

### **Overview of RIMES activities in South Asia**

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### **Presentation Outline**

- RIMES Overview
- Key Services
- RIMES Operational Products
- Sector specific Decision Support Systems
- Evaluation of products and application
- Other major activities

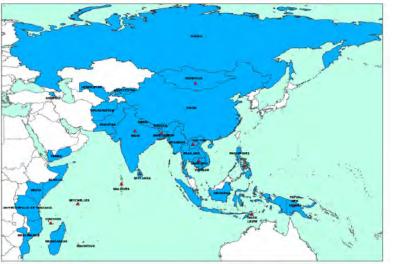
### **About RIMES**

**Regional:** 33 Member and Collaborating States in Asia and Africa

**Integrated:** links science with generators and users of early warning information

Multi-hazard: started with tsunami and earthquake, and expanded to include hydro-meteorological hazards





**Early warning:** with mandate to provide early warning services for enhanced preparedness for, responses to, and mitigation of natural hazards

> System: consists of regional technical support unit, connected to national and local systems



### **About RIMES**

- Established on 30 April 2009
- Intergovernmental, owned and managed by Member States
- ♦ Registered with the United Nations under Article 102 of UN Charter
- ♦ ESCAP support for RIMES institutional development





## **RIMES Objectives**

- Facilitate the establishment and maintenance of core regional observation and monitoring networks
- Provide tsunami warning services in collaboration with India RTSP (INCOIS) under UNESCO/IOC framework
- Support NMHSs for providing localized hydro-meteorological risk information, in collaboration with ECMWF and NCMRWF, within WMO framework
- Enhance warning response capacities











### **Key Services**

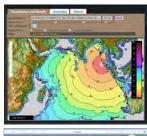
Earthquake and tsunami services

#### Improving data availability







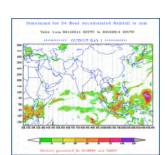


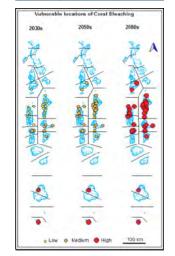






Hydro-met Services





#### Capacity building









## **Information Products and Key Partners**

Earthquake Alert	Tsunami Bulletin	3-day weather forecast	10-day weather outlook	Monthly flood outlook	1-6 months downscaled seasonal climate outlook	Downscaled climate projections
		Ocean waves and swells forecast	10-day flood forecast			
		Storm surge forecast	Cyclone potential impact guidance		Seasonal flow outlook	
		Flash flood forecast	Agro-advisories			
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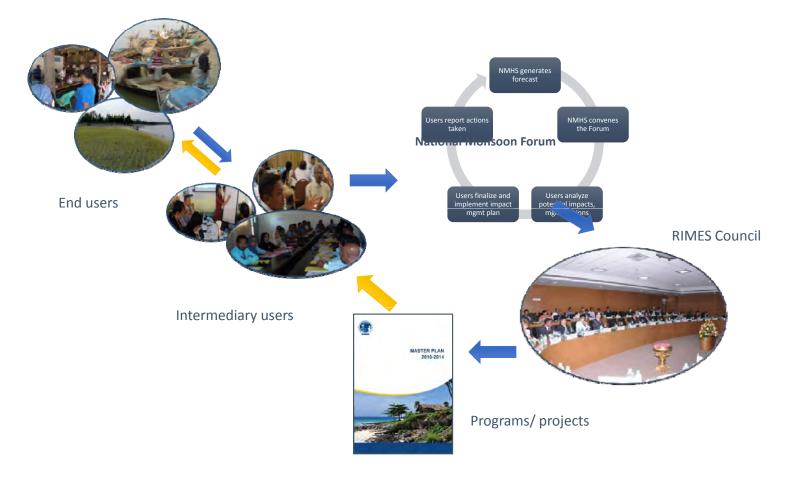
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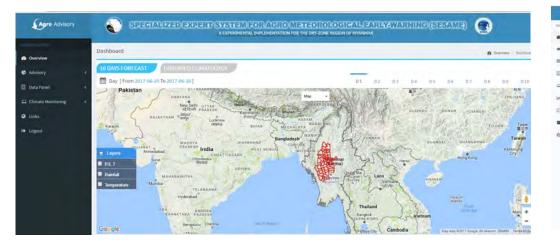
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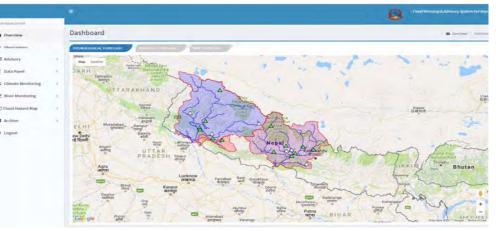


