

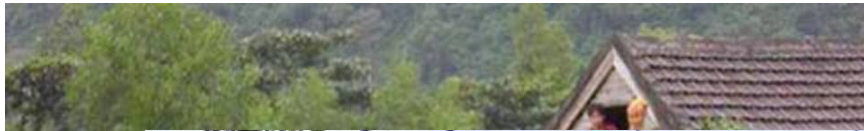
Risk identification and Preparedness

**Flood preparedness – Lesson learned from private
households in Vietnam**

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Flood event 14-17th Oct: 35 killed, 4 missing, 121 thousands houses submerged



Flood event 1-6th Nov: 15 killed, 6 missing, 41 thousands houses submerged

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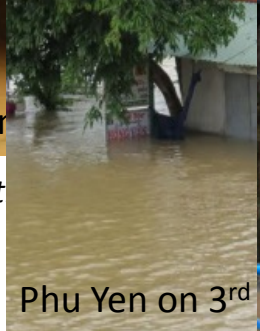
Hue on 14th Oct

Source: vnexpress



Ha Tinh on

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Binh Dinh on 3rd Nov

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SOME INFORMATION ABOUT FLOOD IN VIETNAM

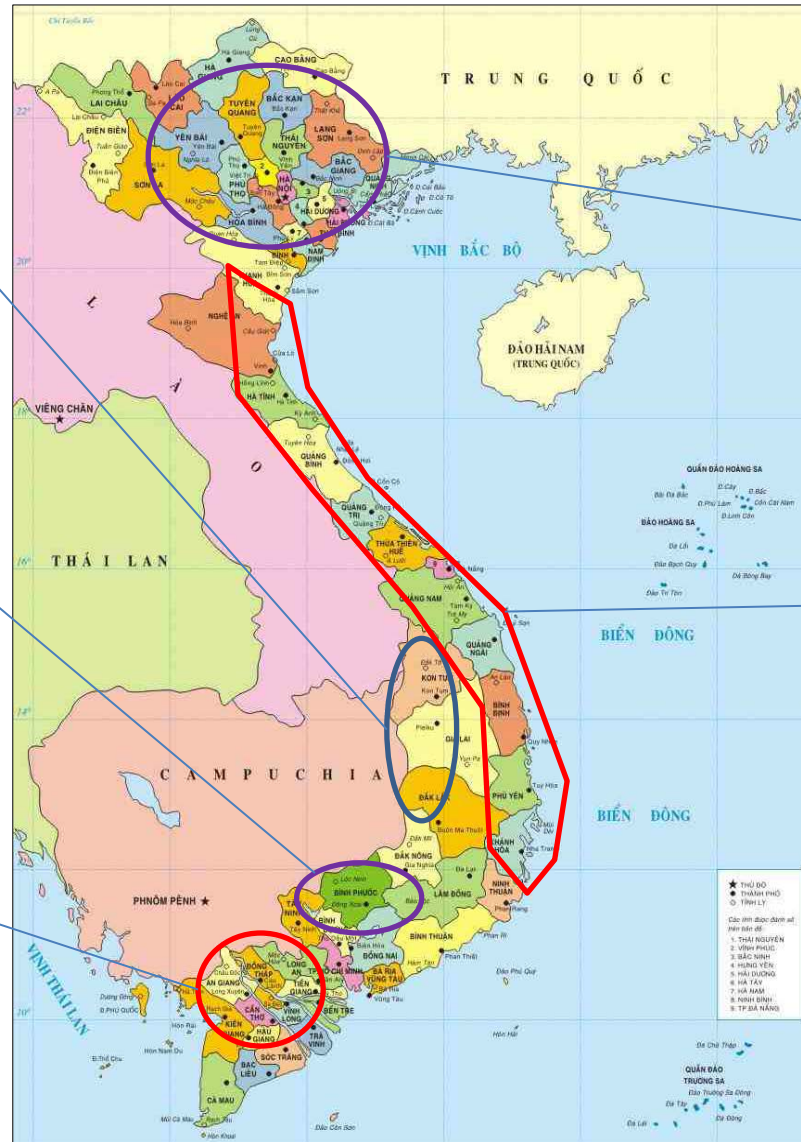
Flood in mountainous areas: Flash flood, very fast and strong

