Forecast Update:
Parts of Asia and the Pacific are expected to see above- or below-normal rainfall in the next three months. For most of the rest of the world, there are no strong forecast signals this month. We recommend continual monitoring of seasonal forecasts in the coming few months for more updated information on rainfall later this year.

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.

For more information to help interpret the forecast, see accompanying document called: ‘Important Forecast Guidance and Resources’ and contact your local meteorological service to monitor forecasts in the coming days and weeks. This forecast and other weather and climate information can be found in the IFRC maproom at iri.columbia.edu/maproom/IFRC.
Forecast Interpretation/Highlighting Areas of Concern for March - May 2014

**Americas**

There are few strong signals for the Americas this March-May; we suggest monitoring short-term forecasts for more information about coming days and weeks.

**Asia**

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of Indonesia will be unusually dry this March - May. There is a slightly decreased chance that Thailand, Cambodia, Vietnam, Malaysia, and the Philippines will be either unusually wet or unusually dry this March - May.

**Africa**

There are few strong signals for Africa this March-May; we suggest monitoring short-term forecasts for more information about coming days and weeks.

**Pacific**

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of the Marshall Islands, Nauru and Micronesia will be unusually wet this March - May.

There is moderately increased confidence that parts of Kiribati, Jarvis Island and parts of French Polynesia will be unusually dry this March - May.

For additional guidance on forecast interpretation, connecting forecasts with appropriate actions, and resources for forecast monitoring and decision-making support, please see the accompanying attachment labelled: ‘Important Forecast Guidance and Resources’.

If you have questions, please e-mail the IFRC Helpdesk at IRI: ifrc@iri.columbia.edu.