### **Member State Demand Management**



# **RIMES Operational Products**



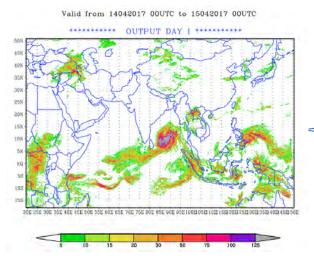


# Weather and Climate Forecasts



## Short range Forecast 3-days lead

- Daily weather forecast products
  - Rainfall, temperature, Seal Level Pressure, Wind Speed and Direction
- Severe weather warnings
  - Heavy rainfall events
  - Storm Tracks and intensity
- Delivered to 18 countries daily

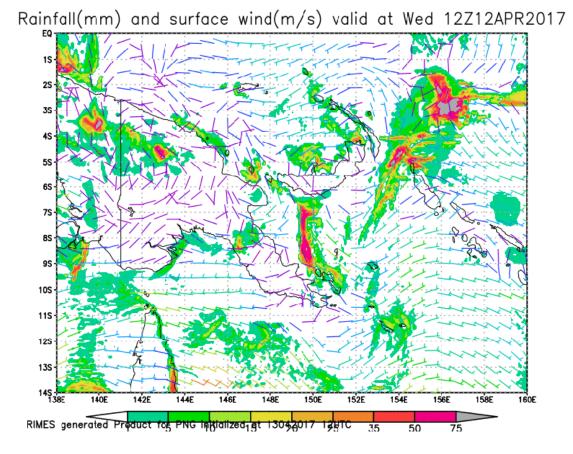


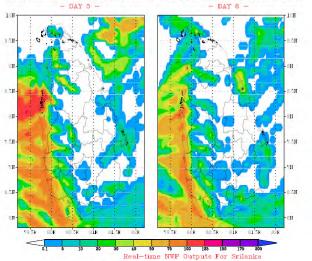
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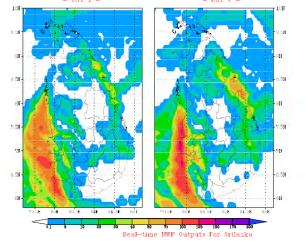
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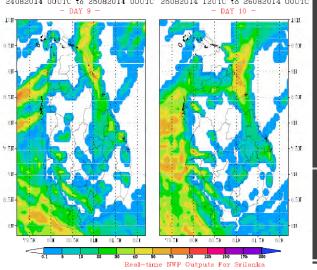
- High resolution 9km model downscaled using WRF
- 12 hourly accumulated rainfall and wind speed and direction
- Updated daily for next 10 days
- Operational for Tamil Nadu, Sri Lanka, Myanmar, Nepal and Pakistan in South Asia



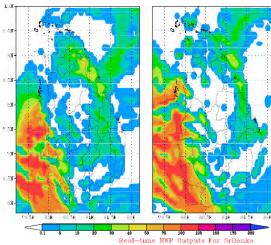


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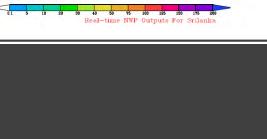


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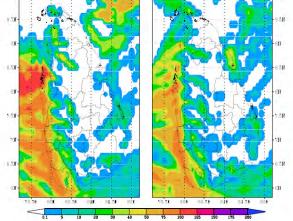


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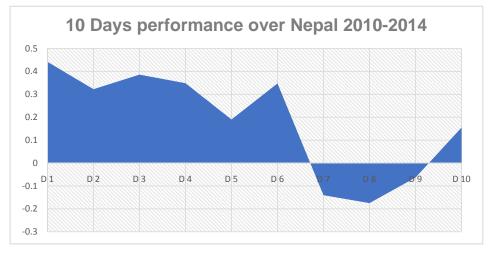


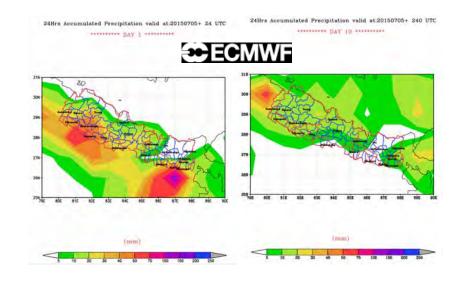
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### **Medium Range Forecast**

- Deterministic rainfall forecast for 10 days
- Customized from ECMWF data for Tamil Nadu, Afghanistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka



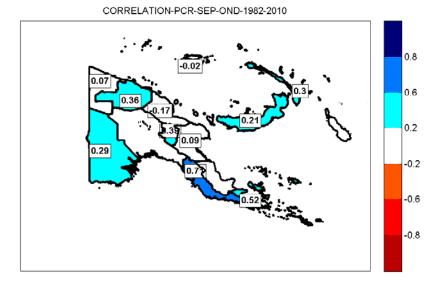


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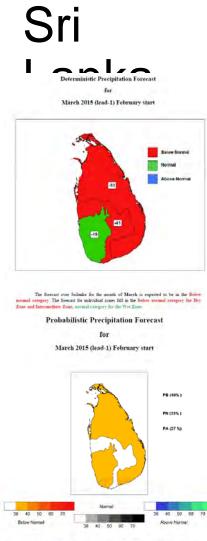
## Long Range weather outlooks