Flood in Southern river system: not strong but long-lasting, very rare

Flood in mekong delta: slow and last for a long period of 4 to 5 months annually

Flood in Northern river systems and areas: about 3 to 5 floods within the region annually, each of them may last from 8 to 15 days

Flood in central Vietnam: from June to October every year with amplitude of about 7-8m



- Flood reoccurs annually, it is the most severe natural disaster in Vietnam and a further increase in flood risk is projected
- Private flood preparedness measures are increasingly considered as promising adaptation strategy
- In Vietnam, the principle of Disaster management is four-on-the-spot:

Command on the spot, man-power on the spot, materials on the spot and logistics on the spot. Organizations, households and individuals have the responsibility to prepare actively under the guidance of the Government (Law of disaster prevention)

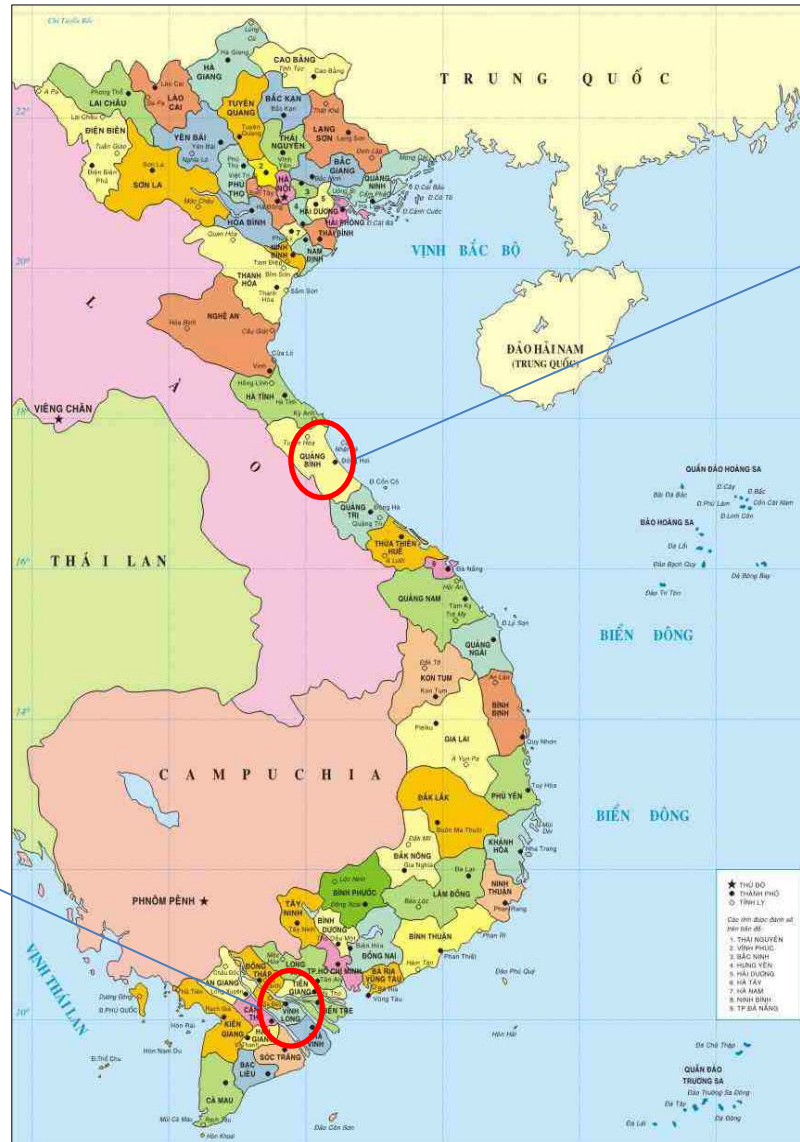
For Lifelong Learning and Resilience in Disaster Management, especially in flood management, more knowledge is needed about:

- *What is the current implementation level of flood preparedness measures?*
- *Can flood preparedness measures reduce flood damage?*
- *How to keep the awareness about flood preparedness over time*

STUDY AREA, APPROACH AND METHOD



Flood in Can Tho city, Mekong Delta



Flood in Quang Binh province

Media

Analysis

**Flood preparedness measures in
Can Tho city, Mekong delta**

FLOOD IN CAN THO IN 2011

Can Tho located in the Mekong delta.

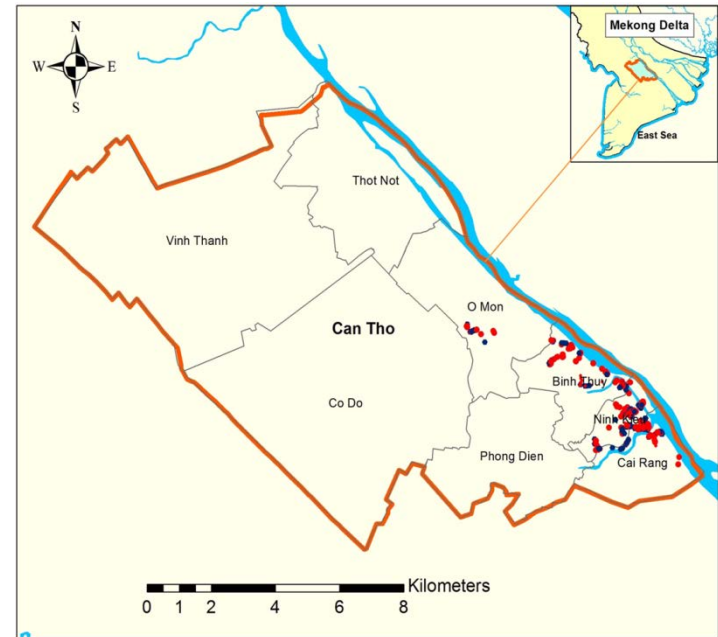
Area: 1390 sq. km

Population: 1.2 mil inhabitants

Recent flood events: in 2000, 2001, 2002,
2011

2011 in Can Tho: riverine flood and tidal
flood.

Flood lasted for 4 months. Water depth
from 0.2 to 1m.

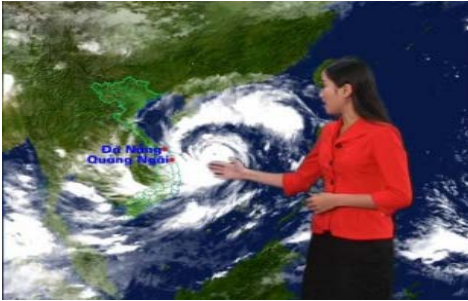


- ❖ 480 private households and 378 businesses interviewed
- ❖ 70 questions for households and 88 questions for businesses
- ❖ Questionnaire covered the following topics: Flood characteristic, preparedness, early warning and emergency measures, damage to household and business, recovery, risk perception



