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## APN PROJECT-CBA2012-03NMY-RASUL CLIMATE-WATER NEXUS OF PAKISTAN

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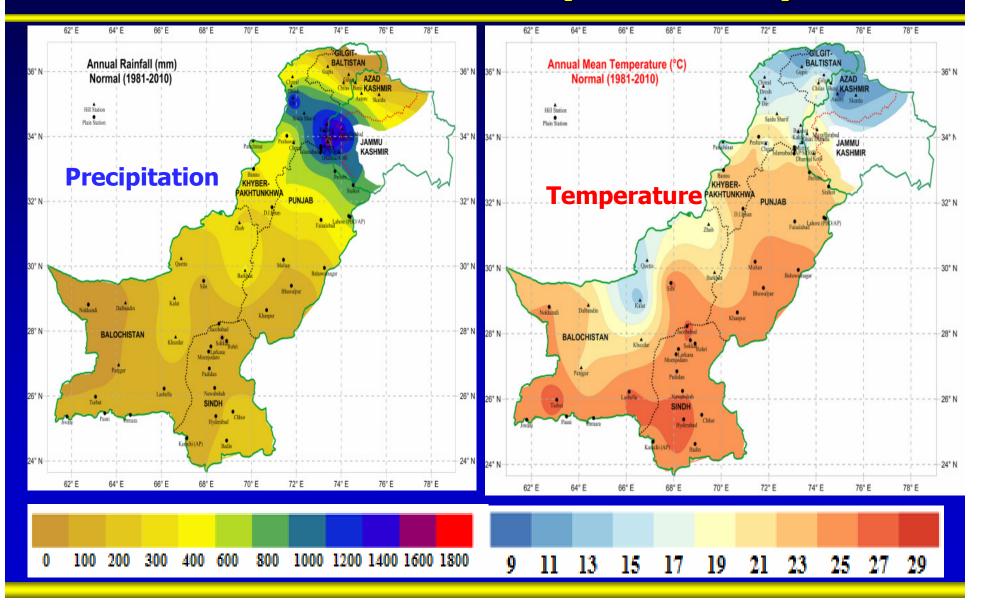
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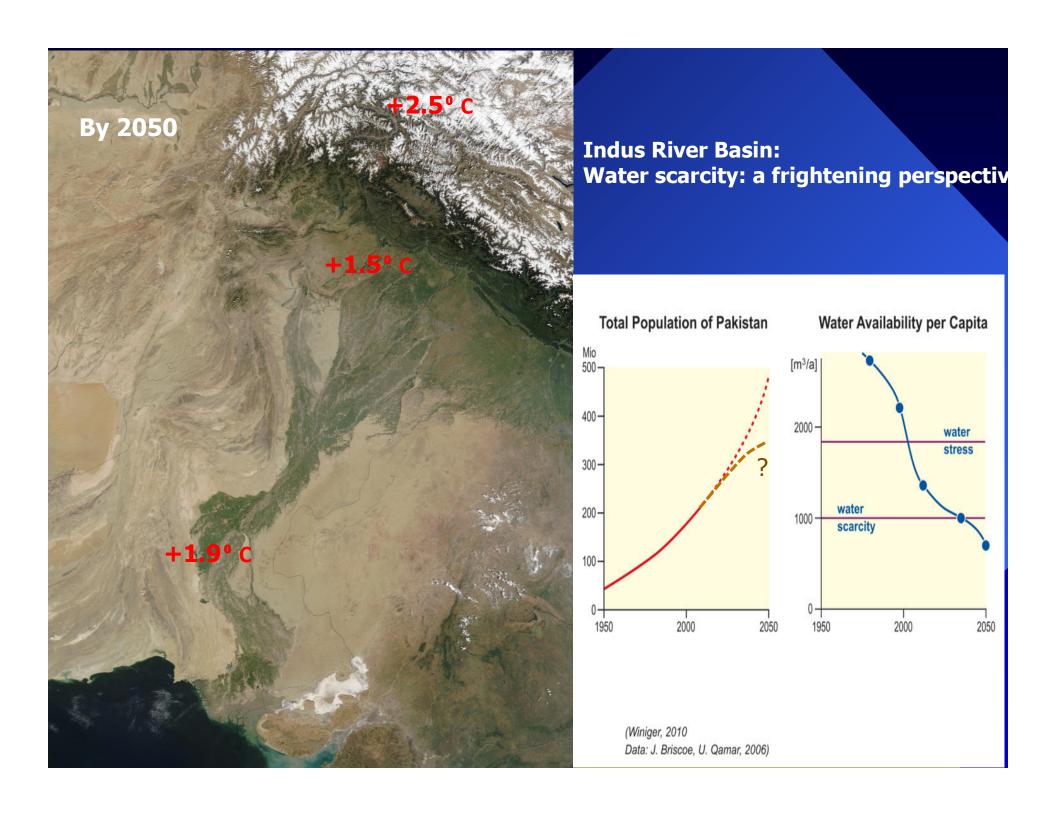
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## Climate of Pakistan (1981-2010)





