



Preparing for disasters: Drought

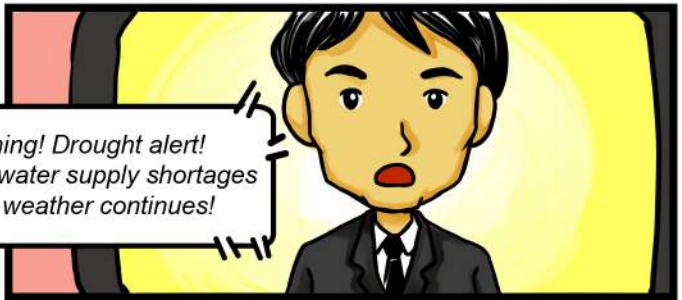
A road to resilience in Southeast Asia



In a small farming village just outside Safety City...



...Fah and Ton's favourite TV show is suddenly interrupted!



Warning! Drought alert! Potential water supply shortages if dry weather continues!



Oh no! We're doomed! We're all going to die without water and food



Don't worry Fah! I have worked with our neighbours and the local authorities to develop an emergency drought response plan!

Pheh!



I know lots of ways we can save water and food, every day



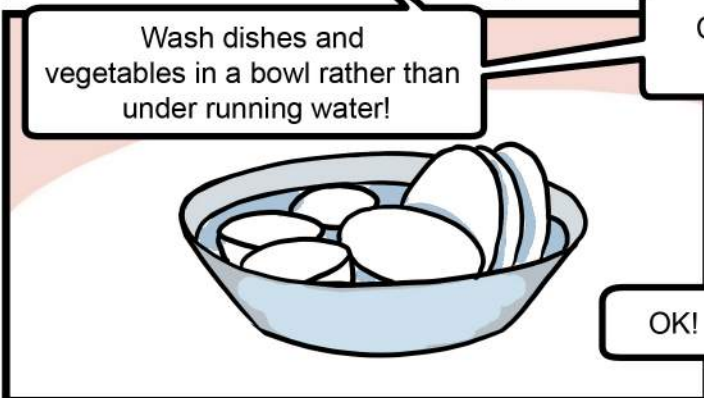
Turn off taps when brushing your teeth!

That's easy!

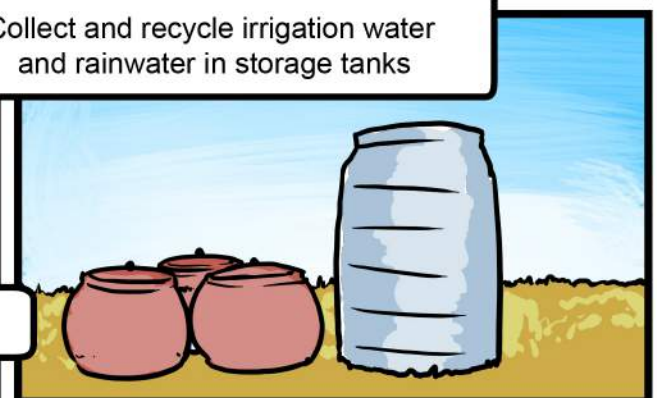


Take shorter showers!

I can do that!

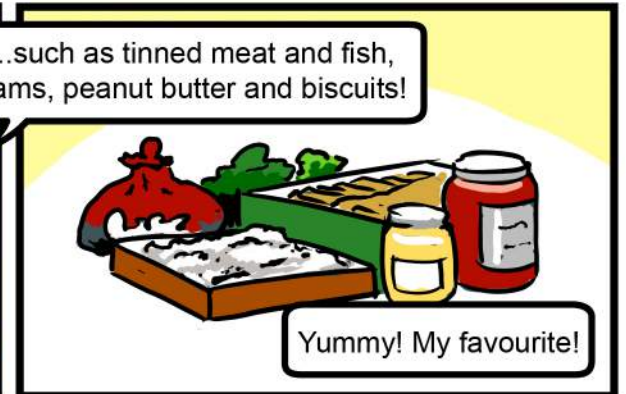


Wash dishes and vegetables in a bowl rather than under running water!



Collect and recycle irrigation water and rainwater in storage tanks

OK!



Below is a list of things to remember if there is a drought. Study it well, these tips could make all the difference for you and your family!

- Take part in risk and capacity mapping and drought preparedness planning
- Clean dishes and vegetables in a bowl and recycle washing water for plants
- Inspect pipes and taps for leaks and repair them
- Turn off taps when brushing teeth or shaving
- Take shorter showers
- Cover wells and water storage to reduce evaporation
- Store dry and tinned food as well as grains
- Look for alternative sources of income to fill the food gap
- Plant trees – especially species that need little water



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