Climate Change Adaptation and Water Nexus Country Report, Sri Lanka

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### Gaouri Silva et al, UoP & UNU 1. Climate Change Impacts on Floods in the Lower Kelani River Basin and Adaptation



Basin Area = 2300 km<sup>2</sup>
Uppermost Elevation = 2250 m
Annual Rainfall = 3450 mm



Elevation distribution (DEM)

### Gaouri Silva et al, UoP & UNI Upper and Lower Kelani River Basins



Map from Department of Irrigation, Sri Lanka

### Gaouri Silva et al, *UoP & UNU* Models used

### Rainfall

Statistical Downscaling Model (SDSM) – for rainfall forecast under A2 & B2 scenarios of climate change

Calibration – 1961 to 1975, Validation – 1976 to 1990

#### Run off

- Hydrologic Engineering Center Hydrologic Modeling System (HEC-HMS) – for rainfall runoff simulations in the upper basin i.e., up to the entry to the lower basin
  - Calibration November 2005, Validation April, May & June 2008, May 2010 and 2005 to 2010
- ✤ FLO-2D for flood and inundation analysis in the lower basin
  - Calibration November 2005, Validation April 2008, June 2008 and May 2010

### Gaouri Silva et al, UoP & UNU SDSM Results – Upper Basin



# SDSM Results - Lower Basin



## **Frequency Analysis**

### Gaouri Silva et al, UoP & UNU



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continuous, calibrated and validated



Discharge at Hanwella and rainfall at upper basin for November 2005 flood event

Discharge at Hanwella and rainfall at upper basin for April-May-June 2008

## **Flood modeling**

FLO-2D model 2500 Discharge / (m³/s) 2000 - calibrated and 1500 validated for 1000 500 2008 April-May floods 27-APr Rainfall / (mm) 0 10

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Time

2-May-08

Legend

0.8 m - 1.0 m 1.0 m - 3.5 m > 3.5 m

1-May

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# **Flood analysis** FLO-2D – for generate flood at lower catchment





Inundation extents due to 50 year return period rainfall under A2 scenario

Inundation extents due to 100 year return period rainfall under A2 scenario

## **Adaptation strategies**

- a) A levee of 1.0 m height and 10 m long from Ambathale to downstream
- b) Detention reservoirs; several marshy lands were identified from land use maps and converted in to detention reservoirs. (The water levels were decided according to the elevations of the surrounding grids in the GDS)





Developed marshy lands as detention reservoirs

## Inundation extents case (c) - with levee and detention basin





50 year return period rainfall under A2 scenario

100 year return period rainfall under A2 scenario

## Relative risk factor compared to no adaptation option

DS Division 5	0 yr flood	100 yr flood	
Biyagama	74%	75%	
Colombo	2%	81%	
Dompe	31%	60%	
Hanwella	70%	60%	
Homagama	68%	63%	
Kaduwela	23%	75%	
Kelaniya	44%	67%	
Kesbewa	10%	66%	
Kolonnawa	28%	95%	
Mahara	54%	50%	
Maharagama	12%	57%	
Padukka	53%	58%	
Sri Jayawardanapura	35%	87%	
Thimbirigasyaya	7%	76%	
Wattala	21%	56%	

## Samal et al *UoP & UNU* 2. Some other activities

 a) Climate Change Impacts on Rice Production and Adaptation Strategies
 SDSM for climate down scaling
 DSSAT crop model

 Advancing rice planting date by one month as an adaptation

> Growing environments Major irrigation (55 %) Minor irrigation (25%) Rainfed (20%)



Annual Rainfall 1,900 - 2,500 mm / year

South – West Monsoon Yala Season (May to September



North – East Monsoon Maha Season (November to February) Heavy Rains

# 2. Some other activities ..... Contd Climate Change Impacts on irrigated agriculture and adaptation Transbasin river diversions, increase of storages for irrigation for resilience







