

# Modernizing Irrigation Systems in Drought Affected Provinces of Viet Nam

Water Efficiency Improvement in Drought Affected Provinces Project (WEIDAP)

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# El Nino Drought 2014-2016

## VietNamNet

6 Sep 2015

**2015 El Nino to continue,  
Vietnam to suffer from drought**

*Extreme weather conditions are forecast to occur from now to the end of the year, according to Le Thanh Hai, deputy director of National Hydrometeorology Centre.*



## The guardian:

16 Sep 2015

*El Niño: food shortages, floods, disease and droughts set to put millions at risk  
Agencies warn of uncharted territory as strongest-ever El Niño threatens to batter vulnerable countries with extreme weather for months*

# Magnitude and Impact of ENSO

- Seasonal Rainfall deficit – between 40% - 70% of long-term average rainfall
- Likelihood of 2015 June – Sep rainfall is less than 1%
- 400,000 ha of crop land affected
- 2 million people affected
- 18 provinces declared state of emergency
- Followed by historical floods in Dec 2016

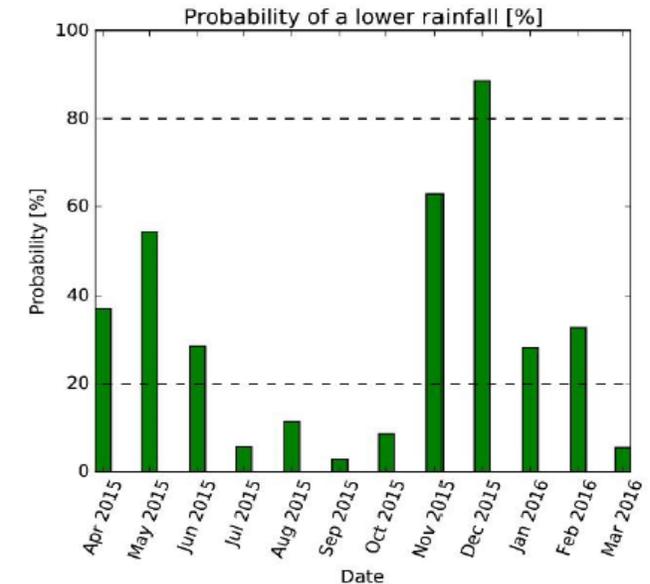
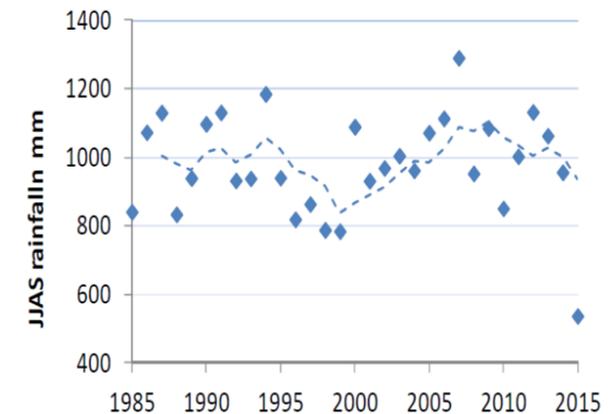


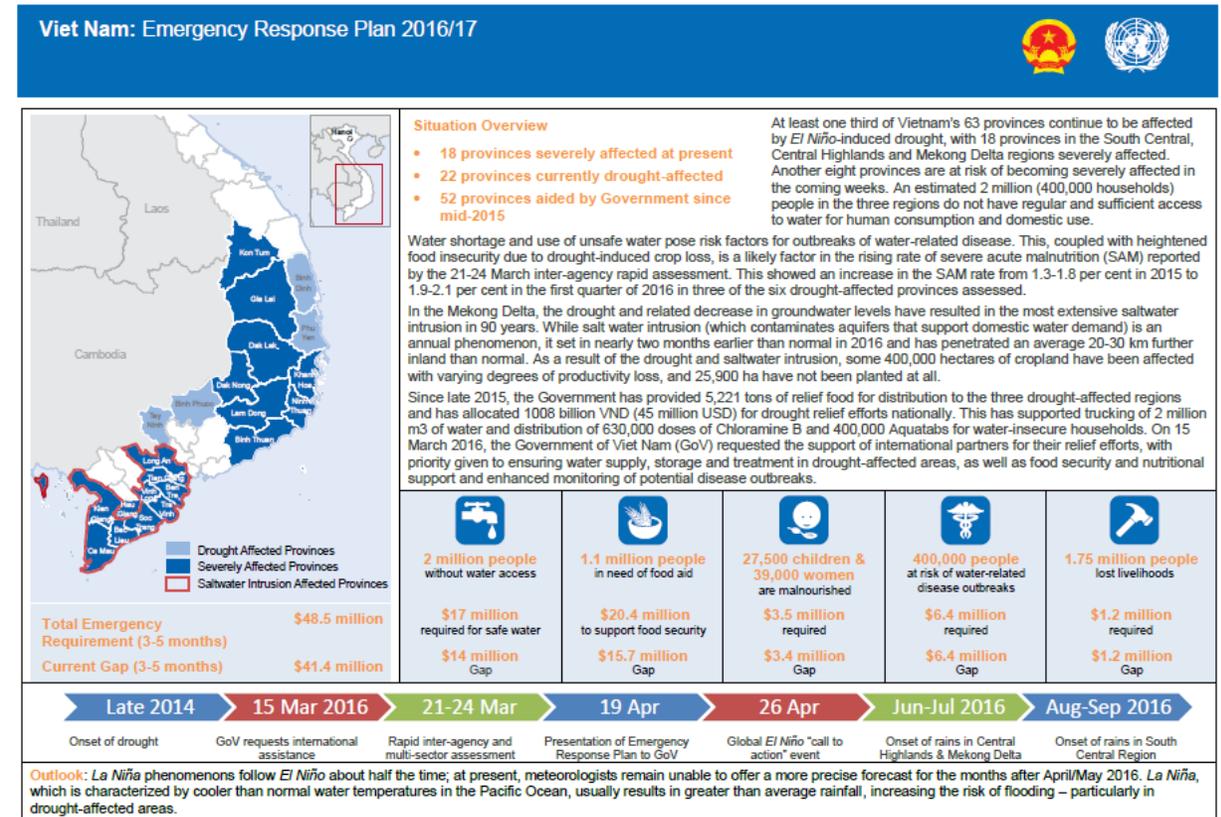
Figure 3: Graph showing the probability of a lower rainfall for the last 12 months.

Figure 4. Bin Thuan average rainfall for the period 1983 to 2015 based on PERSIANN data and showing exceptionally low rainfall in 2015



# Government Response

- Short-, medium- and long-term response strategy
- Promoting crop diversification – shift to high value crops
- Adopting high efficiency irrigation techniques
- Investing in modernizing irrigation systems
- Initiating long term investments with Development Partners (ADB)



# Government response to modernization initiatives

- Response to irrigation modernization with piped systems
- Response to enhanced level of service to farmers (flexible, on-demand water)

