



# Adapting to climate change and reducing the risk of exposure to natural disasters

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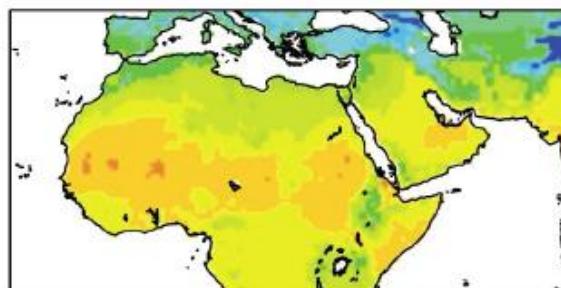
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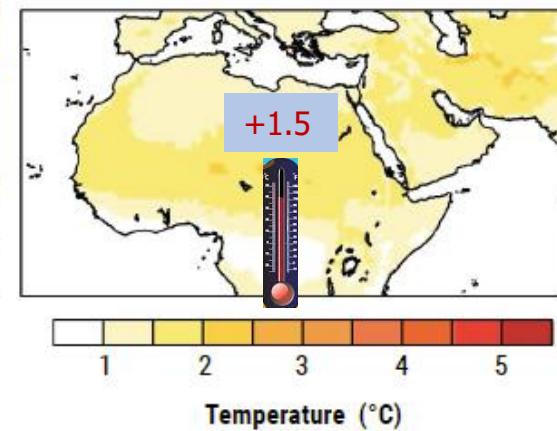
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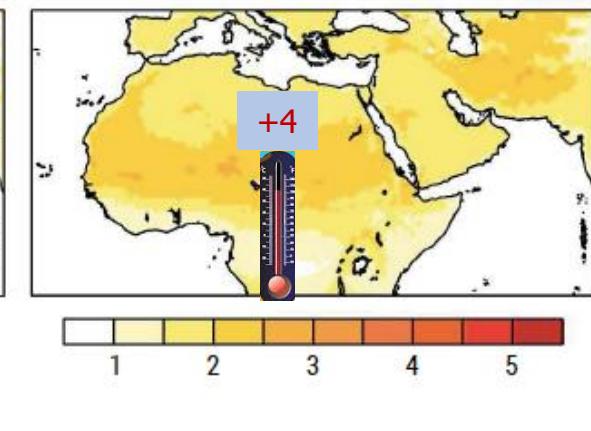
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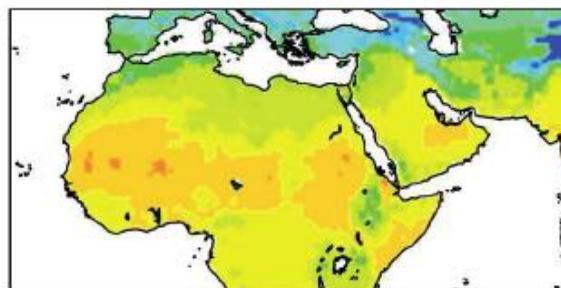
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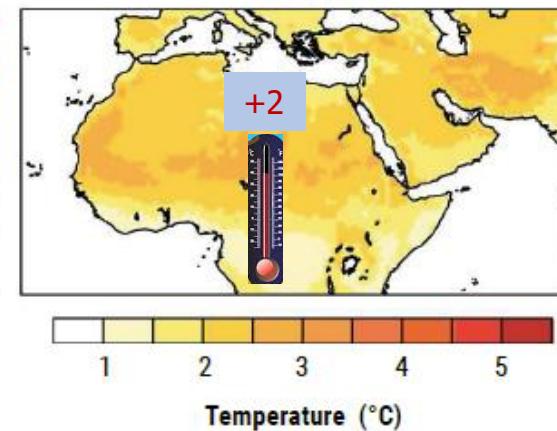
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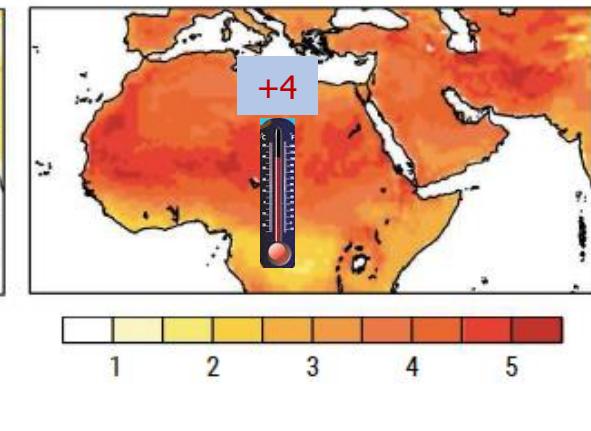
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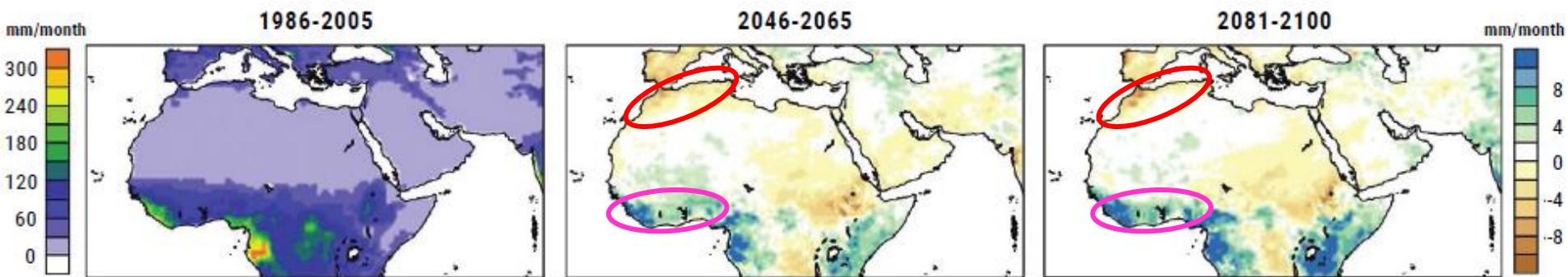
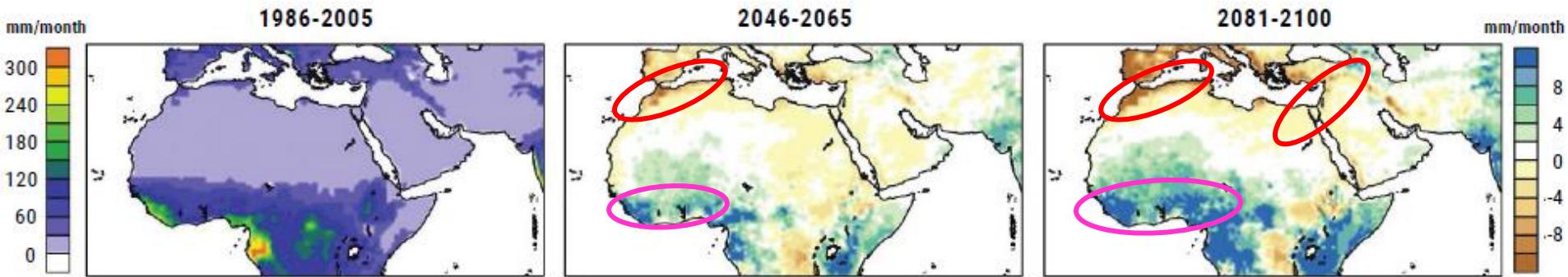
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# Mean change in precipitation

