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The Weather and Climate Authority

PAYONG PAGASA

ENSO ADVISORY

El Niño Advisory no. 4

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OVERVIEW

Moderate to strong El Niño is present in the tropical Pacific. Forecasts indicate that El Niño will continue until the first half of 2027 and may reach a very strong state in the coming months before peaking towards the end of 2026.

El Niño increases the likelihood of below-normal rainfall, which may lead to adverse impacts, including dry spells and droughts in some areas of the country. However, over the western part of the country, above-normal rainfall conditions are likely during the Southwest monsoon (Habagat) season.

Assessment in August 2026

WEATHER SYSTEMS THAT AFFECTED THE COUNTRY

LOCALIZED THUNDERSTORM
Warm Isolated heavy and dense dark clouds with one or more sudden electric discharges manifested by lightning and thunder often accompanied by showers of rains.

LOW PRESSURE AREA (LPA)
Areas of lowest pressure characterized by cloudiness and rainshowers; areas where a tropical cyclone can form

SOUTHWEST MONSOON (HABAGAT)
Warm moist winds from the southwest caused rains over the western portion of the country from May to September

PASSAGE OF 5 TROPICAL CYCLONES OR BAGYO

- *TD Luis: August 01-03*
- *TS Maymay (KUJIRA): August 04-07*
- *TD Neneng (GAENARI): August 18-20*
- *TY Obet (SAUDEL): August 24*
- *TS Pilandok (August 30 – Sep03)*

RAINFALL CONDITION

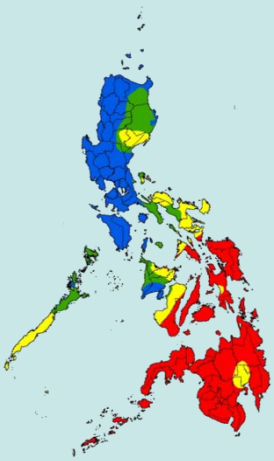
ABOVE NORMAL
120% to 160% than normal

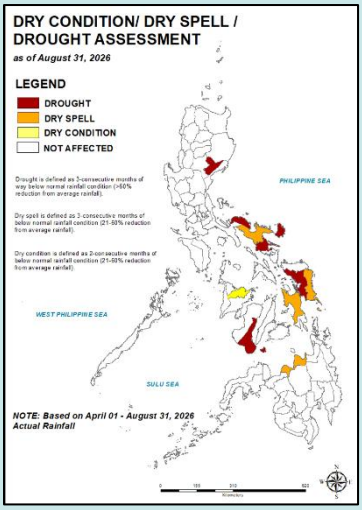
Most areas in Luzon and western Visayas

WAY BELOW NORMAL
*Greater than 60% reduction from the normal**

BELOW NORMAL
20%-60% reduction from the normal

The rest of Visayas and Most areas in Mindanao





In addition, seven (7) provinces experienced meteorological drought, most of which were in Bicol Region and Visayas; four (4) provinces were under dry spell, and one (1) province experienced dry condition.

TEMPERATURE

Slightly above to above-average mean surface air temperatures were observed over most parts of the country during the month, except for select areas in La Union, Pangasinan, Zambales, Northern Palawan, and Camarines Sur where cooler-than-average temperatures were recorded.

Mountainous Luzon
15.8°C – 24.6°C

Metro Manila
23.1°C – 33.2°C

Mountainous Mindanao
17.7°C – 33.4°C

Lowlands Luzon
19.8°C – 37.2°C

Visayas
23.0°C – 37.5°C

Lowlands Mindanao
21.0°C – 37.5°C

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Outlook in September 2026

EXPECTED WEATHER SYSTEMS

EASTERLIES
Warm winds blowing from the east may bring cloudiness over the eastern part of the country

RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE AREA (HPA)
An extension of a high pressure area characterized by a very light wind and clear skies

LOW PRESSURE AREA (LPA)
Areas of lowest pressure characterized by cloudiness and rainshowers; areas where a tropical cyclone can form

LOCALIZED THUNDERSTORM
Warm Isolated heavy and dense dark clouds with one or more sudden electric discharges manifested by lightning and thunder often accompanied by showers of rains.

INTERTROPICAL CONVERGENCE ZONE (ITCZ)
Series of low pressure areas brought about by converging Northeast (NE) and Southeast (SE) winds that cause thunderstorms and rainshowers

SOUTHWEST MONSOON (HABAGAT)
Warm moist winds from the southwest caused rains over the western portion of the country from May to September

PASSAGE OF 2 or 3 TROPICAL CYCLONES OR BAGYO
"Bagyo"; may refer to tropical depression, tropical storm, severe tropical storm, typhoon, or super typhoon.

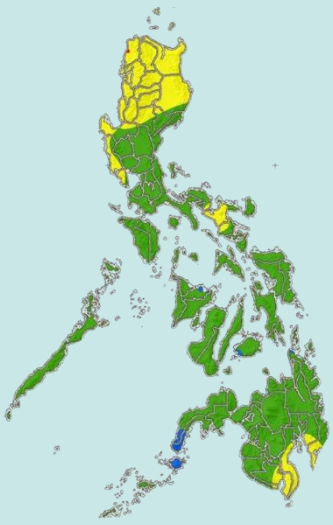
RAINFALL CONDITION

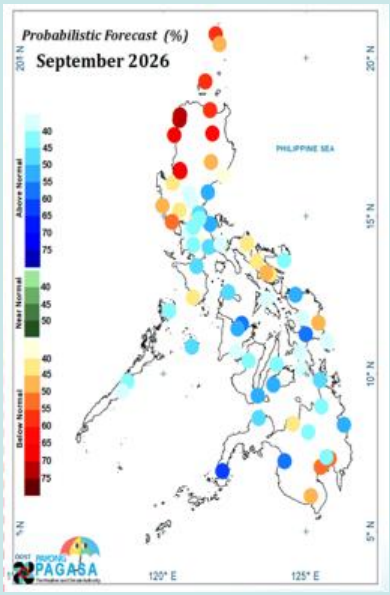
BELOW NORMAL
20%-60% reduction from the normal

- Most parts of Northern Luzon, Zambales, Bataan, Davao del Sur, Davao Occidental, and Sarangani.
- Higher chances in the northern part of Luzon and some areas in Southern Mindanao

NEAR NORMAL
+20% or -20% from the normal

The rest of the country





TEMPERATURE

Meanwhile, near-average to warmer-than-average mean temperatures are expected over most parts of the country, aside from slightly cooler-than-average conditions over some areas in Southern Luzon and Bohol.

Mountainous Luzon
14.1°C – 27.0°C

Metro Manila
21.9°C – 35.9°C

Mountainous Mindanao
15.4°C – 33.6°C

Lowlands Luzon
20.9°C – 37.2°C

Visayas
20.4°C – 36.2°C

Lowlands Mindanao
20.6°C – 37.9°C

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