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Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) remain below average across most of the Pacific Ocean and the atmospheric condition is consistent with La Niña level. Most of the climate models suggest that La Niña is weakening and is expected to persist until Dec- Jan-Feb (DJF) 2023, then transition to ENSO-neutral afterwards.



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 and sectors of the country.

Assessment in December 2023

WEATHER SYSTEMS THAT AFFECTED THE COUNTRY



NORTHEAST MONSOON (AMIHAN)

Cold and drier winds from the northeast bring rains over the eastern side of the country

LOW PRESSURE AREA (LPA)

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

INTERTROPICAL CONVERGENCE Zone (ITCZ)

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

SHEAR LINE

Zone of converging winds associated with the extension of a frontal system that often brings thunderstorms and rainshowers



EASTERLIES

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



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



1 TROPICAL CYCLONE

Tropical Storm (TS) Rosal with international name "PAKHAR" (Dec 10-12)

RAINFALL CONDITION





20%-60% reduction from the normal

most parts of Luzon



ABOVE NORMAL

120% greater than the normal

Bicol Region and the provinces of Apayao, Batanes, Cagayan, Quezon, Marinduque, Romblon and Palawan



+20% or -20% from the normal



120% greater than the normal

most provinces in Visayas and Mindanao



TEMPERATURE

Generally, near average surface air temperatures were felt in most parts of the country except for slightly cooler than average surface temperatures that were observed in Tayabas, Daet, Coron, Romblon and General Santos City.

Mountainous Luzon

12.0°C – 25.4°C

Lowlands Luzon 13.2°C – 35.3°C =

Metro Manila 20.5°C – 33.6°C

Visayas 21.3°C – 35.0°C - N - 1

Mountainous Mindanao 17.3°C – 32.5°C

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Lowlands Mindanao 20.5°C – 35.3°C

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Outlook in January 2023

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.

RAINFALL CONDITION



ABOVE NORMAL 120% greater than the normal

Most areas of the country



BELOW NORMAL

20%-60% reduction from the normal

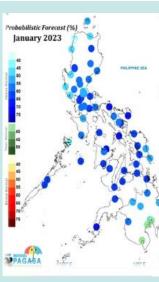
in Abra, Region I, and most parts of Central Luzon



120% greater than the normal

high probability for above-normal rainfall conditions





TEMPERATURE

Generally, near average to warmer than average air temperatures are forecasted in most parts of the country, except Batanes, Romblon, Masbate, Cuyo, Palawan, Bohol and Leyte where slightly cooler to cooler than average surface air temperatures are expected.

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