**RCP 4.5****RCP 8.5**

# Extreme events indices

Extreme temperature indices		Extreme precipitation indices	
Index	Full name	Index	Full name
SU	Number of summer days	CDD	Maximum length of dry spell
SU35	Number of hot days	CWD	Maximum length of wet spell
SU40	Number of very hot days	R10	Annual count of 10 mm precipitation days
TR	Number of tropical nights	R20	Annual count of 20 mm precipitation days
		SDII	Simple precipitation intensity index

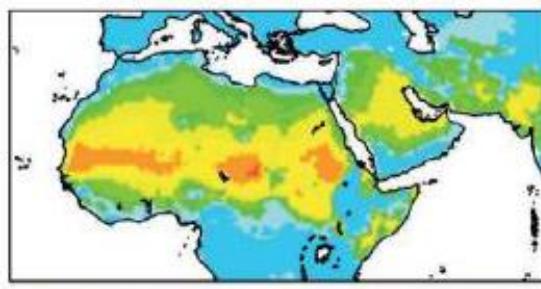


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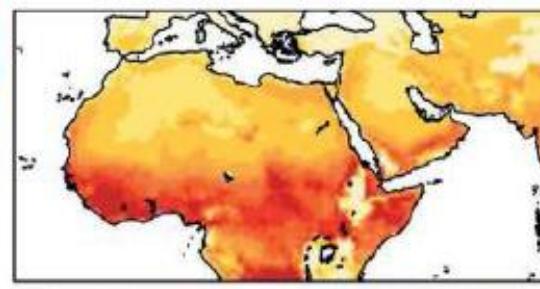
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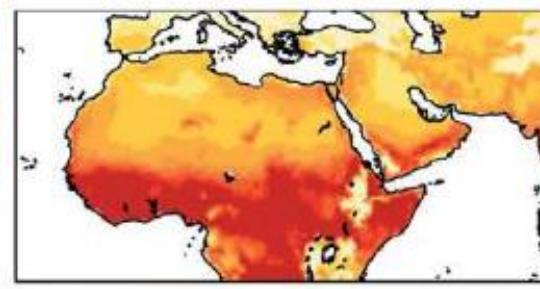
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Number of days/year

