Global Forecast
Total Rain and Snow April 2015 – June 2015
Produced by the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre and the International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI)

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IRI global forecast map
Colours on this map indicate areas where we have increased confidence that the next three months will be unusually wet or dry. The darker the colour, the more confident we are.

Currently, borderline El Niño conditions are present, but it is not expected to impact rainfall in many places of the world. The forecast indicates some impact patterns that are typical of El Niño and it is possible that these will strengthen over the coming months. Typical impacts of El Niño are here: iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/maproom/IFRC/FIC/elninorain.html

Every El Niño is different and we suggest continual monitoring of forecasts to see what rainfall effects are forecasted in your region in the coming months.

For more information to help interpret the forecast, see the accompanying document called Important Forecast Guidance and Resources and contact your local meteorological service to monitor forecasts.
**Forecast Areas of Concern**  
**April 2015 - June 2015**

**Northeast Brazil:** Increased chance of **dry conditions** during the height of the rainy season

There is highly increased confidence that parts of northeastern Brazil will be **unusually dry** during the height and towards the end of the rainy season in April-June.

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of the southern United States, southwestern Brazil and the eastern Caribbean Islands will be **unusually wet** this April-June.

**Indonesia, The Philippines, Cambodia:**  
Increased chance of **dry conditions** during the start of the rainy season

There is highly increased confidence that parts of the Philippines, Cambodia and Indonesia will be **unusually dry** during the beginning of the rainy season this April-June. There is moderately increased confidence that parts of Myanmar, Laos and Thailand will be **unusually dry** during the beginning of the rainy season this April-June.

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of Iraq and western Iran will be **unusually wet** this April-June during the end of the rainy season.

**Africa:** Few strong signals of unusual conditions

There are few strong signals for Africa this April-June; we suggest using contingency plans activated by normal seasonal calendars, and continued attention to local sources of short-term information.

**Kiribati, Tuvalu, Nauru:** Increased chance of **wet conditions** during the start of the dry season

There is highly increased confidence that parts of Kiribati, Tuvalu, Nauru, and the Marshall Islands will be **unusually wet** during the beginning of the rainy season this April-June.

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of Tokelau and Micronesia will be **unusually wet** this during this April-June.

There is highly increased confidence that parts of New Caledonia and Palau will be **unusually dry** during the start of the rainy season this April-June.

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of Papua New Guinea, French Polynesia and Fiji will be **unusually dry** during the start of the dry season this April-June.