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GLOBAL WARMING: VIETNAM'S NEW ENEMY

VIDEO

ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE HURRICANE
KETSANA - FLOODS, VICTIMS

LANH NGUYEN ON CAMERA

LAHN AND PHI WITH FAMILY AT
HOME

LANH AND PHI NGUYEN ON
CAMERA

SWAMP / BEACH

AUDIO

NARRATION

September 2009. Typhoon Ketsana slams Vietnam. 162 people die, 14 are missing. Because of global warming, Vietnam's weather has become wildly unpredictable. Many farmers have endured catastrophic floods. (23)

LANH NGUYEN: (Vietnamese) **F**
"Everything we had, the flood destroyed."
(3)

NARRATION

50-year old Lanh Nguyen and her husband Phi have been married for thirty years. They say climate change has transformed their lives. (9)

PHI NGUYEN: (Vietnamese) **M**
"We are affected because the crops are not enough to feed the family." (3)

NARRATION

In the past fifty years, Vietnam's average

ARCHIVAL FOOTAGE / FLOODS

DROUGHT

LANH AND PHI NGUYEN ON
CAMERA

PHI WORKS ON CONSTRUCTION
SITE

LANH AND PHI NGUYEN ON
CAMERA

LAHN DOES HOME CHORES AND
FARMS

WOMEN AT STREET MARKET

temperature has climbed one half a degree Celsius. That seemingly small change causes big weather extremes: more floods in the rainy season and severe droughts in the dry season. (16)

PHI NGUYEN: (Vietnamese) **M**

"This harvest season sometimes the rice stalks did not open." (4)

NARRATION

No longer able to count on his crops, Phi leaves his home for two months a year to work in construction. (6.5)

PHI NGUYEN: (Vietnamese) **M**

"If I stay home, there wouldn't be any money to pay for the children to go to school." (4)

NARRATION

Phi's long absences are hard on his wife, Lanh. All the chores and responsibilities fall on her shoulders. (8)

LANH NGUYEN: (Vietnamese) **F**

"When he's not home, for me to farm on my own is terribly difficult. I'm out working all the time." (6)

NARRATION

Everyone in Vietnam is affected by hotter, more unpredictable weather, but it's clear who is carrying the biggest load. (7)

LANH NGUYEN ON CAMERA

LANH NGUYEN: (Vietnamese) **F**
"Of course women are more affected than men. It's miserable. We have to worry about everything." (8)

WOMEN AT WORK

NARRATION
Many of Lanh's neighbours are also struggling to make ends meet. (4)

BRUCE CAMPBELL ON CAMERA

BRUCE CAMPBELL: (English) **M**
"Women are certainly bearing the disproportionate burden of climate change." (4.5)

WOMEN PUSH CARTS / DO
LAUNDRY AT RIVER

NARRATION
Bruce Campbell, the UN Population Fund's representative in Vietnam, says that women's experience with the problems of global warming gives them unique insights into possible solutions. (11)

BRUCE CAMPBELL ON CAMERA

BRUCE CAMPBELL: (English) **M**
"Women have the most first-hand knowledge and experience in adapting to poverty and climate change. We must bring their wisdom to the table." (8)

WOMEN IN THE STREETS

NARRATION
And that, he says, is not yet happening. Not in Vietnam, not on the world stage.(6.5

BRUCE CAMPBELL ON CAMERA

BRUCE CAMPBELL: (English) **M**
"Women are certainly not represented in

the dialogue as firmly as they should be.”

(4)

NARRATION

PEOPLE IN THE STREETS

But unless global solutions to the local challenges of climate change are found, Vietnamese, a country that has overcome so much, could see all its progress evaporate. (12.5)

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