

Somalia Rainfall Forecast

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The *Gu* rainy season occurs in the period between March and June and is marked as the primary cropping season in Somalia. The season starts and ends at different times throughout the country. In the areas bordering Kenya, Middle Juba, northern parts of Middle Shabelle and the northwest corner of the country, the *Gu* rains starts as early as the second half of March. The rains then intensify in April all over the country. The length of the season also varies across the country from year to year.

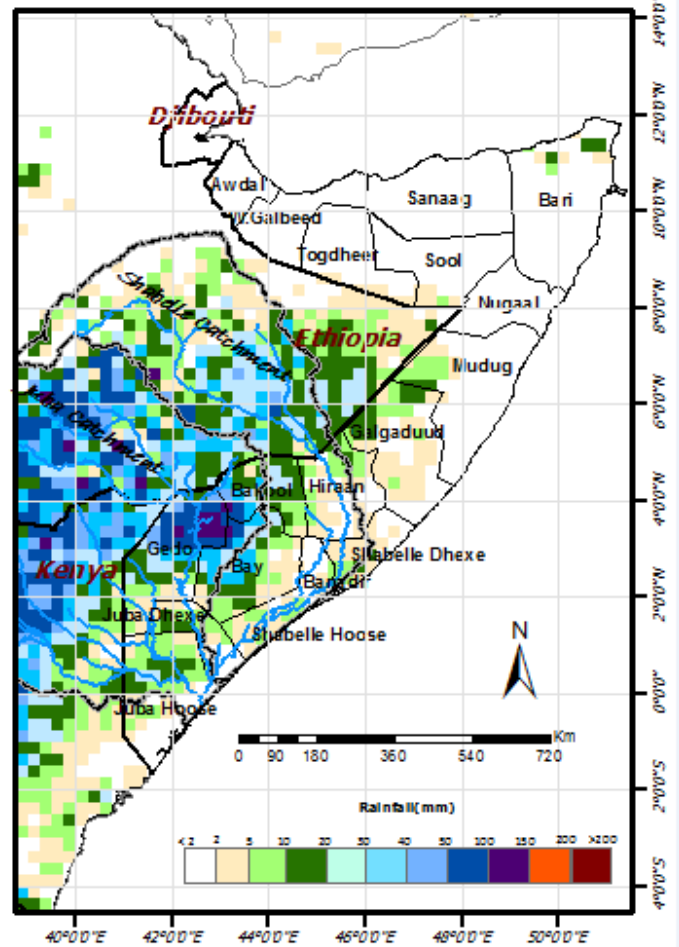
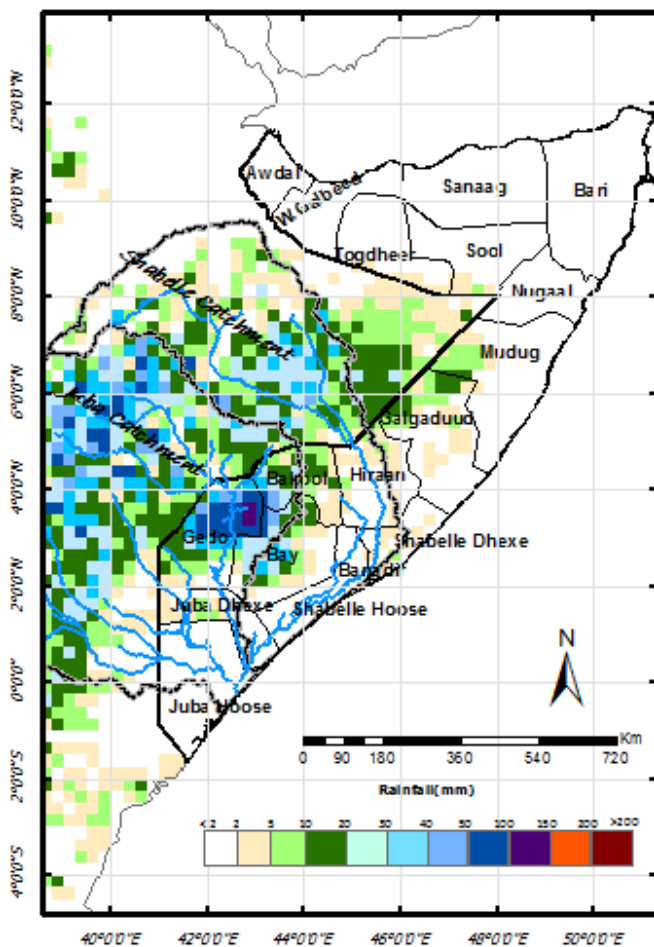
Minimal rainfall events are foreseen across Somalia in the coming three days with Gedo and Bakool regions expected to record moderate rains (Map 1). The rains will then spread further in the other southern regions in the course of the week with light to moderate intensity.

Given the rainfall forecast, the river levels are expected to remain stable over the coming week with no risk of flooding along the Juba and Shabelle Rivers in Somalia.

Users are advised that this is a forecast and at times there may be discrepancies between forecast and actual amounts of rainfall received. The forecast, observed river levels and rainfall amounts are updated on a daily basis and can be found on this link: <http://systems.faoso.net/frrims/>

**Map 1: 3 days rainfall forecast
(21 –23 March 2018)**

**Map 2: 7-day cumulated rainfall forecast
(21 –27 March 2018)**



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