



## Global threats impacting drinking water



**Figure: Links** between Climate Change, Water Quantity and Quality, and Human Exposure to Water-Related Illness. Source: U.S. Global Change Research Program https://health 2016.globalch ange.gov/wate r-relatedillness



## Impacts of global and local risks

The combination of increased nutrient loading and changes in temperature (due to climate variability and change) can result in algal blooms which can impact reservoirs and downstream water treatment plants



Picture Explanation: China's Chao Lake has been heavily polluted by agricultural operations. Photo credit: Cy Jones, WRI. Source: WRI <u>http://www.wri.org/blog/2012/08/tools-improve-water-quality</u>

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#### Water utilities control



#### **Catchment Treatment Distribution Consumers**

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# What is Water Safety Planning?

#### It is a comprehensive risk assessment and risk management approach that

encompasses all steps in the water supply from catchment to consumer





## **Climate resilient water safety planning**

- Water safety plan (WSP) process offers a systematic framework to manage climate risks by considering the implications of climate variability and change
- Guidance provided by WHO on how climate considerations can be integrated into WSP
- Will provide greater resilience to the current and predicted impacts of climate change and variability on water supplies.
- Flood and Drought Project looking at how water utilities can understand and use climate information in WSPs





# Impacts of Floods and Droughts on water supply system





- Why? Increasing frequency, unpredictability and severity of flood and drought events. A need for adaptive planning and management of water resources at basin and local level
- **How?** Developing web-based tools to support planning and decisions to address flood and drought risks from the transboundary basin to water utility level
- Who? The project is being implemented by UNEP; Executed by DHI and IWA from June 2014 to June 2018. End users are water resource agencies and water utilities.
- Where? Technical applications are being tested across 3 pilot basins (Volta, Lake Victoria and Chao Phraya).

## Global approach to local application

Global approach

Tools/guidelines

#### Local application



Freely available tools supporting planning at transboundary and local level

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## **Flood and Drought Portal**



Planning steps supported with technical applications assessable from the Flood and Drought Portal, <u>www.flooddroughtmonitor.com</u>

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