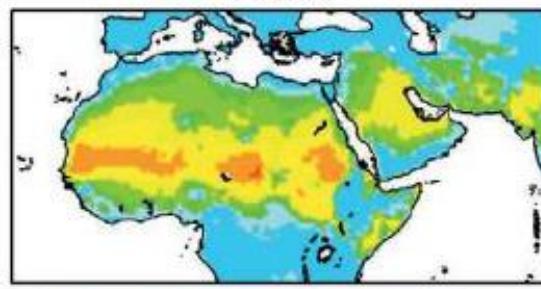
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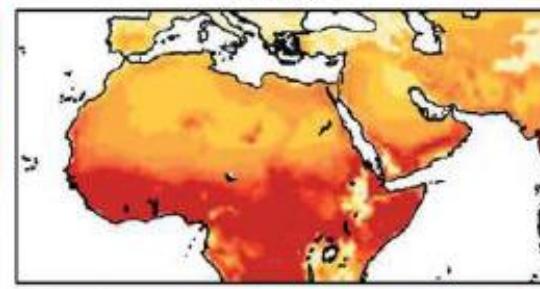
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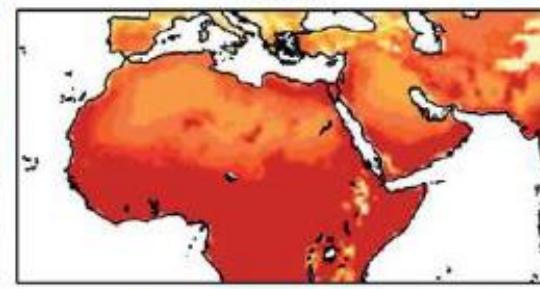
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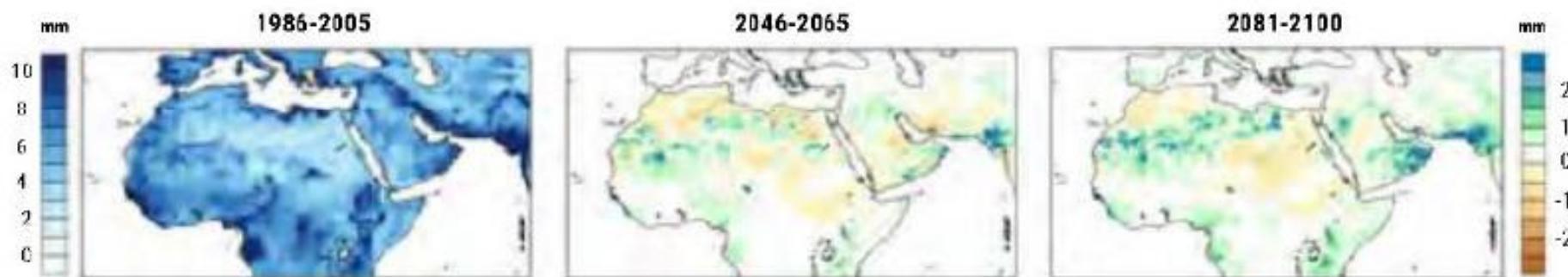
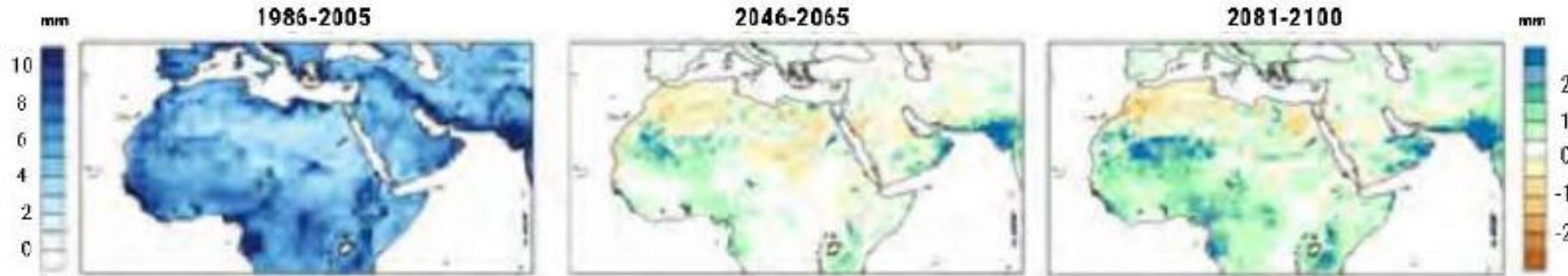
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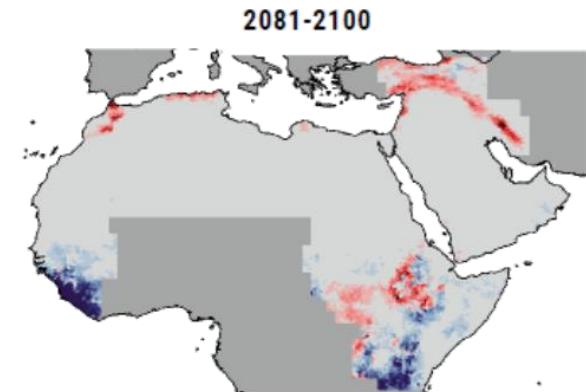
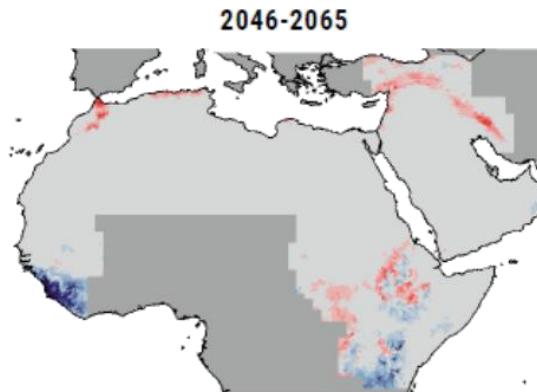
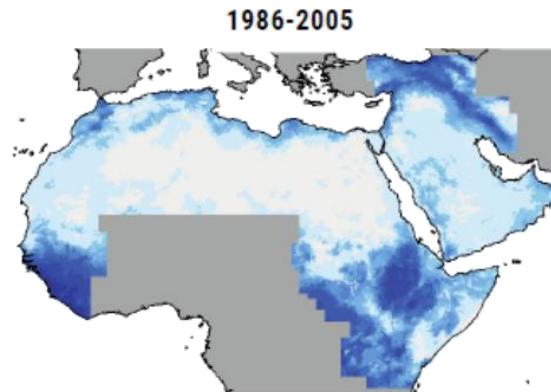
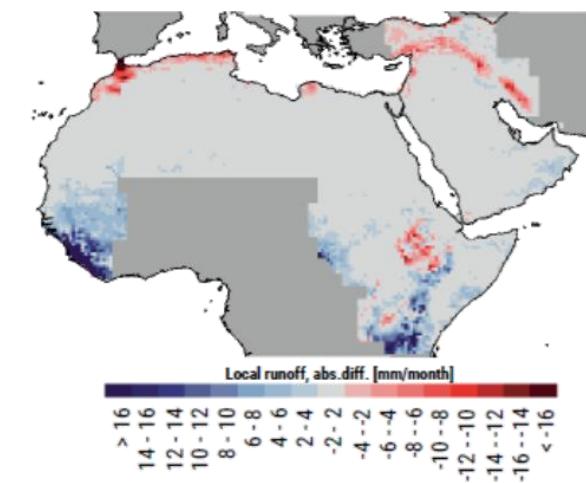
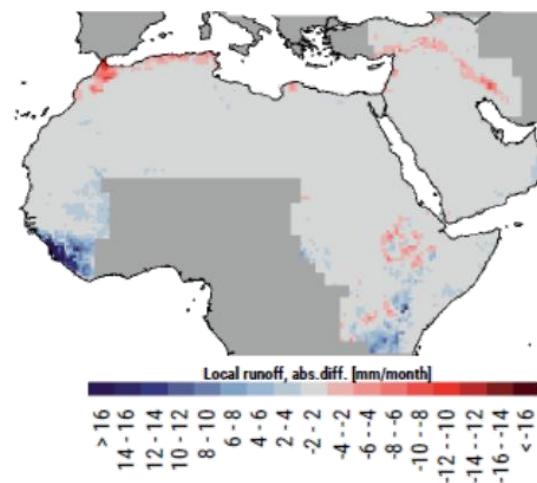
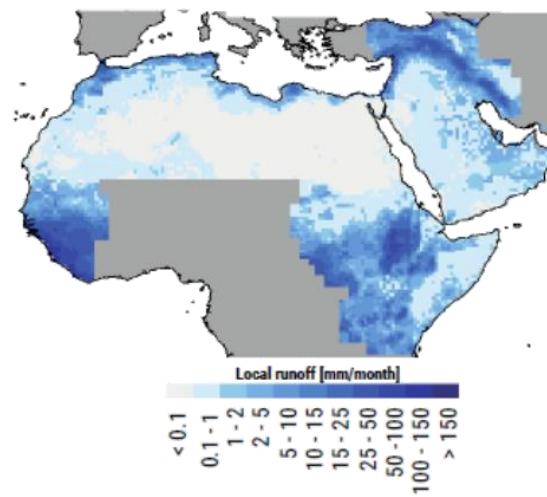
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# Intense Rainfall – SDII