### **Challenges**

- > Frequent floods and drought inflict serious damages on socio-economic conditions
- ➤ Inadequate storage capacity of water in reservoirs from rain and snow/glacier to cater the needs of dry season.
- > Depleting ground water reserves because of increased pressure on pumping for irrigation but lagging recharge
- Conventional adherence to high water demanding crops such as rice and sugarcane despite the water shortages
- ➤ Low efficiency of conventional irrigation system and least adoption of irrigation efficient techniques
- ➤ Lagging pace of research in developing new varieties best suited to the ongoing and future changes in climate
- Urbanization on the agricultural lands

## **Vision & Policy Interventions**

- Construction of dams for flood control, irrigation and power generation
- Encourage local industry on water and energy saving equipment
- New agro-ecological zones has to be identified with recommendation of climate resilient crops
- Rain water harvesting, ponding and new irrigation efficient practices will be encouraged through subsidies
- Research communities to keep pace with climate change
- •Climate policy of Pakistan (approved in 2012) will be implemented in letter and spirit

### **Ongoing Projects**

- 1. Impact of Climate Change on Melting Glaciers and Water Cycle Variability in Asian River Basin. Funding Agency APN
- 2. Differentiation of solid and Liquid Precipitation in Upper Indus Basin (UIB) for Hydrological Models. Funding Agency: DFID
- 3. Strengthening Flood Forecasting Capabilities in Pakistan. Funding Agency: UNESCO
- 4. Climate Change adaptation in water and agriculture: IDRC and DFID funding
- 5. Early Warning System for Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOF) in UIB. Funding Agency: UNDP
- 6. Flash Flood Guiding System for South Asia: Funded by HRC and WMO
- 7. Demonstration of adaptation technologies at watershed scale. USAID funding
- 8. AgMIP Pakistan Project for Inter-comparison of Climate, Agriculture and Economic Models. USA

# APN PROJECT-CBA2012-03NMY-RASUL Impact of Climate Change on Glacier Melting and Water Cycle Variability in Asian River Basins

- To improve climate change assessment and downscaling techniques;
- Building the capacity of member countries for climate projections;
- Training of professionals to apply WEB-DHM-S (Hydrological Model);
- Assessment of glacier melt and hydrological regime shift in the light of climate change scenarios;
- Assessment of water cycle variability and development of drought early warning system.