- Model customized for selected countries based on a number of Global models
- User interface developed for easy of use by climatologist



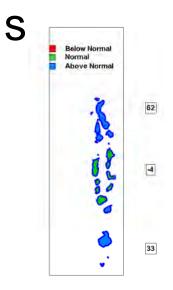
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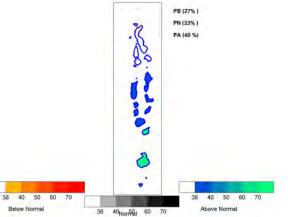
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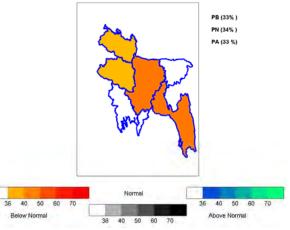
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# Flood Advisory Systems



## **RIMES Flood Advisory Systems**

- RIMES support member countries to develop and enhance:
  - Medium range (1-10 days) flood forecast
  - Flash Flood Guidance System
  - Long range (1-3 month) hydrological outlook



### 10-Days Flood Forecast System

#### uses ECMWF EPS rainfall forecast, CFAB-FFS model and MIKE11 model

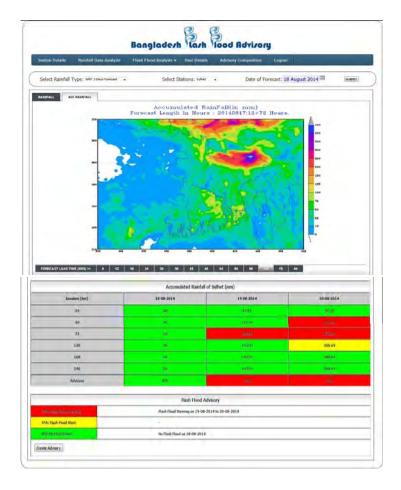




### Flash Flood Warning and advisory System

- 1) Based on 3 days downscaled WRF Forecast
- 2) 10 Days Deterministic ECMWF forecast
- 3) Threshold based approach

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• ARIMA error correction applied for model output

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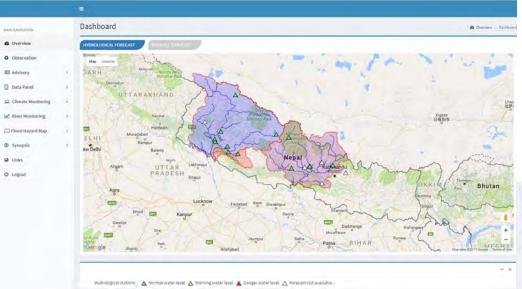
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### Nepal Flood Advisory System

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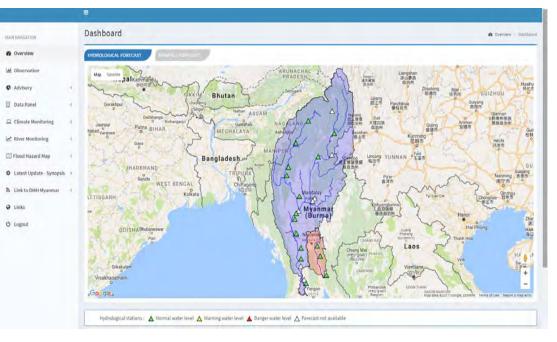
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### Capacity building and Feedback mechanism

- 1) Continuous engagement
  - 1) with technical team with series of training
  - 2) Technology transferred
  - 3) Backup support to all activities irrespective of project period
- 2) Feedback on the model performance

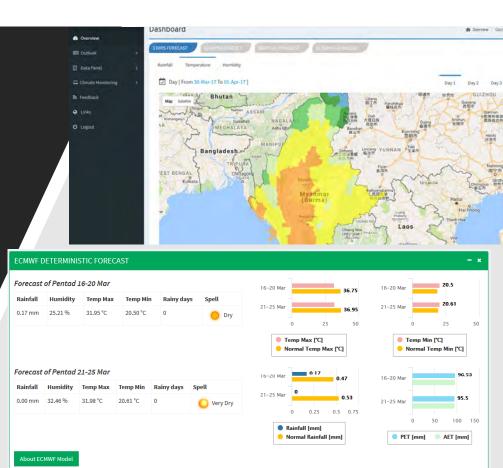




# Agro Advisory Systems

### **SESAME** – Specialized Expert System for Agro-Meteorological Early Warning for Climate Resilient Agriculture

- Forecast Component of different lead time
- ECMWF
  - Seasonal and Monthly outlooks
  - Monthly update
  - 10 days Pentad (averaged condition over 5 days)
- RIMES WRF model
  - 3 days High resolution forecast
- Parameters: Rainfall, Temperature (Tmax, Tmin), wind speed and direction, Humidity







