18*** | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ln(ECs) | 0.67*** | -0.32*** | 0.63*** | 0.74*** | 0.70*** | 0.17*** | 0.56*** | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ln(FW) | 0.64*** | -0.24*** | 0.62*** | 0.70*** | 0.66*** | 0.24*** | 0.57*** | 0.77*** | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ln(FWa) | -0.32*** | 0.03 | -0.36*** | -0.26*** | -0.38*** | -0.22*** | -0.31*** | -0.30*** | -0.42*** | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ln(FWi) | -0.01 | -0.01 | -0.06** | 0 | -0.08*** | -0.11*** | -0.09*** | -0.10*** | 0.26*** | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ln(FWs) | 0.61*** | -0.24*** | 0.57*** | 0.70*** | 0.61*** | 0.21*** | 0.50*** | 0.76*** | 0.98*** | -0.37*** | -0.26*** | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| ln(G) | 0.24*** | 0.03 | 0.12*** | 0.35*** | 0.16*** | 0.16*** | -0.02 | 0.09*** | -0.0005 | 0.15*** | 0.20*** | 0.01 | 1 | | | | | | | | |
| ln(HSE) | 0.32*** | -0.07*** | 0.28*** | 0.35*** | 0.26*** | 0.14*** | 0.15*** | 0.23*** | 0.21*** | -0.08*** | 0.03 | 0.21*** | 0.28*** | 1 | | | | | | | |
| ln(HB) | -0.14*** | 0.03 | -0.14*** | -0.14*** | -0.08*** | -0.0253 | -0.05** | -0.14*** | -0.21*** | 0.15*** | 0.16*** | -0.20*** | -0.02 | -0.02 | 1 | | | | | | |
| INFRA | 0.12*** | -0.11*** | 0.17*** | 0.19*** | 0.06*** | -0.08*** | 0.17*** | 0.16*** | 0.21*** | -0.16*** | -0.08*** | 0.23*** | -0.15*** | 0.03 | -0.09*** | 1 | | | | | |
| WSI | -0.19*** | 0.21*** | -0.26*** | -0.16*** | -0.13*** | 0.10*** | -0.23*** | -0.13*** | -0.17*** | 0.23*** | 0.24*** | -0.14*** | 0.25*** | 0.10*** | 0.14*** | -0.14*** | 1 | | | | |
| ln(ND) | -0.12*** | 0.01 | -0.08*** | -0.10*** | -0.09*** | -0.01 | -0.07*** | -0.08*** | -0.07*** | -0.02 | 0.01 | -0.05** | -0.01 | 0.04* | -0.07*** | 0.12*** | 0 | 1 | | | |
| ln(Dr) | -0.16*** | 0.02 | -0.12*** | -0.16*** | -0.12*** | -0.04* | -0.09*** | -0.11*** | -0.10*** | 0.04 | 0.01 | -0.09*** | -0.03 | 0 | -0.03 | 0.08*** | 0.05** | 0.74*** | 1 | | |
| ln(Fl) | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0 | 0.03 | -0.02 | 0 | 0.01 | -0.07*** | 0 | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.05** | -0.06*** | 0.06*** | -0.05** | 0.56*** | -0.09*** | 1 | |

Notes. The list of variables is the following: ln(GDP) = natural log of per capita GDP; ln(GDPa) = natural log of per capita added value of agriculture; ln(GDPi) = natural log of per capita added value of industry; ln(GDPs) = natural log of per capita added value of services; ln(EC) = natural log of per capita consumption of electricity; ln(ECa) = natural log of per capita consumption of electricity of agriculture (rural area); ln(ECi) = natural log of per capita consumption of electricity of industry; ln(ECs) = natural log of per capita consumption of electricity of services and commerce; ln(FW) = natural log of formal workers normalized by population size; ln(FWa) = natural log of formal workers in agriculture normalized by population size; ln(FWi) = natural log of formal workers in industry normalized by population size; ln(FWs) = natural log of formal workers in services and commerce normalized by population size; ln(GS) = natural log of per capita public spending; ln(H) = natural log of high school enrolment normalized by population size; ln(HB) = natural log of hospital beds normalized by population size; INFRA = index of municipality infrastructure (i.e., post offices, radio stations, schools and health establishments normalized by population size); WSI = water supply infrastructure (i.e., number of water reservoirs and water piped systems); ln(ND) = natural log of per capita costs of natural disasters; ln(Dr) = natural log of per capita costs of droughts; and ln(Fl) = natural log of per capita costs of floods. ***p-value < 0.01, ** p-value < 0.05, and * p-value < 0.1.

