

Lessons from Thailand 2011 flood : Specific implications for response and relief

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Lessons Learned

- **Unusual rainfall**
- **Management**
- **Infrastructure**

Climate

Difficult to predict and required :

- **Advance mathematical models for prediction**
- **More observation stations**
- **Comprehensive information system**
- **Decision making process**

Climate : Thai Case

- **Establishment of a single command**
- **Development of models for whether and Flood prediction**
- **Installation of observation network**
- **Integration of information system**
- **SCADA for control of key infrastructures**

Management

More responsive

Preparedness

Resilience/ Adaptation

Change of Mind-set

Management : Thai Case

- **Shift to a more balance between Irrigation and flood protection**
- **Focus on basin approach**
- **Appropriate measures for upper watershed, middle reach and lower reach of river system**
- **Land use planning and protection of vital economic areas**

Infrastructure

Design criteria

Design standard

Re-engineering

Infrastructure : Thai Case

- **Road**
- **Dredging**
- **Bank protection**
- **Sluice gate**
- **Bridge**



Road obstructing surface run-off



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**Original shape of the
canal**



After dredging



Construction of Flood Wall









Sluice gate for irrigation not for flood control



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Inappropriate design of Bridge Abutment



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Bridge footing obstruct channel flow



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Uncleared and wrong alignment of Bridge support



Encroachment of canal



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Flood diversion channel

- **Similarity between highway and waterway**
- **More emphasis on land transportation than inland water way**

Flood diversion channel : Thai Case

- **Construction of by-pass, motor way and widening of road surface**
- **Filling up of canal and encroachment of water way**
- **Raising embankment instead of widening of water channel**



Flood Protection : 10 Modules

Module A1, B1



Module A2, B2



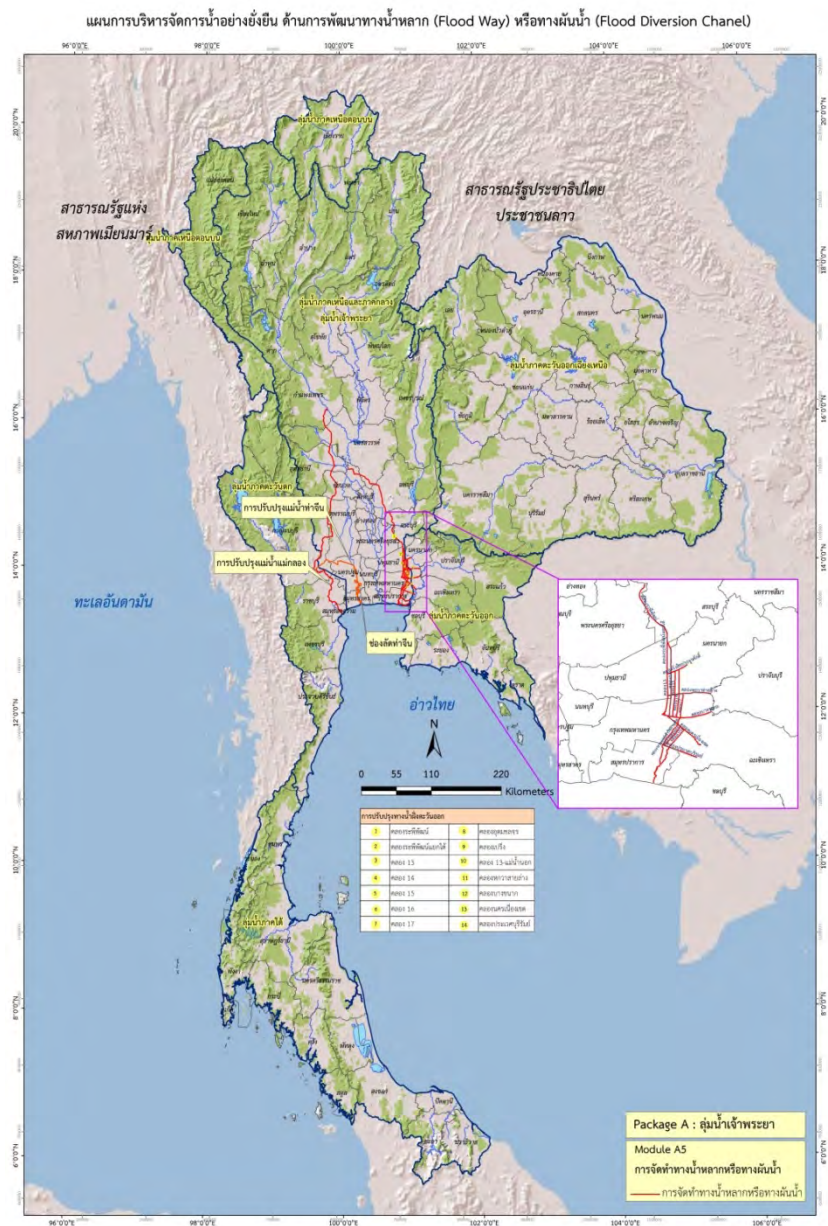
Module A3



Module A4 B3



Module A5



Module A6, B4



Conclusion

In view of climate change and more frequent occurrence of extreme events, the design criteria and standard of infrastructure which have direct impact on flooding must be seriously revised, and management perception must also be changed.

Thank you