PREPAREDNESS MEASURES

Information



Collecting information



Neighborhood networks

Flood adapted use



No expensive furniture



Water resistant usage

Building measures



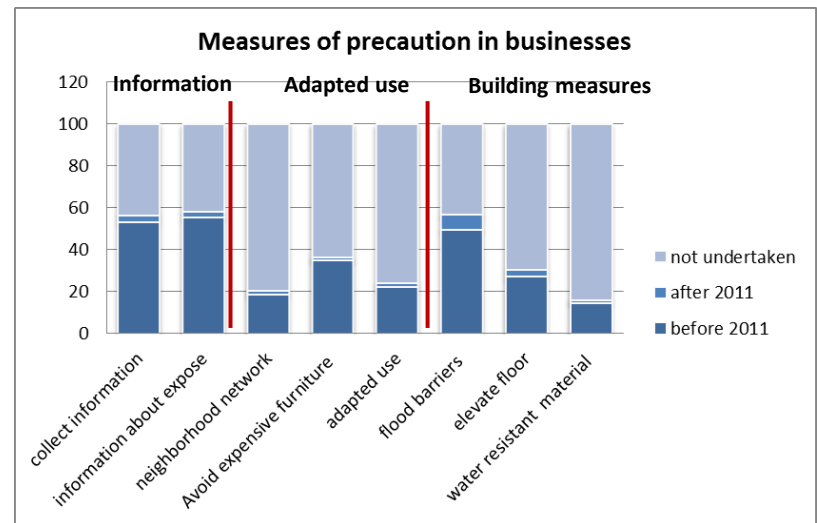
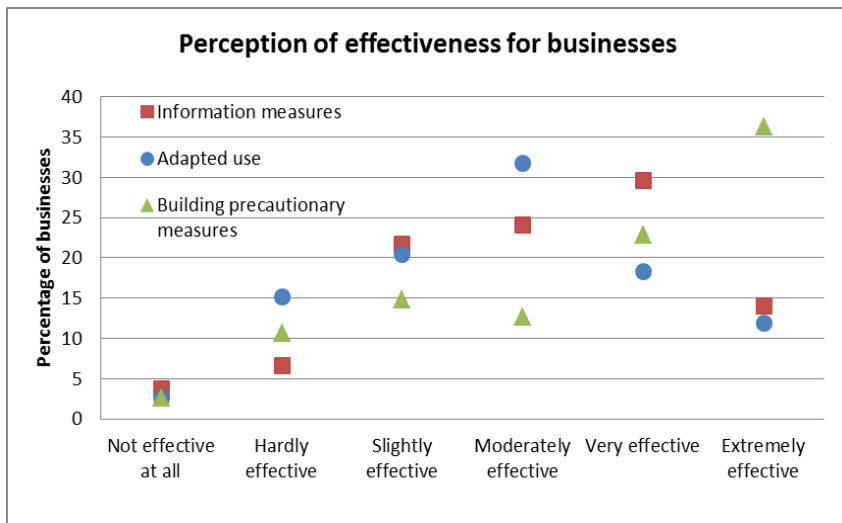
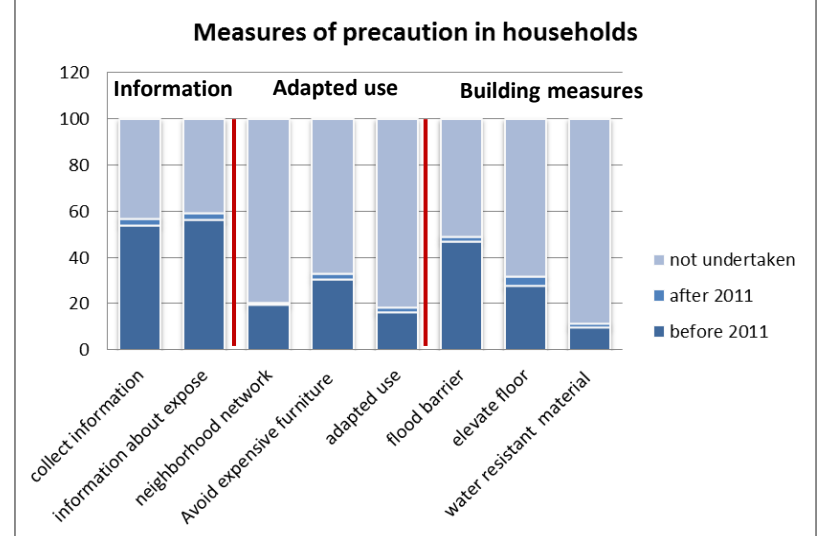
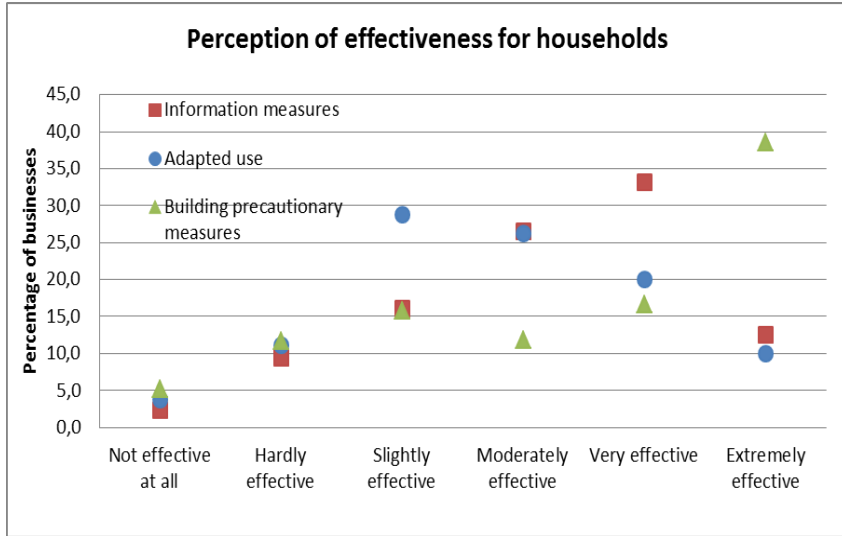
Flood barrier