**RCP 4.5****RCP 8.5**

# Mean change in annual runoff

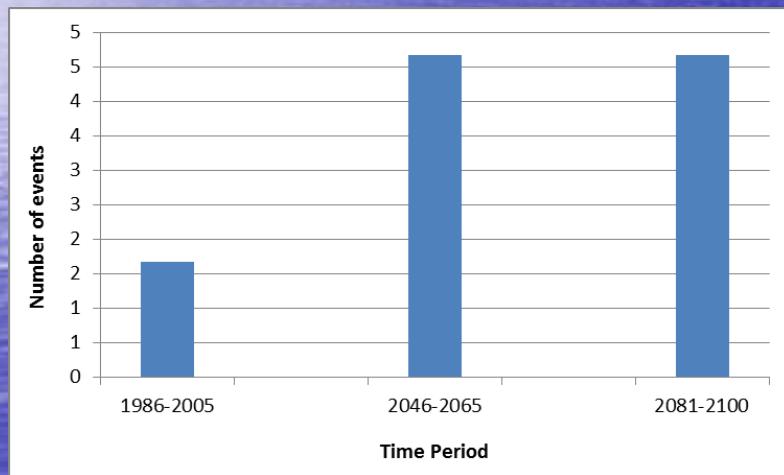
**RCP 8.5****HYPE MODEL****VIC MODEL**

# Study Area

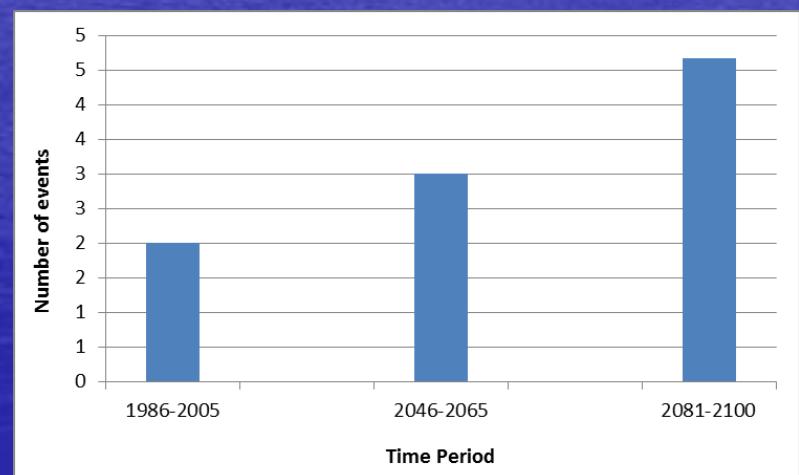


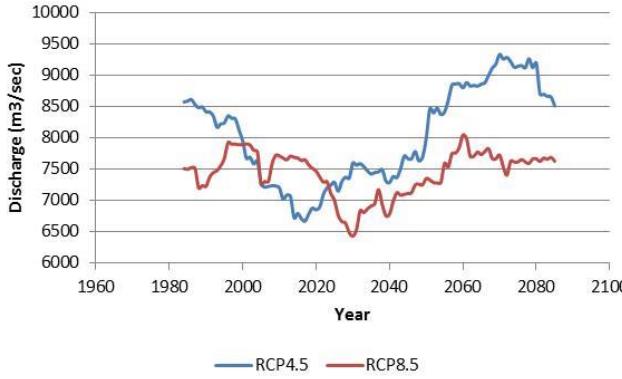
Number of extreme flood exceed 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of maximum daily value

## Scenario RCP4.5



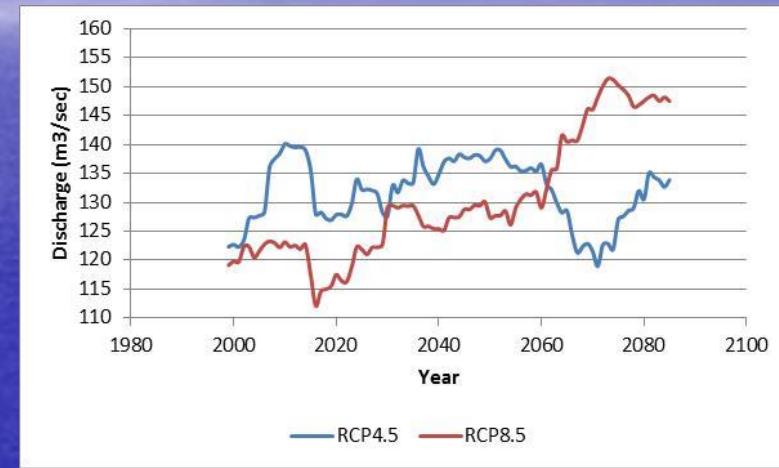
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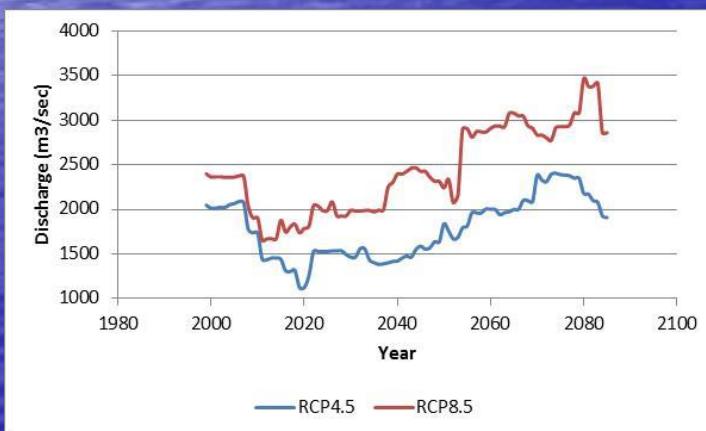


