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ONSET OF THE RAINY SEASON

The occurrence of scattered thunderstorms, the passage of Super Typhoon (STY) “BETTY” and the Southwest Monsoon (Habagat) over the past few days have brought widespread rains over the western sections of Luzon and Visayas which signifies the start of the rainy season in the country, especially over the Climate Type I areas. However, breaks in rainfall events (also known as monsoon breaks) may occur, which can last for several days or weeks.

Furthermore, a transition from ENSO-neutral to El Niño is favored in the next couple of months, with a higher chance of El Niño persisting up to the first quarter of 2024. El Niño increases the likelihood of below-normal rainfall conditions, which could bring negative impacts (such as dry spells and droughts) in some areas of the country. However, enhanced Southwest monsoon season (Habagat) may also be expected which may result in above-normal rainfall conditions over the western part of the country.

PAGASA will continue to monitor the weather and climate situation of the country. The public and all concerned agencies are advised to take precautionary measures against the impacts of the rainy season.

For more information, you may reach us by phone at (02) 8284-0800 local 4801 (Weather Forecasting Section) and 4920/4921 (Climate Monitoring and Prediction Section) or through email at information@pagasa.dost.gov.ph; pagasa.climps@gmail.com.

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