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OVERVIEW

Moderate La Niña continue to persist across the tropical Pacific Ocean, although the sea surface temperatures (SSTs) in the eastern equatorial Pacific have slightly warmed during the month. Most climate models suggest La Niña is likely to continue through Jan-Feb-March (~90% chance), with a rising probability of returning to ENSO-neutral during Mar-April-May season (> 50%).



La Niña increases the likelihood of having above normal rainfall conditions across most areas of the country. Adverse impacts such as flooding and landslides are still expected over vulnerable areas.

Assessment in January 2021

WEATHER SYSTEMS THAT AFFECTED THE COUNTRY

LOW PRESSURE AREA (LPA)

Areas of lowest pressure characterized by cloudiness and rainshowers; areas where a tropical cyclone can form



EASTERLIES

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



INTERTROPICAL CONVERGENCE ZONE (ITCZ)

Series of low pressure areas brought about by converging northeast (NE) and southeast (SE) winds that cause thunderstorms and rainshowers

LOCALIZED THUNDERSTORM

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



NORTHEAST MONSOON (AMIHAN)

Cold winds from the northeast that bring rains over the eastern side of the country.



TAIL-END OF FRONTAL SYSTEM

Extended zone of converging winds
From east to northeast that often brings thunderstorms and rainshowers

RAINFALL CONDITION



ABOVE NORMAL

120% greater than the normal

Most parts of the country



NEAR Normal

+20% or -20% from the normal

Agusan del Norte and Surigao del Sur



BELOW NORMAL

20%-60% reduction from the normal

Batanes



TEMPERATURE

Generally near to below average in most parts of the country however, it was observed to be near to cooler than normal during the day, while near to warmer than normal at night.



Mountainous Luzon

9.4°C – 24.6°C

Lowlands Luzon 14.0°C – 35.0°C -

Metro Manila 19.9°C to 33.3°C

Visayas 19.5°C – 33.2°C - I

Mountainous Mindanao

14.6°C - 32.1°C

Lowlands Mindanao 18.0°C – 35.5°C





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Outlook in February 2021

EXPECTED WEATHER SYSTEMS

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0 or 1 TROPICAL CYCLONES

"Bagyo"; may refer to tropical depression, tropical storm, severe tropical storm, typhoon, or super typhoon.



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Greater than 60% reduction from the normal*

western and central



TEMPERATURE

Mountainous Luzon 9.5°C - 27.0°C

Lowlands Luzon 14.0°C - 36.5°C Near to slightly below average surface air temperatures are predicted in most parts of Luzon and Visayas, while near to above average temperatures are expected mostly in Mindanao.

> Metro Manila 18.5°C to 37.0°C

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