



DROUGHT WARNING IT'S DRY AGAIN!!



What is a DROUGHT?
Drought is long period of little rain or no rain at all that can affect people's living condition. It is caused by El Nino.

- Signs of a DROUGHT**
- Stay alert of warning signs
 - Less rain than usual for 3-4 weeks.
 - Hotter weather than usual
 - Dry soil and dry brown plants

- What to do during a drought**
- Conserve, conserve, & conserve!
 - Reduce your water use as much as possible
 - Educate your community in water conservation and disease prevention
 - Contact your local government to report how much water you have available.

- Impacts of Drought**
- One of the most harmful impacts of drought is damage to human health. Dry conditions can make clean water hard to find, leading to disease outbreaks such as diarrhea and/or cholera.
 - Lack of water also harms plants and animals that people depend on for food.
 - Dry conditions increase the risk of wild fires.

- Living in Drought**
- Treat water used from other source by boiling for 10 minutes/ using bleach 1 tablespoon of bleach = 1 gallon of water.

- Use best practices in your community**
- Ensure water tanks and pipes do not leak.
 - Educate yourself and your family not to waste water but, conserve.
 - Use non-drinking quality water for crops or outdoor uses such as cleaning and laundry.
 - Encourage proper use of land for agriculture and prevent land clearing.
 - Learn proper household water treatment methods to reduce the chance of water borne diseases.
 - Make sure all water catchments are clean and properly connected to the gutter.

REMEMBER, WITH LESS WATER, COMES MORE DISEASES.

Please contact any of the offices for more information.

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