Mean ensemble change values  
for 100-year return period flood

### Medjerda River Basin



### Nahr el Kabir Al-Junoubi basin

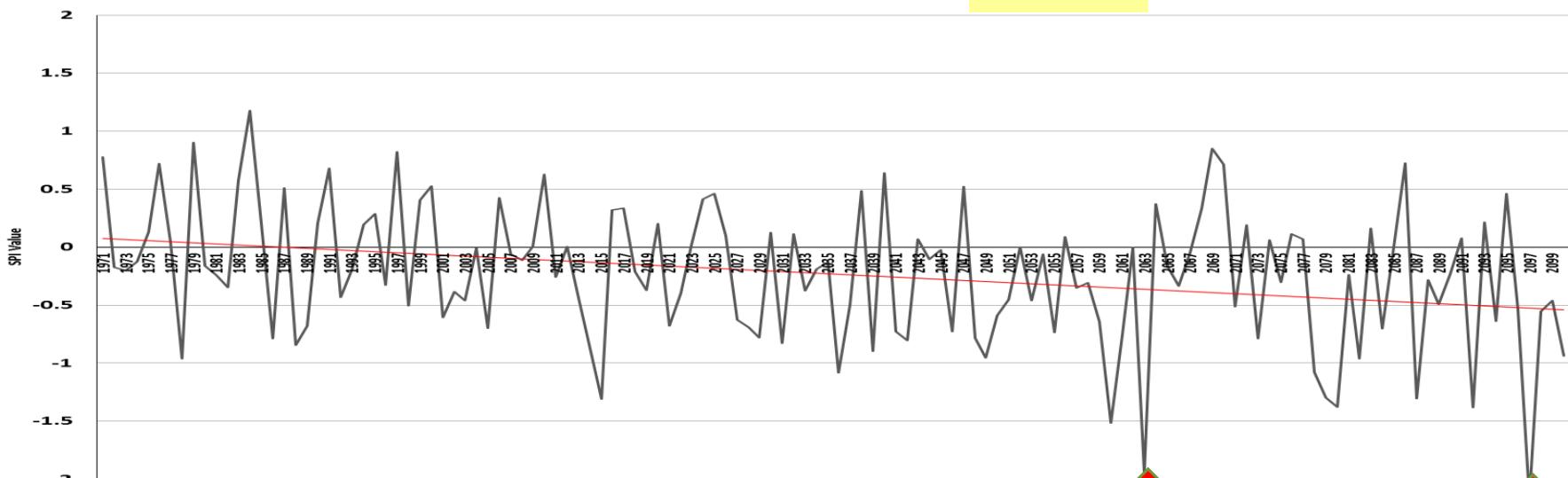


### Wadi Dayqah Basin



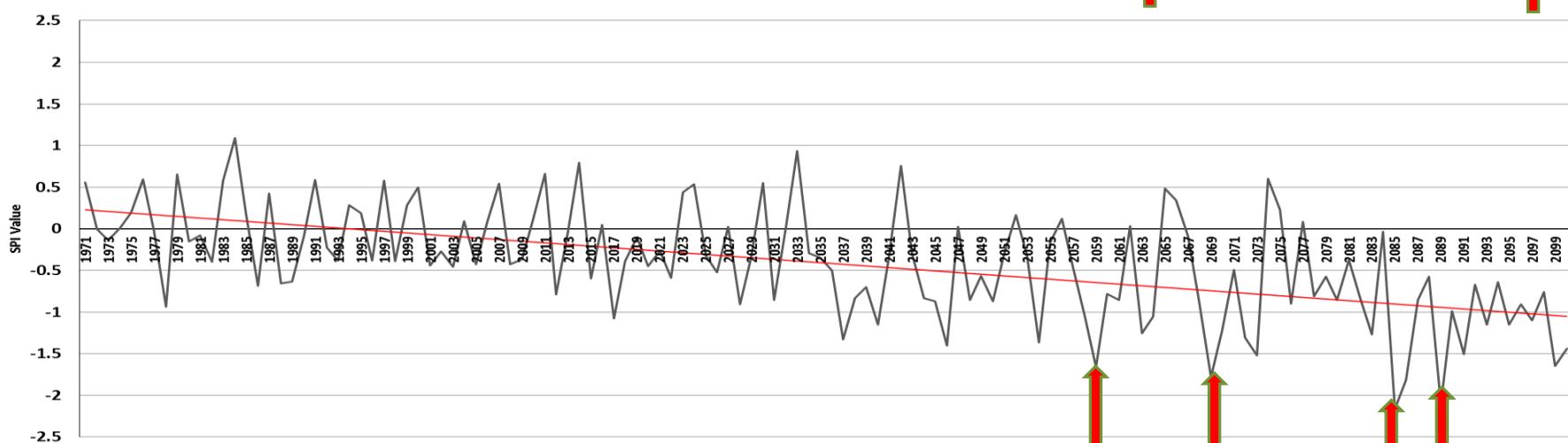
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RCP8.5





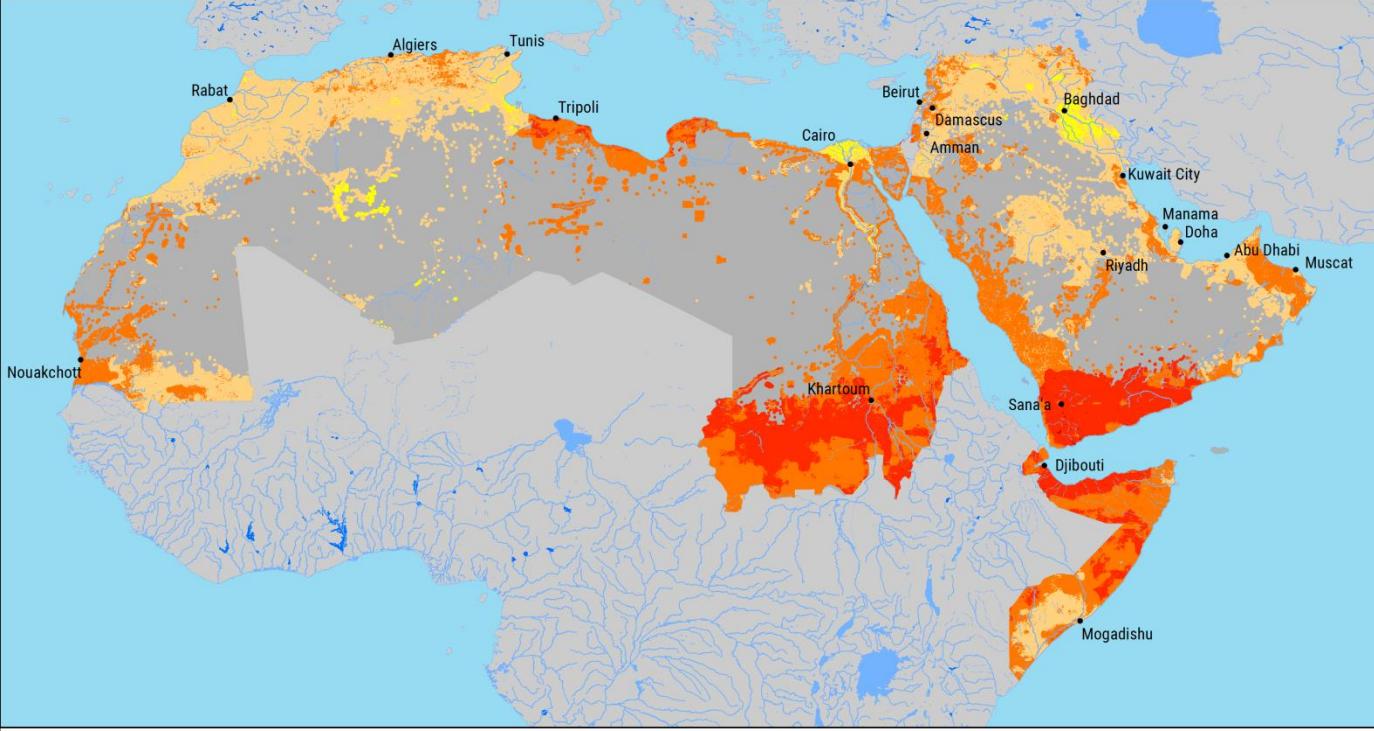
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# Vulnerability Assessment

SECTORS	SUBSECTORS
	<b>Water</b> Water availability
	<b>Biodiversity and Ecosystems</b> Area covered by forests Area covered by wetlands
	<b>Agriculture</b> Water available for crops Water available for livestock
	<b>Infrastructure and Human Settlements</b> Inland flooding area
	<b>People</b> Water available for drinking Health conditions due to heat stress Employment rate for the agricultural sector



VA Methodological Note

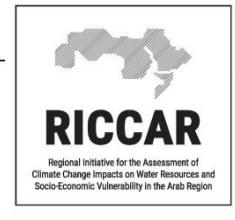


**WATER: WATER AVAILABILITY**

**VULNERABILITY: RCP8.5 END-CENTURY (2081-2100)**

#### Legend

Lakes	Rivers	Major cities	Low Vulnerability	High Vulnerability
Reservoirs	Intermittent rivers	Area not relevant to subsector		