### SESAME – Specialized Expert System for Agro-Meteorological Early Warning for Climate Resilient Agriculture

- Dynamic Crop information panel for expert users
- Weather bulletins for Pentads, monthly and seasonal outlooks
- Real time verification of forecast products
- Validation of information at different levels
  - NHMS -> Agro met staff -> Extension Worker -farmer

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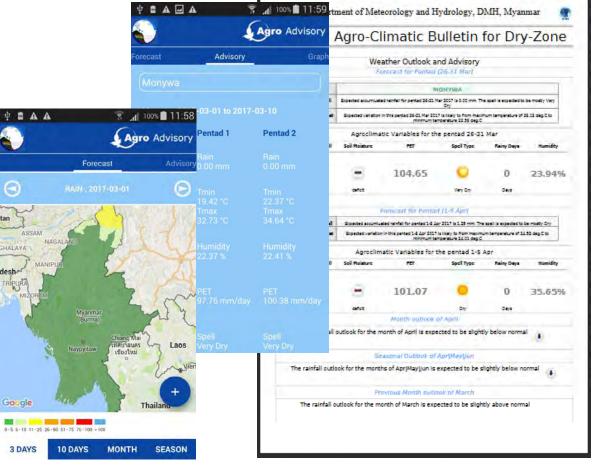
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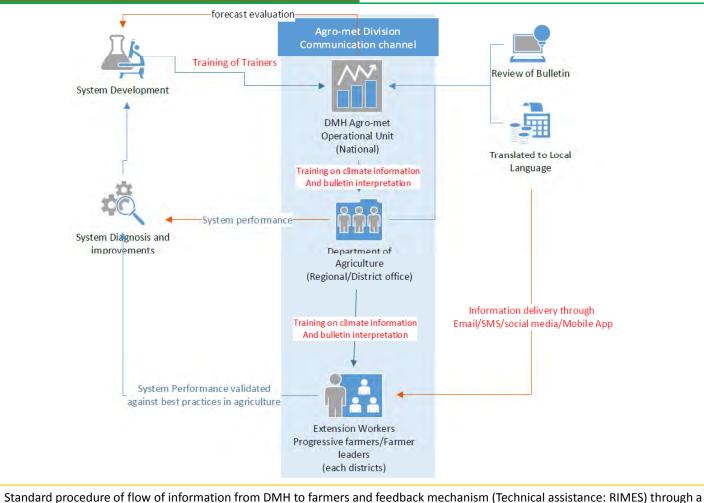


- Dissemination of information
  - Email service
  - SMS service, through gateways
  - Fax service
- Mobile application
  - Android version Beta





### **Dissemination Process**



continuous engagement process



### Capacity Building on using the tool (Myanmar)





Training on development of tool at RIMES Office



Training to DMH Officers at DMH office



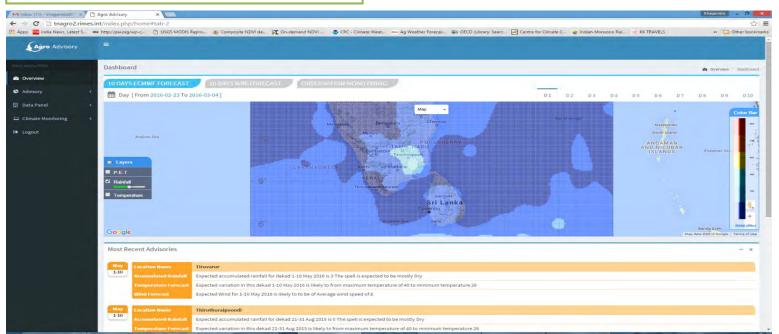
Training to stakeholders at Nyuang Oo on 7th September 2015



Training to stakeholder at Monywa on 8th September 2015

### Tamil Nadu AGRO advisory System





- In collaboration with Tamil Nadu State Planning Commission (TNSPC) and Department of Agriculture
- Interface system to use 3-days and 10-days weather forecast from India Meteorological Department IMD) after testing of prototype; and other sources for agriculture planning



