



ENSO ADVISORY

La Niña Advisory No. 3

A weak La Niña is present in the tropical Pacific and has shown a further weakening trend observed in recent weeks. Based on the latest forecast, La Niña is likely to persist through the first quarter of 2026. Accordingly, the DOST-PAGASA ENSO Alert and Warning system remains at **La Niña Advisory**, with climate models indicating a 75% probability of transitioning to **ENSO-neutral** conditions during the January–March 2026 season.

Although La Niña is weakening, its influence may still affect weather conditions in the Philippines. La Niña increases the likelihood of above normal rainfall conditions and increased occurrence of tropical cyclone development in the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR). During this season, rain-bearing weather systems may bring occasional heavy rainfall that could lead to flash floods and rain-induced landslides in vulnerable areas, particularly over the eastern sections of the country.

Assessment for January 2026

The Northeast monsoon (i.e., *Amihan*) continued to affect the country, along with shear lines, easterlies, localized thunderstorms, low-pressure areas (LPAs), and the Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ). These weather systems resulted in episodes of heavy rainfall, leading to flooding, flash floods, and rain-induced landslides in various parts of the country.

One tropical cyclone (TC) developed within the PAR, named Tropical Storm (TS) Ada, which approached east of the Bicol Region before recurving northward and eventually weakening into an LPA. In combination with the *Amihan* and the shear line, TS Ada brought widespread heavy rainfall and strong winds, resulting in significant hazards such as landslides and flooding across much of Region V, Region VIII, and CARAGA (based on NDRRMC Situational Report No. 5 for TS Ada).

The observed rainfall assessment indicates that above normal to near normal rainfall conditions were experienced in most parts of the Visayas, except in some areas of Central Visayas, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA, and the Bicol Region. Way below to below normal rainfall conditions prevailed over most parts of northern Luzon, some areas of Central Luzon, and Mindanao, while near normal rainfall conditions were observed in the remaining areas of the country.

Mean surface air temperatures were generally near average to cooler than average in most parts of Luzon and in some areas of Samar Island. In contrast, most parts of Mindanao and the Visayas experienced slightly warmer to warmer than average temperatures, while near-average temperatures prevailed elsewhere. The actual temperature ranges observed were as follows: 10.6°C – 24.2°C in the mountainous areas of Luzon; 19.2°C – 32.4°C in Metro Manila; 16.3°C – 34.8°C over the rest of Luzon; 19.2°C – 33.6°C in Visayas; 17.0°C – 33.5°C in the mountainous areas of Mindanao; and 21.0°C – 35.4°C over the rest of Mindanao. No extreme temperature records were surpassed during the month.

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Outlook for February 2026

In February 2026, the *Amihan* is expected to persist, with occasional surges of cooler temperatures still possible. Other weather systems that may influence the country include easterlies, the ridge of high-pressure areas, localized thunderstorms, LPAs, the ITCZ, and the shear line. Zero or one TC is predicted to enter the PAR during the month. The forecasted weather conditions may also be modulated by intra-seasonal and interannual climate drivers, such as the Madden–Julian Oscillation and the weakening but lingering effect of La Niña.

The rainfall forecast for the month indicates below-normal to way below-normal rainfall over the western parts of northern and central Luzon, with localized areas of below-normal rainfall in MIMAROPA, Bicol Region, Western Visayas, and Western Mindanao. Most parts of the Visayas and Mindanao are likely to experience near-normal rainfall, with isolated patches of below-normal and above-normal rainfall.

The temperature forecast shows near-normal to above-normal mean temperatures across most parts of the country, although slightly cooler to cooler-than-average temperatures may be observed in some areas of northern Luzon. Surges of cold temperatures may also occur in certain parts of Luzon during the period.

The forecasted ranges of temperature in the country are as follows: 10.0°C to 27.6°C over the mountainous areas of Luzon; 18.4°C to 35.1°C in Metro Manila; 14.1°C to 36.4°C for the rest of Luzon; 18.9°C to 35.1°C in Visayas; 13.1°C to 33.8°C over the mountainous areas of Mindanao; and 18.3°C to 37.0°C over the rest of Mindanao.

DOST-PAGASA will actively monitor the ongoing La Niña and provide updates whenever necessary. Meanwhile, the public and concerned agencies are encouraged to take precautionary measures to mitigate the adverse impacts of La Niña and the *Amihan* season. Stay alert and take precautionary measures against potential impacts of the weather- and climate-related hazards. For more information, you may contact CAD-CLIMPS at (02) 8284-0800, local 4921 or 4920.

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