Table A2. Effects of lagged damage from natural disasters on output growth

| | Growth rate per capita GDP | | Economic sectors (growth rate of per capita added value) | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|---|------------------------|------------------------|
| | | | Agriculture | Industry | Service |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| All natural disasters | -0.0134*** (0.0039) | | | | |
| Droughts | | -0.0117*** (0.0045) | -0.0338** (0.0131) | 0.0148 (0.0103) | -0.0031 (0.0030) |
| Floods | | -0.0134** (0.0055) | -0.0242* (0.0135) | -0.0016 (0.0105) | -0.0059** (0.0028) |
| Lagged effects | | | | | |
| All natural disasters | 0.0009 (0.0017) | | | | |
| Droughts | | 0.0002 (0.0022) | 0.0012 (0.0056) | -0.0061 (0.0044) | 0.0002 (0.0014) |
| Floods | | -0.0003 (0.0017) | 0.0011 (0.0043) | -0.0013 (0.0035) | -0.0004 (0.0013) |
| Lagged per capita GDP | -0.5268*** (0.1231) | -0.5373*** (0.1181) | -0.8217*** (0.0973) | -0.2514*** (0.0675) | -0.7876*** (0.0877) |
| <i>Specification tests (p-values)</i> | | | | | |
| Hansen test of overidentification | 0.4663 | 0.4523 | 0.1366 | 0.8373 | 0.4300 |
| Arellano-Bond test for AR(1) in FD | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0229 |
| Arellano-Bond test for AR(2) in FD | 0.6287 | 0.6846 | 0.9620 | 0.6027 | 0.1960 |
| <i>Number of Instruments</i> | 67 | 73 | 62 | 62 | 73 |
| Observations | 1,656 | 1,656 | 1,656 | 1,656 | 1,656 |

Notes: See the notes to table 3 for the list of control variables included in the regressions. Robust standard errors are in parentheses. All variables are in log terms. ***p-value < 0.01, ** p-value < 0.05, and * p-value < 0.1.

Table A3. Effects of direct damage from natural disasters on output growth, accounting for the mayor's party alignment with the state governor and the president

| | Growth rate | | Economic sectors (growth rate of per capita added value) | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|------------------------|--|------------------------|-----------------------|
| | per capita GDP | | Agriculture | Industry | Service |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) |
| All natural disasters | - | 0.0130*** (0.0038) | | | |
| Droughts | | -0.0118*** (0.0044) | -0.0296** (0.0117) | 0.0046 (0.0088) | -0.0033 (0.0032) |
| Floods | | -0.0132** (0.0053) | -0.0240** (0.0117) | -0.0067 (0.0088) | -0.0058** (0.0028) |
| Lagged per capita GDP | - | 0.5310*** (0.1228) | -0.5426*** (0.1175) | -0.8512*** (0.0858) | - |
| <i>Specification tests (p-values)</i> | | | | | |
| Hansen test of overidentification | | 0.5126 | 0.5292 | 0.3379 | 0.4600 |
| Arellano-Bond test for AR(1) in FD | | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0000 | 0.0001 |
| Arellano-Bond test for AR(2) in FD | | 0.6317 | 0.6762 | 0.6529 | 0.6986 |
| <i>Number of Instruments</i> | | 69 | 75 | 74 | 75 |
| Observations | | 1,656 | 1,656 | 1,656 | 1,656 |

Notes: See the notes to table 3 for the list of control variables included in the regressions. Robust standard errors are in parentheses. All variables are in log terms. ***p-value < 0.01, ** p-value < 0.05, and * p-value < 0.1.

Table A4. The Garantia-Safra programme in Ceará between 2003 and 2011

| Agriculture year | Premium/Min. wage (nominal value) | Participating municipalities | Municipalities with farmers benefiting from the programme | Registered small farmers | Small farmers benefiting from the programme |
|------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------|---|--------------------------|---|
| 2002-2003 | 475/240 | 160 | 1 | 109,126 | 573 |
| 2003-2004 | 550/260 | 74 | 26 | 36,106 | 13,274 |
| 2004-2005 | 550/300 | 146 | 128 | 128,663 | 120,908 |
| 2005-2006 | 550/350 | 161 | 7 | 160,012 | 11,338 |
| 2006-2007 | 550/380 | 152 | 124 | 172,931 | 159,734 |
| 2007-2008 | 550/415 | 167 | 26 | 285,363 | 68,451 |
| 2008-2009 | 550/465 | 161 | 135 | 260,687 | 219,413 |
| 2009-2010 | 600/510 | 172 | 172 | 290,105 | 290,105 |
| 2010-2011 | 640/540 | 180 | 0 | 272,581 | 0 |

Source: Ministério do Desenvolvimento Agrário.