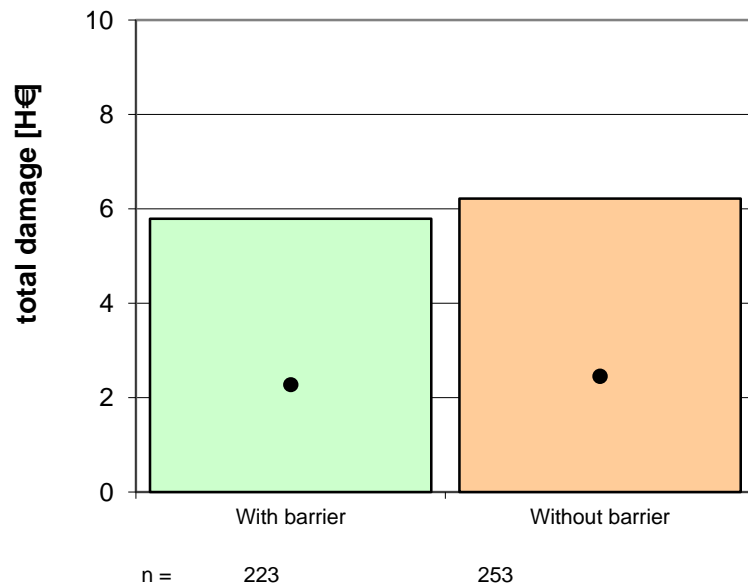
Elevating floor

	Motivation	Percentage of interviews
Experience	Households	74
	Businesses	65
Owner	Households	96
	Businesses	86
Perception of effectiveness	Households	87
	Businesses	86