## Areas with highest vulnerability:

- Upper Nile Valley
- SW Arabian Peninsula
- Northern Horn of Africa

## Areas with lowest vulnerability:

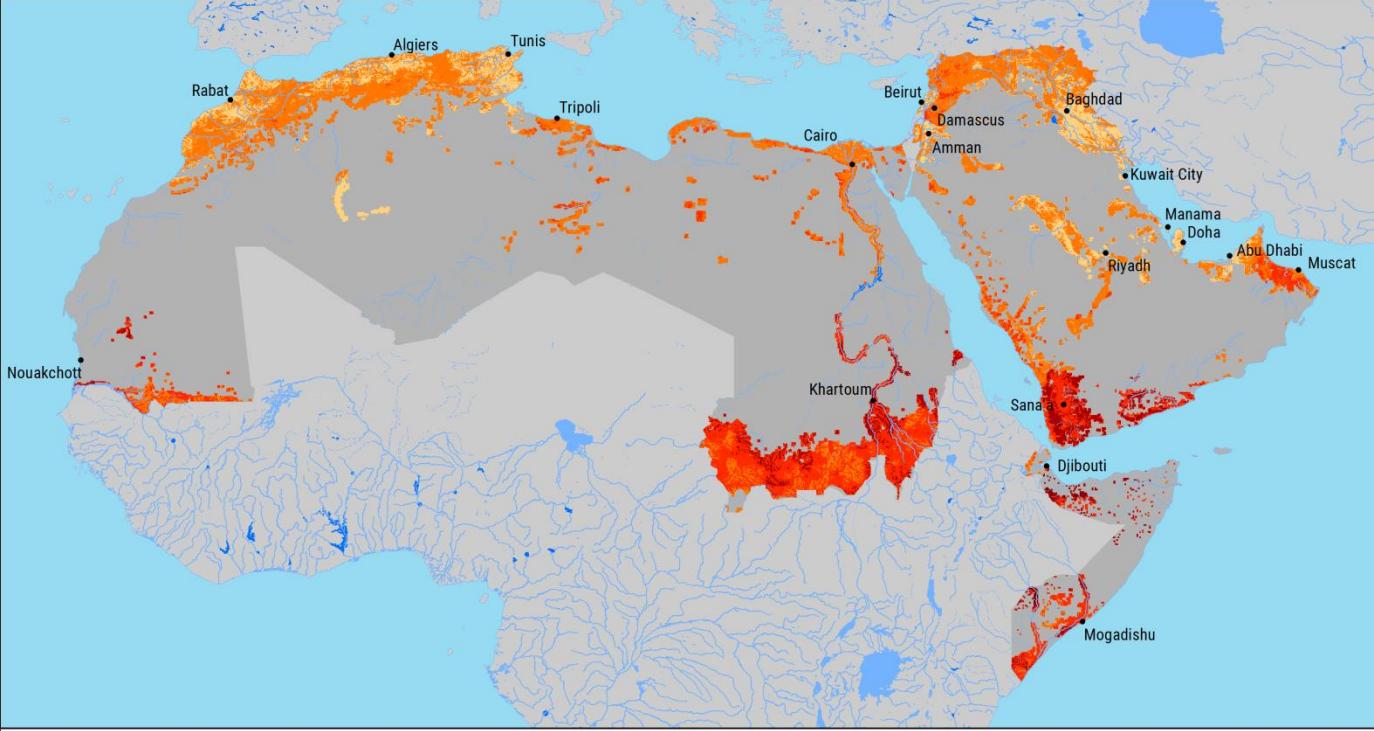
- Tigris-Euphrates Basin
- Lower Nile Valley and Delta

### Scenario

### Vulnerability (% of study area)

Scenario	Low	Moderate	High
RCP 4.5 Mid-century	0%	57%	43%
RCP 8.5 Mid-century	0%	48%	52%
RCP 4.5 End-century	0%	52%	48%
RCP 8.5 End-century	0%	43%	57%

**Water Availability  
Vulnerability  
(RCP8.5 End-century)**

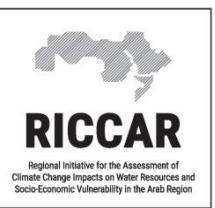


**AGRICULTURE: WATER AVAILABLE FOR CROPS**

**VULNERABILITY:** RCP8.5 END-CENTURY (2081-2100)

#### Legend

- Lakes
- Rivers
- Reservoirs
- Intermittent rivers
- Major cities
- Area not relevant to subsector



## Areas with highest vulnerability:

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Horn of Africa
- SW Arabian Peninsula

## Areas with lowest vulnerability:

- Mediterranean coast of the Magreb
- Selected areas Levant
- Tigris-Euphrates basin
- Central eastern Arabian Desert

### Scenario

### Vulnerability (% of study area)

	Low	Moderate	High
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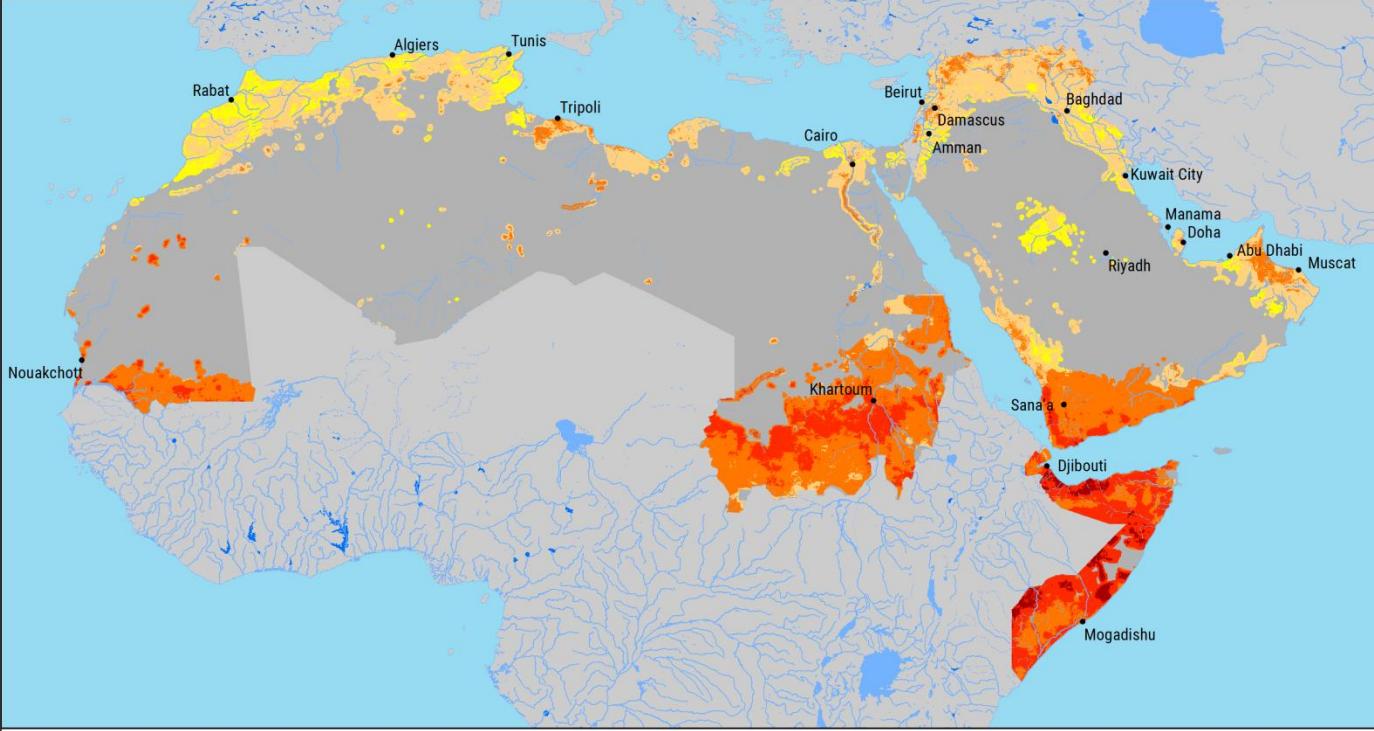
RCP 4.5 Mid-century	0%	50%	50%
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RCP 8.5 Mid-century	0%	33%	67%
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RCP 4.5 End-century	0%	43%	57%
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RCP 8.5 End-century	0%	16%	84%
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**Water Available for Crops Vulnerability (RCP8.5 End-century)**

