

Irish Aid, Goal 13 and Vietnam



Vietnam is a country in South East Asia with a population of over 95 million people. Irish Aid, the Government of Ireland's programme of overseas development cooperation, is helping people living in poverty and supporting Climate Action (Goal 13) in Vietnam.

Earlier this week, we learned about how Climate Change effects our earth and can lead to extreme weather events, like drought (lack of rainfall), flooding (too much rainfall) and storms.

Like Ireland, agriculture (farming) is important in Vietnam. Because of Climate Change, Vietnam get bad storms more often and this can affect farmers and their crops. Xinh and her family grow rice and cassava (root vegetable that looks a bit like a long, skinny potato). The money they get from selling their crops helps to pay for Xinh's school uniform and books. The extreme weather events caused by Climate Change can be very challenging for Xinh and her family; because it can mean that they cannot grow enough food to eat and sell.



In school, Xinh and her friends learn how to stay safe when storms come, by taking part in a Disaster Risk programme run by Plan International. Plan International is one of the many NGOs (or charities) that is supported by Irish Aid funding.

Each year, Irish Aid collects information about Climate Change in Vietnam and for a Climate Action report. This helps Irish Aid to see the changes in Vietnam's climate and come up with good solutions for the likes of Xinh and her family.

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THINK ABOUT IT

Answers to questions are on the bottom.

1. Did you notice anything about Xinh's house that might help in times of flooding? Replay the video. Describe what you saw and how you think it could help.

2. What can you do or are already doing to help contribute to Goal 13: Climate Action?

Answer Question 1: Xinh's home is built on stilts to avoid the risk of flooding.
Example Answer Question 2: I can start turning off appliances / I am already reducing my food waste.