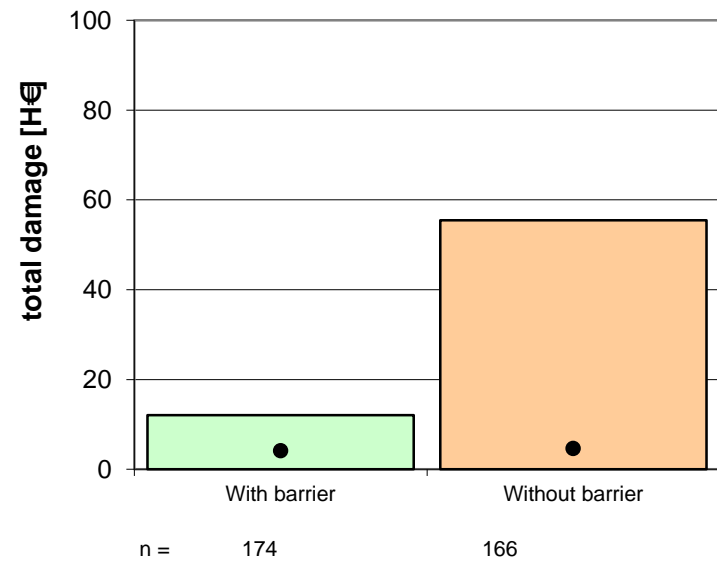
CAN THO



Households in Can Tho



Businesses in Can Tho



**Flood preparedness measures in
Quang Binh province, central region**

FLOOD IN QUANG BINH IN 2016



Recent flood events: Flood from 14-17th October and from 1-6th November, 2016

Water depth: 0.5-2.5m

Flood from rain and riverine flood

Pictures and information from social media, for example Facebook.

Pictures and information newspapers such as vietnamnet, vnexpress, nguoi-laodong, dantri, zing, soha....

Website of Nhachonglu – a Civil society group to support float houses for flood areas

Website of Phongchongthientai – Department of natural disaster prevention and control

Information



Collecting information



Neighborhood networks



Social media network

Flood adapted use



Private boat



Water resistant usage

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Floating houses



Upstair houses



Upstairs houses and floating houses saved people and asset during the flood in Quang Binh

According to the report of Nhachonglu 100% floating houses in Quang Binh worked effectively during the flood

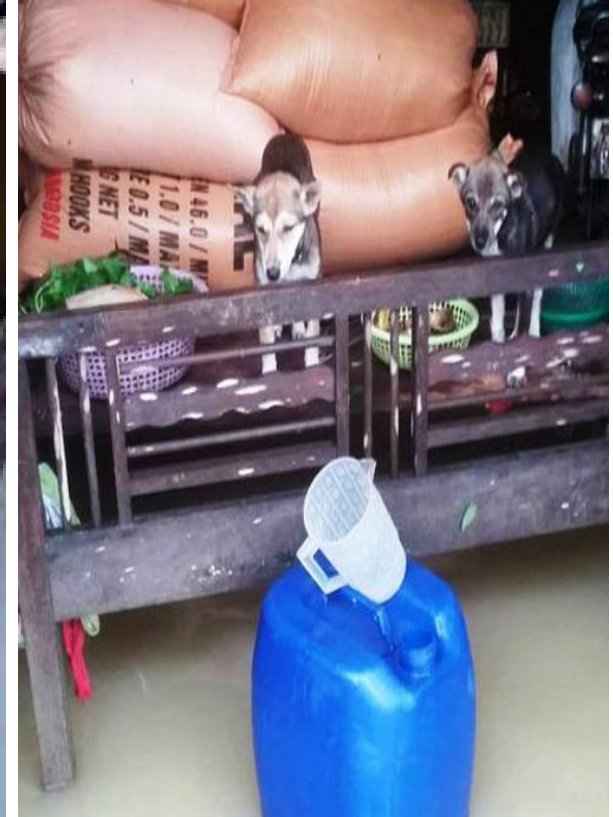
EMERGENCY MEASURES



Source: Nguoilaodong



Source: Vnexpress



Source: Vietnamnet

- ❖ Private preparedness measures were undertaken both in Can Tho and Quang Binh and they are significantly mitigating damage. However, operational application of such measures still needs to be improved.
- ❖ One important factor influencing the motivation to undertake private measures is flood experience.
- ❖ Thus, in areas with no regular flooding, one should make better use of past flood experience.

To keep the awareness over time, it is recommended:

- To install or extend historical flood marks right after an event.
- To implement flood commemoration days and to carry out regular information gatherings.
- More efficient risk communication to promote incentives is essential.
- More knowledge exchange between similar flood risk regions via networking or social media is needed

Thank you for your attention!

Xin chân thành cảm ơn!