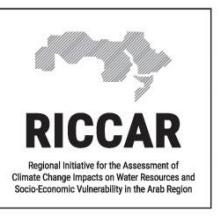
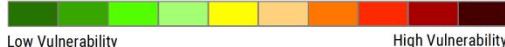


**AGRICULTURE: WATER AVAILABLE FOR LIVESTOCK**

**VULNERABILITY:** RCP8.5 END-CENTURY (2081-2100)

#### Legend

- Lakes
- Rivers
- Reservoirs
- Intermittent rivers
- Major cities
- Area not relevant to subsector



## Areas with highest vulnerability:

- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Levant
- Upper Tigris-Euphrates Basin
- Al Hajar Mountains
- Horn of Africa
- SW Arabian Peninsula

## Areas with lowest vulnerability:

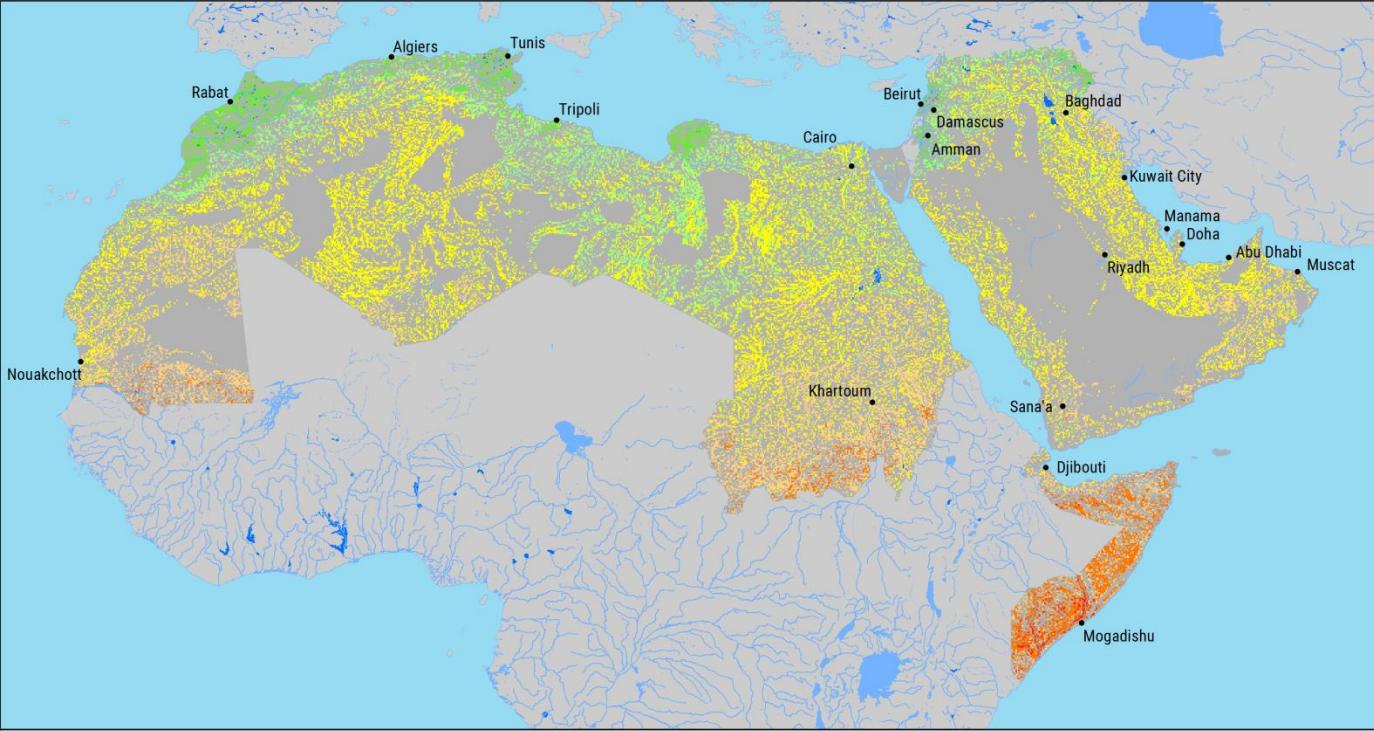
- Atlas Mountains and Plains
- Central Arabian Desert

### Scenario

### Vulnerability (% of study area)

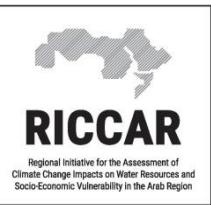
	Low	Moderate	High
RCP 4.5 Mid-century	0%	67%	33%
RCP 8.5 Mid-century	0%	55%	45%
RCP 4.5 End-century	0%	58%	42%
RCP 8.5 End-century	0%	46%	54%

**Water Available for Livestock Vulnerability (RCP8.5 End-century)**



**INFRASTRUCTURE AND HUMAN SETTLEMENTS: INLAND FLOODING AREA**

**VULNERABILITY:** RCP8.5 END-CENTURY (2081-2100)



#### Legend

Lakes	Rivers	• Major cities	Low Vulnerability	High Vulnerability
Reservoirs	Intermittent rivers	■ Area not relevant to subsector		

Scenario	Vulnerability (% of study area)		
	Low	Moderate	High
RCP 4.5 Mid-century	2%	94%	4%
RCP 8.5 Mid-century	3%	93%	4%
RCP 4.5 End-century	2%	94%	4%
RCP 8.5 End-century	4%	89%	7%

#### Areas with highest vulnerability:

- All coastal areas

#### Areas with lowest vulnerability:

- Sub-Saharan Africa

**Inland Flooding Area  
Vulnerability  
(RCP8.5 End-century)**

# Proposed adaptation measures

# Using rainwater harvesting measures for flood management



Al-Qaa- Lebanon

# Water harvesting for supplementary irrigation and animal drinking



عين البنية - بعلبك - لبنان



بطموش - اللاذقية - سوريا



اهمج - جبيل - لبنان



الشيخه - حماه - سوريا

# Water harvesting for rangeland rehabilitation



البادية الاردنية



البادية السورية

# New crop varieties

- use **crop varieties** better suited to new climate conditions (e.g. more resilient to heat and drought)



# ACSAD developed wheat and barely varieties resilient to heat and drought

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تم في اكساد استنباط العديد من الأصناف، وتطوير الكثير من السلالات من القمح والشعير المتحملة للإجهادات الأحيائية (الجفاف، والحرارة المرتفعة، والملوحة، والصقيع)، والمقاومة للإجهادات الأحيائية (الأمراض، والحشرات)، وعالية الإنتاجية.