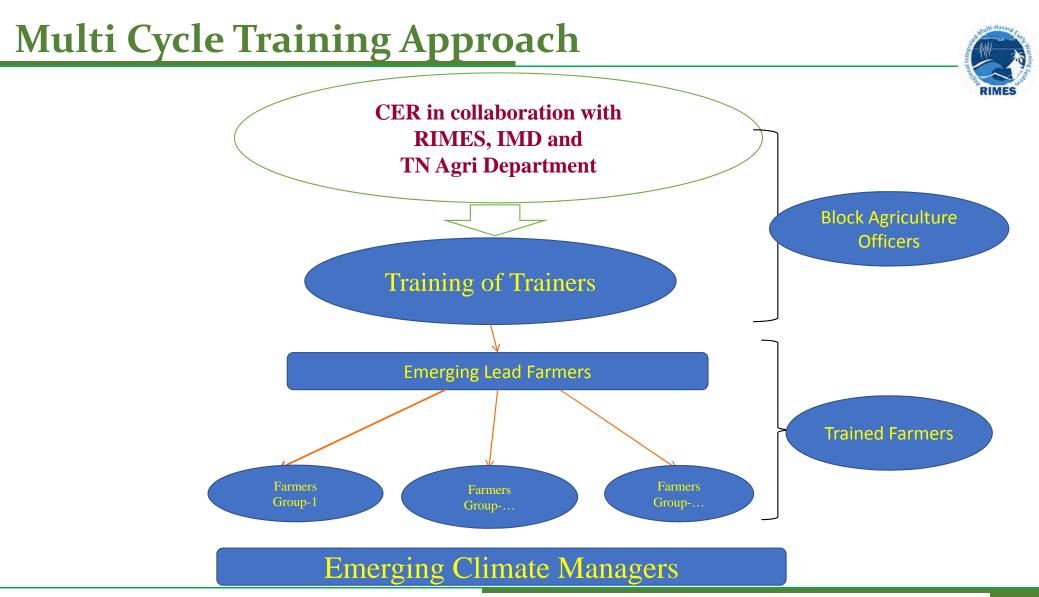
### **Capacity Building on using the tool**



The whole process of learning is divided in four major parts:

- I) The Human and Institutional Dimension of Learning Process,
- II) Climate Information, Weather and Climate Forecasts,
- III) Application of Climate Information and Weather/Climate Forecasts to Farming Operations and
- IV) Support Programs to Facilitate Broader Adoption.

These four modules are thought through 12 modules



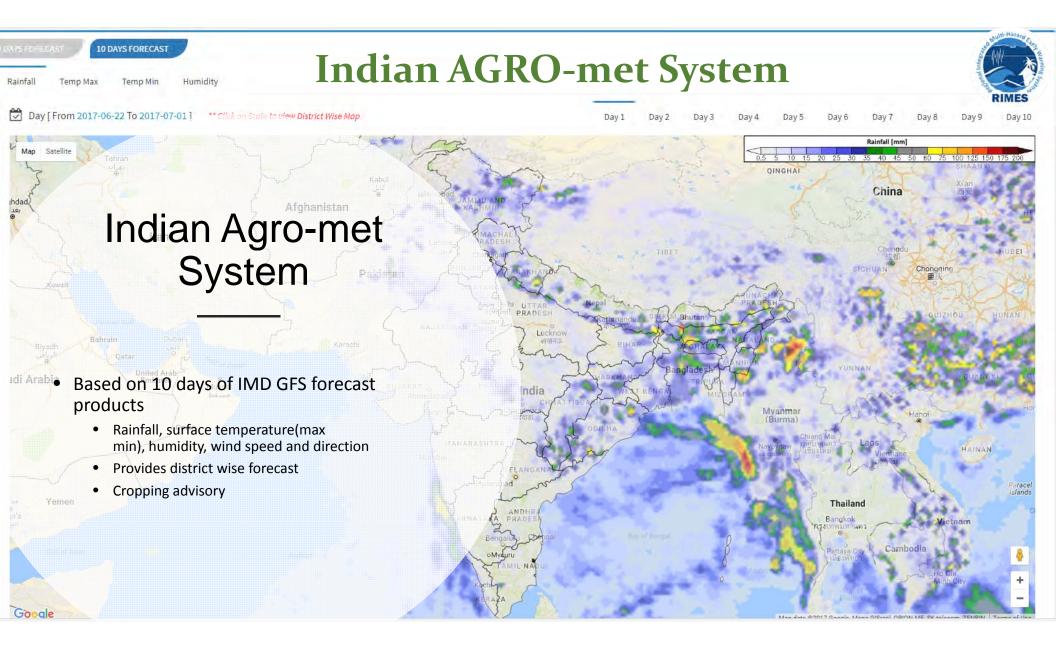
### Capacity Building on using the tool (Tamil Nadu, India)













