



ENSO ADVISORY

La Niña Advisory No. 4 (Final)

La Niña has ended in the recent weeks, with the three-month sea surface temperature anomalies (Oceanic Niño Index) at the central equatorial Pacific returning to ENSO-neutral levels. Model forecasts suggest that ENSO-neutral conditions are likely to persist in January–February–March through June–July–August 2026 season.

Despite the end of La Niña, other weather and climate systems may still influence rainfall distribution in the country. Rain-bearing weather systems may bring occasional heavy rainfall that could lead to flash floods and rain-induced landslides in vulnerable areas. DOST-PAGASA will continue to closely monitor the evolving conditions in the tropical Pacific and provide updates should significant changes in the ENSO condition arise.

Assessment for February 2026

The Northeast Monsoon (i.e., *Amihan*) continued to affect the country, along with the shear line, easterlies, and localized thunderstorms. These weather systems resulted in episodes of heavy rainfall, leading to flooding, flash floods, and rain-induced landslides in various parts of the country.

Moreover, one tropical cyclone (TC) entered the Philippine Area of Responsibility (PAR), named Tropical Storm (TS) Basyang “PENHA”. TS Basyang traversed the eastern portion of PAR from 03–07 February 2026, bringing moderate to heavy rainfall over parts of the Visayas and Mindanao. Based on available reports from the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), the TC affected Region VI, Negros Island Region (NIR), Region VII, Region VIII, Region X, Region XI, and CARAGA and resulted in 12 reported fatalities and 36 injuries, with infrastructure damage estimated at around PhP 260,000, while no significant agricultural damage has been reported.

Rainfall distribution in February 2026 showed above-normal to near-normal rainfall conditions across most parts of the Visayas, except in Region VII, as well as Regions IV-A, IV-B, and V, where rainfall was relatively lower. Way-below to below-normal rainfall conditions were observed in most parts of northern to central Luzon and Mindanao, while near-normal rainfall conditions prevailed in the remaining areas of the country.

Mean surface air temperatures were generally near average to cooler than average in most parts of the country. The actual temperature ranges observed were as follows: 10.4°C – 26.2°C in the mountainous areas of Luzon; 19.4°C – 33.8°C in Metro Manila; 16.9°C – 36.0°C over the rest of Luzon; 20.0°C – 34.0°C in Visayas; 16.5°C – 32.5°C in the mountainous areas of Mindanao; and 21.2°C – 35.3°C over the rest of Mindanao. No extreme temperature records were surpassed during the month.

Outlook for March 2026

In March 2026, the *Amihan* is expected to end, while the warm and dry season is also anticipated to start affecting the country during the month. Other weather systems may influence the country, including easterlies, ridge of high-pressure area, localized thunderstorms, low-pressure areas (LPAs), 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 lingering effect of the La Niña.

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The rainfall forecast for the month indicates below-normal to way below-normal rainfall over most of Luzon except Southern Luzon, above-normal rainfall over Mindanao and near-normal over the rest of the country.

The temperature forecast shows near-normal to above-normal mean temperatures across most parts of the country, with isolated areas likely to experience slightly cooler to cooler-than-average conditions in March

The forecasted ranges of temperature in the country are as follows: 15.4°C to 36.9°C over the mountainous areas of Luzon; 19.3°C to 36.4°C in Metro Manila; 18.0°C to 37.9°C for the rest of Luzon; 20.3°C to 36.5°C in Visayas; 14.0°C to 33.9°C over the mountainous areas of Mindanao; and 19.3°C to 36.9°C over the rest of Mindanao.

DOST-PAGASA will continue to monitor the weather and climate conditions in the country and provide updates whenever necessary. The public and concerned agencies are advised to remain vigilant and take appropriate precautionary measures to minimize the impacts of 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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