Global Forecast: Total Rain and Snow for April-June 2012
Produced by the Red Cross/Red Crescent Climate Centre and the International Research Institute for Climate and Society

Forecast Update: A weak/moderate La Niña has been in effect since in August; it is still nearly dissipated and will be fully gone in the next few weeks. It is likely to affect rainfall patterns in some areas.

IRI Global Forecast Map: Colours show whether the season of April-June 2012 will be unusually wet or dry.
- Colours on this map show areas with an increased chance of having an unusually wet or dry season. 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'.
Forecast Interpretation/Highlighting Areas of Concern for April-June 2012

**Americas**
There is medium confidence that parts of the **western United States** will experience **unusually dry** conditions this April-June.

**Asia**
Southeast Asia: There is medium confidence that parts of the **Philippines** will be **unusually wet** this April-June.

**Africa**
There is low confidence that parts of Kenya, Ethiopia, and Somalia will be **unusually dry** this April-June. Given the drought consequences of 2011, this region should be monitored closely.

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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’.

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