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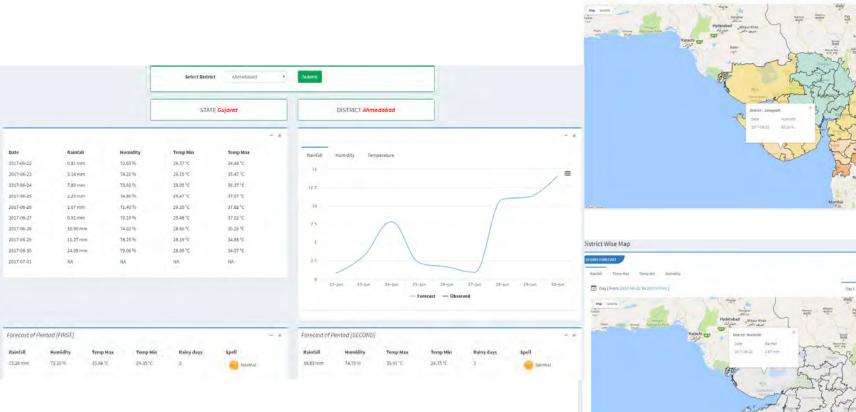
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**CDAAS** – Climate Data Access and Analysis System

- Once stop Portal for accessing different global climate model outputs
- Simple and easy-to-use interface
- Lists out a number of CMIP5, CORDEX and NEX-NASA models
- Different access levels, with expert users are allowed to perform analysis on the datasets
- Background operations are handled with Climate Data Operator(CDO) and graphics with GrADS
- Perform multi model analysis on selected location or region

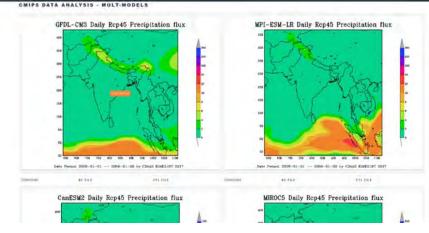


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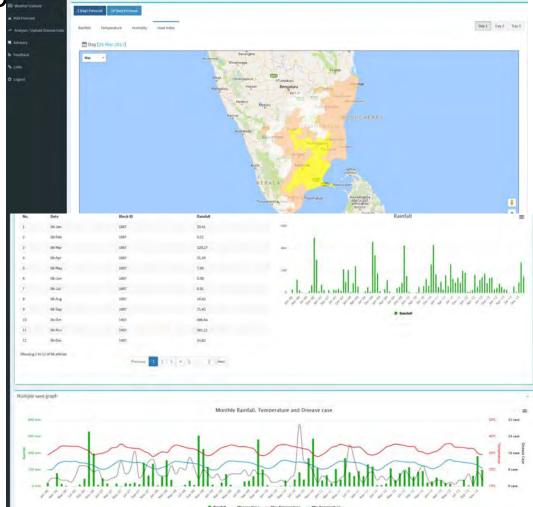
**Development of Sector Specific DSS** 





### **CRISH** – Climate Risk Information System for public Health

- Portal for public heath warning information
- Weather condition for three days and 10 days lead time
- Extreme heat indicators,
- Building Correlation disease pattern and weather conditions
- Risk based information for Malaria and Dengue spreading
  - piloted in two districts in Tamil Nadu, India
  - At taluk level
- Generation of health Advisories





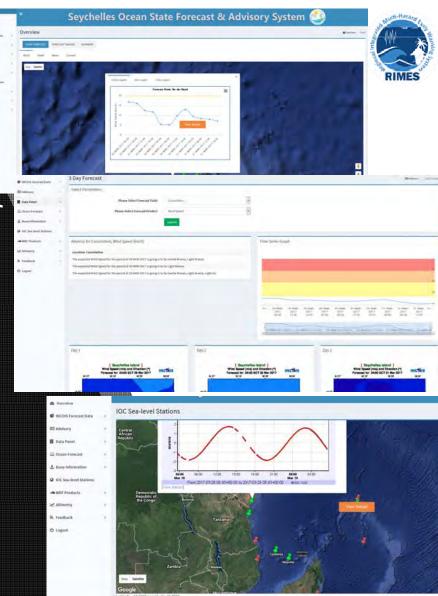
## SMART – System for Multi-Hazard potential impact Assessment and Emergency Response Tracking

- Integrated platform for Disaster response
- Block level Disaster profiles
- Assessment of historical disaster events
- Real time monitoring of weather parameters
- Short- medium range forecast and extreme event alerting
- Analysis Evaluation of forecast performance
- Generation of risk based information on the basis of the weather forecast at different time scales
- Integration of EDEN SAHANA for response and resource allocation – work under progress