# conservation agriculture

- Apply conservation agriculture:
  - Minimum tillage + land cover + crop rotation
  - CA increase soil moisture and OM content

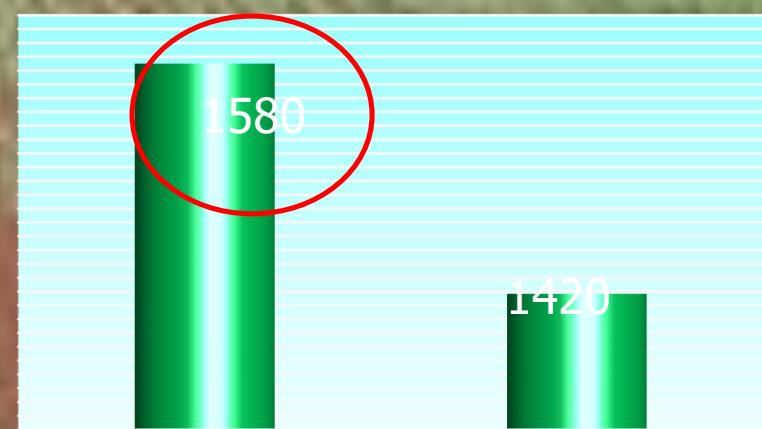


تم تسجيل زيادة في إنتاج القمح بحوالي (10-30%) بتطبيق الزراعة الحافظة مقارنة مع الزراعة التقليدية، مع زيادة في كفاءة استعمال مياه الأمطار.

كفاءة استعمال مياه الأمطار (لعنجرة)



متوسط الإنتاجية (كغ/هكتار)

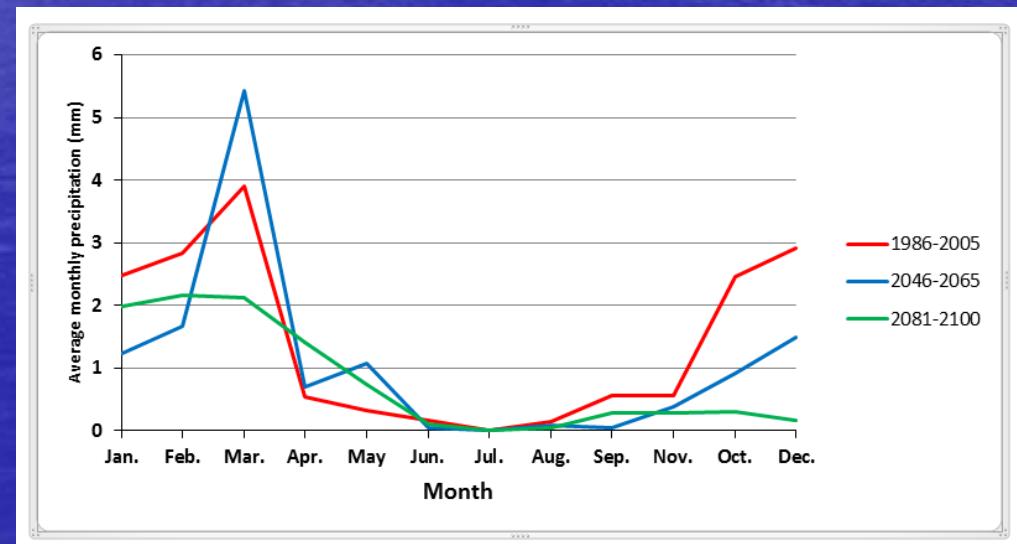


كفاءة استعمال مياه الأمطار في إنتاج القمح في محافظة الحسكة

متوسط إنتاجية محصول القمح في محافظة الحسكة

# Proposed adaptation measures

- adjust **sowing dates** according to temperature and rainfall patterns,

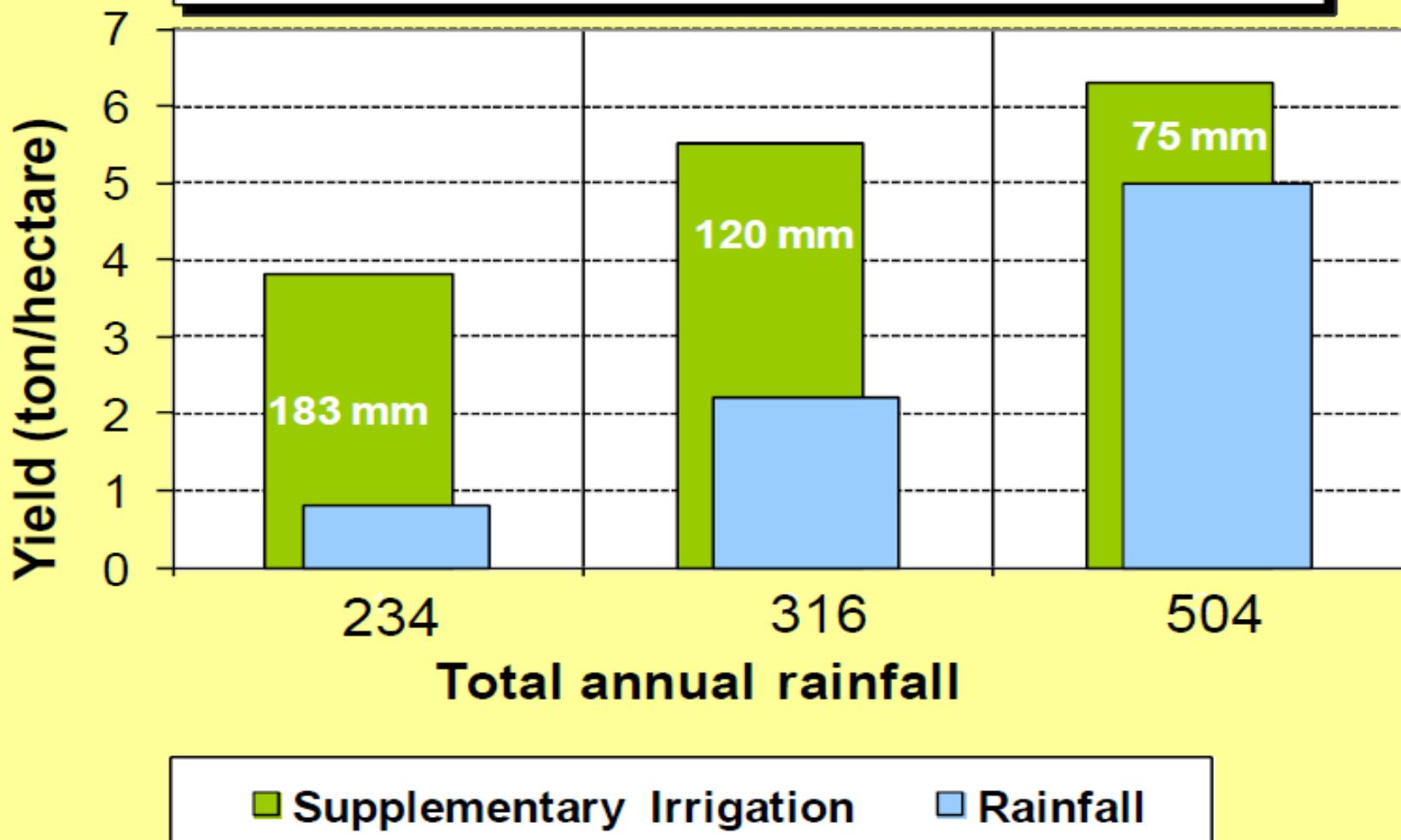


# Proposed adaptation measures

- Apply supplementary irrigation



**Figure 8. Impact of Supplemental Irrigation on Rainfed Wheat Yield**



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