Heavy rainfall has caused severe flooding in Madagascar and northern Mozambique

Africa Weather Hazards

1. Heavy rainfall is forecast over western Kenya, eastern Uganda, and northern-central Tanzania next week.

2. Desert locust swarms continue in Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda. An update on the current situation is expected by early to mid-February.

3. Heavy rain is likely to trigger flooding in Tanzania, parts of Mozambique, Madagascar, and Zambia. Flooding has continued since early January.

4. Zimbabwe has received below-average rainfall over the past 90-days, resulting in abnormal dryness and drought.

5. A late start to the rainy season over southern Namibia coupled with uneven rainfall distribution has caused dryness.

Source: FEWS NET/NOAA
Africa Overview

Heavy rain is forecast over western Kenya
Desert locust swarms continue to move across Kenya, South Sudan, and Uganda. An update to the current situation will be available in early February.

Last week, tropical storm activity was recorded along the northern coast of Madagascar, but quickly dispersed. Still, heavy rain caused flooding across northern Madagascar and central parts of Antananarivo. Moderate to heavy rain was also recorded in southern Tanzania and northern Zambia. Lighter rain was received in Angola and southern DRC (Figure 1). Over the last 30-days, rainfall performance over eastern Africa has been slightly above-average except over northwestern parts of Kenya (Figure 2).

Next week, heavy rain is forecast over western Kenya, eastern Uganda, and northern Tanzania, while below-average rain is likely over northeastern DRC.

Flooding continues across eastern Zambia
Last week, light to moderate rainfall was recorded over Botswana and northern South Africa, Lesotho and Eswatini (Figure 1). Over the past 30-days, rainfall has increased over southern and central parts of Zambia, and areas along the northern border with Zimbabwe. Heavy rainfall has triggered flash flooding in eastern Zambia and Mozambique. Above-average rain has also been recorded over northern South Africa. Despite seasonal rainfall over southern Madagascar, parts along the southern coast of the country are experiencing abnormal dryness (Figure 2).

Next week, flooding may continue in western Kenya and in both eastern and northern parts of Uganda. Continued heavy rains are forecast across southern Africa that could trigger additional flooding. Below-average rain is expected over southern and central Zambia, Zimbabwe, and southern parts of Mozambique and Madagascar.
Central Asia Weather Hazards

Temperatures
Last week, temperatures were higher than normal across northern Central Asia. Temperatures in northern Kazakhstan reached more than 8°C above-normal. Meanwhile, temperatures in central and northern Afghanistan were near or below normal. Next week, above-normal temperatures are mostly forecast over southwestern Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Turkmenistan, while below-normal temperatures are likely in northern Kazakhstan and parts of Afghanistan.

Precipitation
Last week, moderate to heavy rain was recorded over northern Kazakhstan, northeastern Iran, southern Turkmenistan, southern Uzbekistan, southern Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and northern Afghanistan. While increased precipitation over the past several weeks has kept snow water volume near average in many basins across the region, short and long-term precipitation deficits remain in parts of Central Asia. Next week, scattered precipitation is forecast over central Afghanistan and drier weather is likely elsewhere. Reduced precipitation may strengthen dryness in parts of the region.

Central America and the Caribbean Weather Hazards

NO HAZARDS

Source: FEWS NET/NOAA
Central America and the Caribbean Overview

Central America received favorable rainfall last week

Last week moderate to heavy rainfall was recorded over northern Honduras and Nicaragua. Panama received similarly heavy rainfall totals. Over the last 30-days, above-average rainfall has been received in parts of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Belize, and northern Guatemala, which is likely very favorable for the beginning of Apante season. Next week, near-average rainfall is forecast for Central America, with heavier rain over central Guatemala and Costa Rica. Lesser amounts of rain are likely over Belize, northern Honduras, and eastern Nicaragua. Temperatures are also likely to remain near-average in the region.

Hispaniola receives seasonably light rainfall

Last week seasonably light rainfall was observed across Hispaniola, with greater rainfall totals recorded in the northern and western tier of the island. Over the past 30-days, rainfall performance has been generally normal, although some deficits have developed along the southern and northern coasts of the island. The current rainfall pattern is expected to continue into next week with a light rain forecast across Hispaniola.