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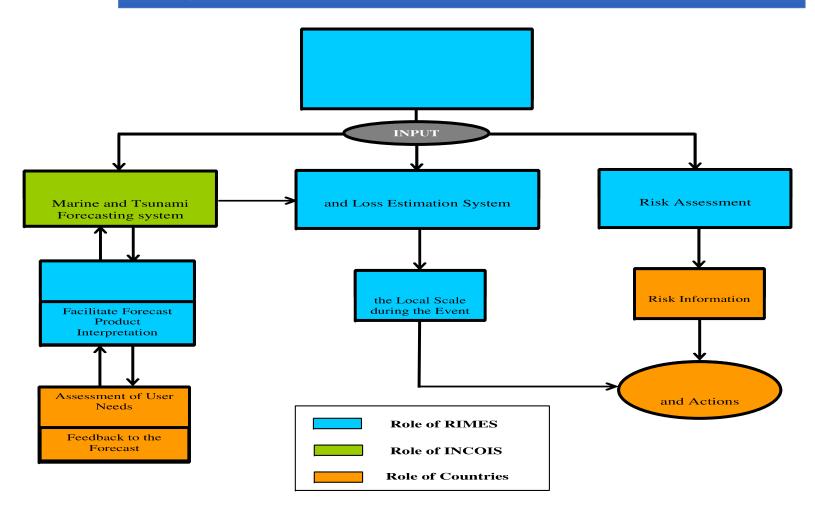
## Ocean state forecast and Information System

- Web based tool developed and customized for Seychelles
  - ocean state forecast at three days lead time
  - Collaboration with INCOIS, India
  - forecast for wind, current, swell wave period information
- Alert and warning messages based on thresholds for selected forecast points
- Real time Buoy data and drift alert
- IOC sea level stations monitoring



## **INCOIS RIMES Collaborative Framework**

INTEGRATED OCEAN SERVICES: Development and customization of country-relevant ocean information





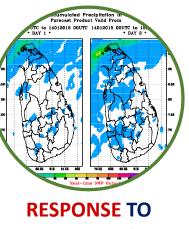
## **INCOIS RIMES Collaborative Framework**

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Integrated Ocean Information and Forecast System Maldives					
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Home					
Forecast Products	Indian Ocean Forecast System (INDOFOS)				
Wave					
Wave period	The Maldives, having a coastline of 644 km, is a tropical nation in the Indian Ocean comprising 26 coral atolls, which are made up of hundreds of islands. It is known for its beaches, blue lagoons and extensive reefs. The water depths just beyond the reefs can drop even				
Swell	upto 2000 m. Maldives being a low lying nation, is under the constant threat of coastal inundation by distantly generated swell waves.				
Swell period	There is also a risk of sea water inundation during extreme tides e.g. perigean spring tides. Even though cyclone risk is minimal, the sea conditions are rough during the southwest monsoon season. The island communities (particularly fishermen, ports and harbours, tourism				
<sup>∞</sup> Wind	departments, defence, coast guard and shipping), require timely and accurate forecast information on ocean state and marine				
<sup>∼</sup> Sea Surface	meteorological parameters.				
Temperature	To cater to these needs, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India developed an integrated high resolution ocean forecasting system				
Mixed Layer Depth	for Maldives. The forecast is available to the users three days in advance at 3-6 hour temporal resolution for wind, waves, currents, temperature in map form for the region. These forecasts are updated daily on operational basis. Since the latitudinal extent of these islands				
Surface Currents	is high, these forecasts are again sub-divided conveniently for the user for the Northern, Central and Southern Maldives				
Location Specific	In addition, location specific forecast products are available for the following locations				
∼ High Wave Alert	Northern Maldives				
-	1. Baa				
Oil Spill Advisory	2. Haaalifu				
	3. Hanimadhoo				
	4. Lhaviyani				
	5. Noonu				
	6. Raa				
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# **Evolution of products and Application**





