Global Forecast: Total Rain and Snow for August - October 2014
Produced by the Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre and the International Research Institute for Climate and Society

Forecast Update:

For August-October 2014, there is an increased chance of unusually dry conditions over Northern parts of South America, Southern Brazil, parts of Central America and the Caribbean, the whole maritime continent and parts of Australia and Malaysia.

Unusually wet conditions are more likely in a large number of the Pacific Islands, parts of North America, eastern Brazil, central Argentina and the Azores islands.

There are strong indications that an El Niño will develop later in the year, with greater than 70% chance that an El Nino will be present during the season of October to December. It is not yet clear how strong this El Niño would be. Some typical impacts of El Niños are shown here: http://iridl.ldeo.columbia.edu/maproom/IFRC/FIC/elninorain.html. However, every El Niño is different; therefore we suggest continual monitoring of forecasts to see what rainfall effects this likely El Niño could have in your region in the coming months.

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 August - October 2014

**Americas**

There is a moderately increased confidence that parts of Mexico, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada, St Vincent and the Grenadines, Barbados, St Lucia, Curacao, Aruba, Turks and Caicos Islands, Venezuela, Guyana, Suriname, French Guiana and Brazil will be unusually dry this August – October.

There is a moderately increased confidence that parts of North America, Brazil and Argentina will be unusually wet between August – October.

**Asia**

There is highly increased confidence that Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Timor Leste and Singapore will be unusually dry this August – October and moderately increased confidence that the Philippines will be unusually dry. There is also a weak forecast over parts of India; for this we recommend monitoring seasonal forecasts in coming months.

**Africa**

There are no strong signals for Africa this August – October. There is a weak forecast over East Africa; we suggest monitoring seasonal forecasts in the coming months for this region, and monitoring short-term forecasts for more information about the coming days and weeks.

**Pacific**

There is highly increased confidence that Kiribati, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Samoa and the Pitcairn islands will be unusually wet this August -October. There is moderately increased confidence that parts of Niue, French Polynesia and Cook Islands will be unusually wet over the same period.

There is highly increased confidence that Palau and moderately increased confidence that parts of Australia, French Polynesia, Papua New Guinea, Guam and New Caledonia will be unusually dry.

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

*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’.*