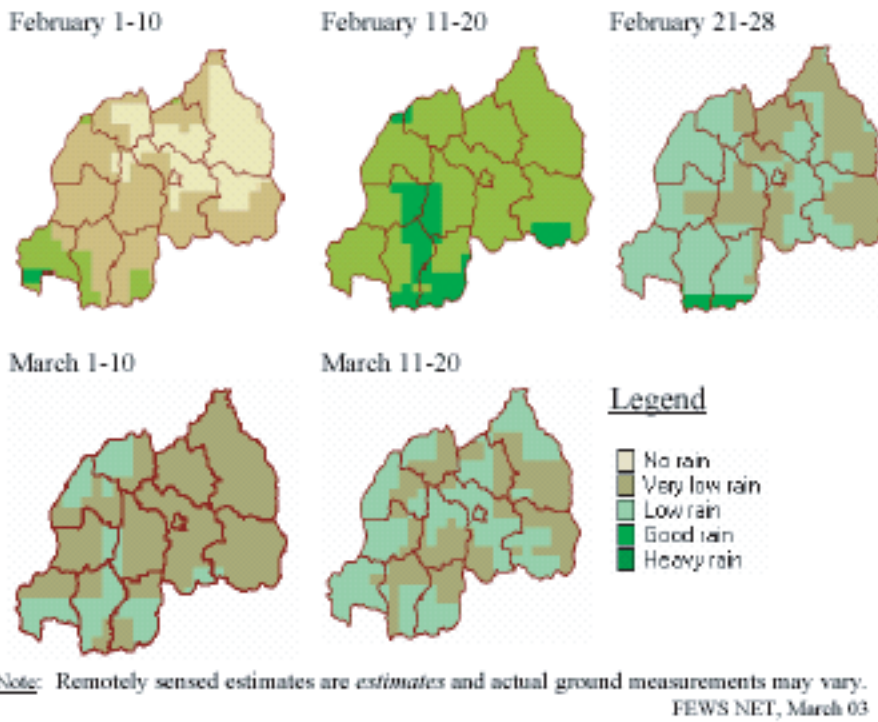


Figure 1: Recent Satellite Rainfall Estimates



The rainfall also improved since the second dekad of March (see Figure 1). According to the findings of these investigations and following the new rainfall pattern, the moderate food crises existing in different provinces have generally eased and no new ones seem appearing at this time.

Note: Remotely sensed estimates are ESTIMATES and actual ground measurements may vary.
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There is good consensus about the areas requiring closest monitoring (see Figure 3) to ensure that outside assistance be recommended, if needed, and hopefully provided in time before local coping strategies are exhausted.

Source: Agricultural services in concerned provinces

Figure 3: Localization of Potentially Food Insecure Areas

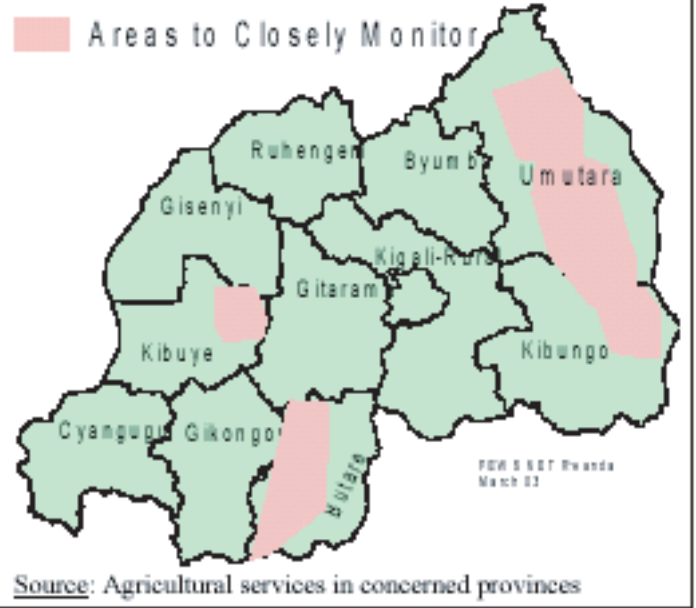
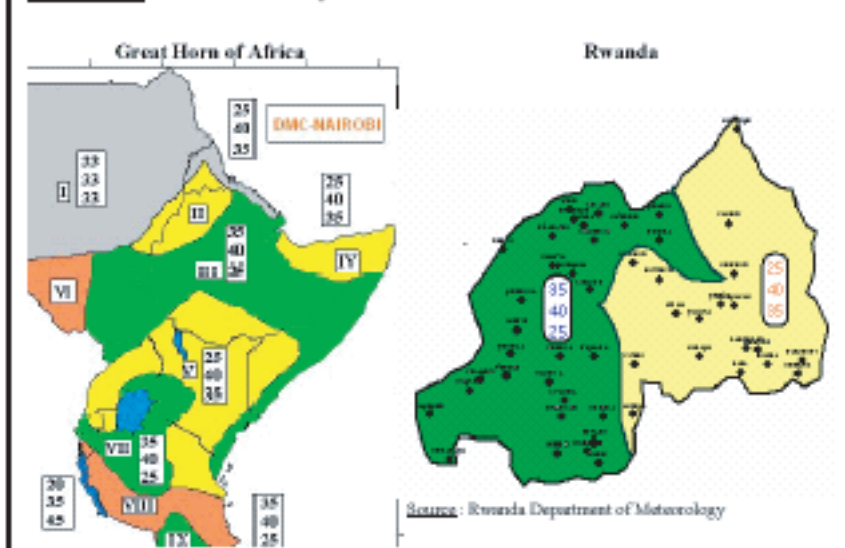


Figure 4: March to May 2003 Rainfall Forecast



The 11th Great Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 11), which took place in Entebbe from March 3-5, 2003, issued the March to May rainfall forecast for the region. Figure 4 summarizes this forecast.

Source: Rwanda Department of Meteorology