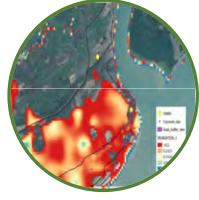
## DEMANDS



UPTAKE OF SEASONAL INFORMATION



NEEDS-BASED DEMAND ARTICULATION



INTEGRATION OF GEO-HAZARD INFORMATION

#### SEASONAL FORUM EVOLUTION



UPTAKE OF MULTI-TIMESCALES INFORMATION FOR RESOURCES AND RISKS MANAGEMENT



**Forecast of various timescales** 

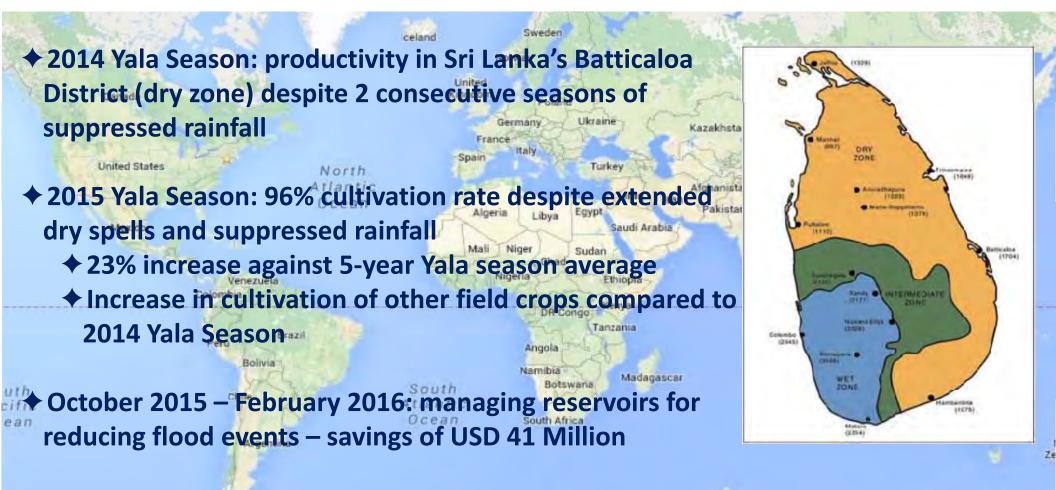


DEVELOPMENT OF FORECAST OF DIFFERENT TIMESCALES IN SRI LANKA BASED ON MONSOON FORUM STAKEHOLDER DEMANDS

ENHANCEMENTS IN SPATIAL FORECAST RESOLUTION WERE ALSO INTRODUCED BY DOM; FORECAST FOR SPECIFIC SECTORS EVOLVED

#### **INFORMED RESOURCES AND RISKS MANAGEMENT**

#### **Circumventing forecast information into economic gains – examples from Sri Lanka**





## SRI LANKA: Water Management for Agriculture Department of Irrigation

Seasonal/Mon thly Outlook from DOM

 below normal rainfall for 1<sup>st</sup> intermonsoon

- DOI convened joint meeting with DOA
- improving
   productivity in the
   wet zone
- water saving techniques in the Dry Zone
- Issued Department Circular for regulating water releases and issuance of advisories to farmers

Provided advisory to farmers

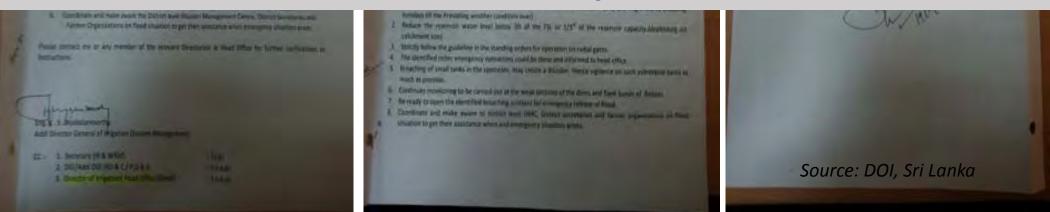
- In Batticaloa, farmers were advised not to wait for rainfall; start planting immediately to take advantage of available water
- Advised farmers to reduce cultivation extent
- Advised farmers to plant early maturing varieties
- Provided irrigation support

Farmers apply information

- Farmers planted immediately in March and harvested in July
- Recorded very good production



## Institutional decision for regulating the release of water in reservoirs for reducing probability of flooding, guided by information of potential for above normal rainfall for October 2015 – February 2016



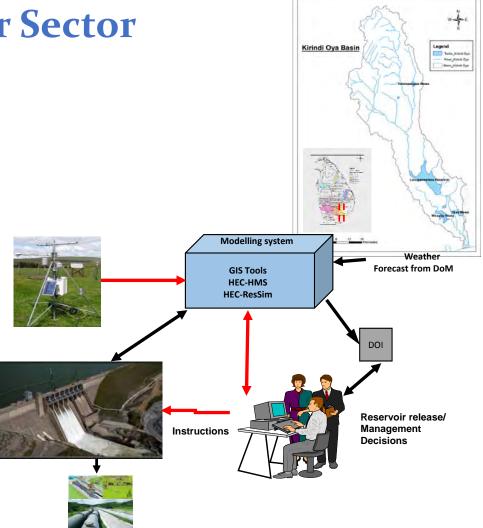


## **DSS for Water Sector**

Development of decision support system to connect seasonal climate information with irrigation and agriculture: Case study in Kirindi Oya basin, Sri Lanka

#### **Objectives:**

- To develop, a mechanism to issue timely flood warning and, a suitable institutional/coordination arrangement to manage floods
- To establish an improved reservoir operation and management plans, which incorporate and synchronize the role of large, medium and small water storages, to mitigate the impact of floods
- To build the capacity of Irrigation Department to operate reservoirs and manage the river basin with a flood management objective



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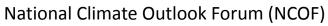
# System Components

- A DSS that is capable of integrating rainfall outlook and forecast information and provide probable inflow to Lunugamwehera reservoir based on seasonal, 10 days and 3 days forecast
- A hydrological model as per the requirement of DoI and link DoM rainfall forecast at different time scales to generate hydrological forecasts
- A reservoir simulation model

## **Other Activities**







Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Maldives, Myanmar, Bangladesh, India (Uttar Pradesh)



South Asia Seasonal Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF)



**Regional Training for Flood Forecasting in Transboundary River Basins** 



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