## **APN Project Activities**





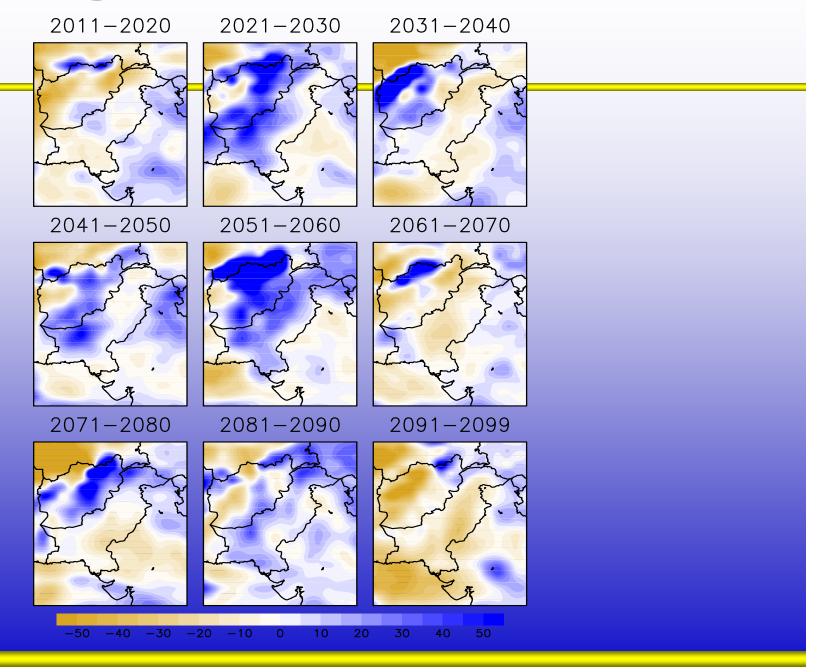




## AWCI Training Course on Improved Bias Correction and Downscaling Techniques for Climate Change Assessment/Drought Indices Tokyo, Japan, 18 – 20 June 2013



#### % Change of Monsoon Rainfall Under RCP 4.5

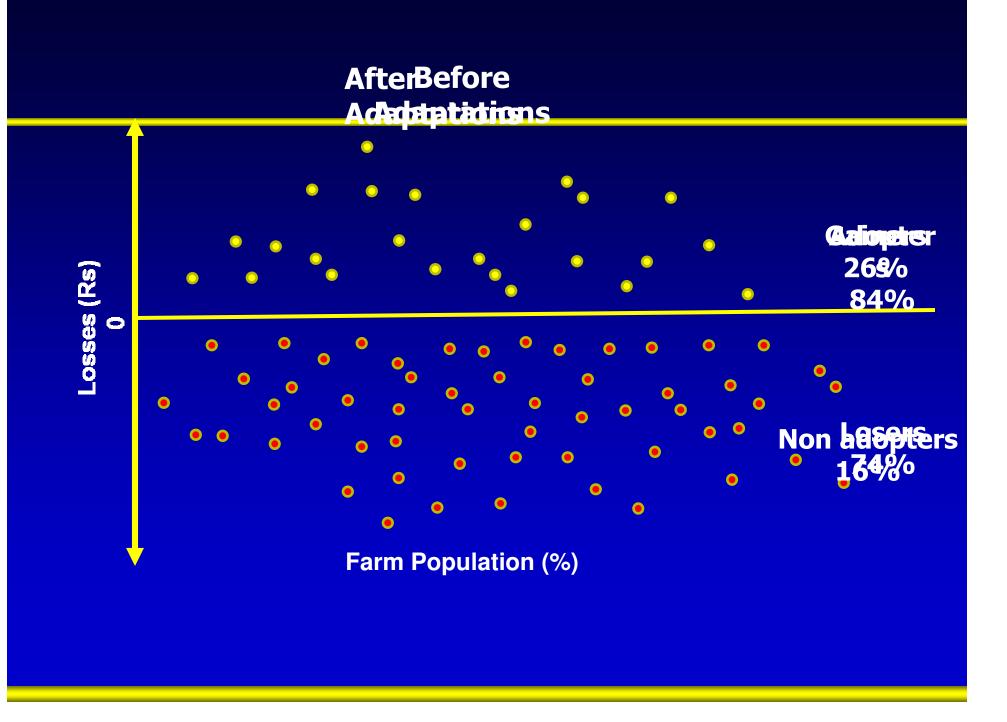


# Global AgMIP Project at University of Agriculture Faisalabad

#### **Solution to the Problem**

- A Comprehensive adaptation package was developed by combining
  - Bio-physical factors
  - Policy change
  - Socio-economic factors
  - Information Technology and others







#### **Create awareness**



## **Need for effective adaptation policy**



Climate Smart Technologies like
Efficient Irrigation Systems
and
change in cropping pattern etc.



Comprehensive research programs to address the climate change and climate variability to ensure food security and efficient resource management

#### **Roles & Responsibilities**

#### **Practicing Community**

- Actions
- Adjustments
- Management

#### Government

- Strengthen the Institutions
- Policy Support
- Infrastructure Development

#### Responsibilities

#### Society

- Awareness
- Public-private partnership
- Capacity Building

#### Global Partnership

- Sharing the Ideas
- Bearing the responsibilities
- Trade

# Thank You

