Forecast Update:
Parts of the United States and the Galapagos Islands are likely to see below-normal rainfall in the next few months, while parts of Colombia are likely to see above-normal rainfall. For most of the rest of the world, there are no strong forecast signals this month.

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 November 2013 - January 2014

**Americas**
There is moderately increased confidence that parts of the United States (north) and Colombia will be unusually wet this November-January. There is moderately increased confidence that parts of the Galapagos Islands and the United States (south) will be unusually dry this November-January.

**Asia**
Parts of Papua New Guinea, the Philippines and Indonesia have a decreased chance of unusually wet or dry conditions (grey colour) this November-January. There is slightly increased confidence that parts of China (east) will be unusually dry.

**Africa**
This forecast has very little new information in Africa for September-November. We suggest monitoring regional forecasts and local sources of information.

**Pacific**
There is moderately increased confidence that parts of Kiribati (Malden Island) will be unusually dry this November-January.

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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.*