



PAYONG PAGASA SEASONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK



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OVERVIEW

A weak La Niña exists in the tropical Pacific. Climate models predict that the current La Niña will continue until the January-February-March (JFM) season in 2026, after which a return to ENSO-neutral conditions is likely.



La Niña increases the likelihood of above-normal rainfall conditions in some areas of the country. During this season, rain-bearing weather systems may occasionally bring heavy rainfall that could lead to flash floods and rain-induced landslides in vulnerable areas of the country.

January to March 2026 Outlook

During the JFM period, La Niña will continue to influence the climate of the country.

WEATHER SYSTEMS THAT MAY AFFECT THE COUNTRY



NORTHEAST MONSOON (AMIHAN)

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



EASTERLIES

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



LOW PRESSURE AREA (LPA)

Areas of lowest pressure characterized by cloudiness and rain showers; 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 causes thunderstorms and rain showers



RIDGE OF HIGH PRESSURE AREA (HPA)

An extension of a high pressure area characterized by very light wind and clear skies



FRONTAL SYSTEM

Zone of converging winds that stays in one area for a while which often brings thunderstorms and rain showers



LOCALIZED THUNDERSTORM

Warm isolated heavy and dense dark clouds with one or more sudden electric discharges manifested by lightning and thunder often accompanied by showers of rains



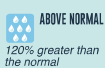
0 TO 3 TROPICAL CYCLONES

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

RAINFALL CONDITION



NEAR NORMAL
+20% or -20% from the normal



ABOVE NORMAL
120% greater than the normal

Most parts of the country



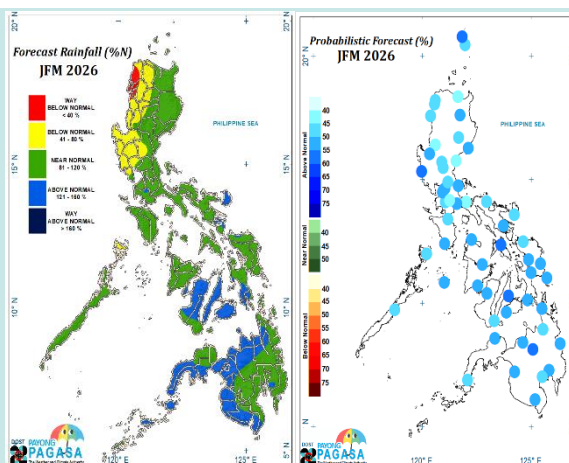
ABOVE NORMAL
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moderate to high chance of above-normal rainfall conditions in most areas of the country



BELOW NORMAL
20%-60% reduction from the normal

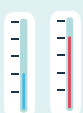
some areas in western Luzon



Surges of the Northeast Monsoon (NEM) are still expected to affect the country, bringing a cool environment, especially over the northern portions of the country.

Termination of Amihan is expected in March. This may signal the start of the dry and warm season in the country, as surface air temperatures will slowly begin to increase.

TEMPERATURE



Surface air temperatures are expected to be generally near- to above-average in most parts of the country, except for a few areas that may experience cooler-than-average temperatures in Coron, Masbate, Romblon, Bohol, Camarines Norte, Ilocos Sur, and Batanes. Cold surges are still expected to affect the country during the period, especially in January and February.



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April to June 2026 Outlook

Transition from La Niña to ENSO-neutral conditions is anticipated during the season. Moreover, the majority of climate models suggest an increasing probability for ENSO-neutral to persist thereafter.

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INTERTROPICAL CONVERGENCE ZONE (ITCZ)
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LOCALIZED THUNDERSTORM
Warm isolated heavy and dense dark clouds with one or more sudden electric discharges manifested by lightning and thunder often accompanied by showers of rains



SOUTHWEST MONSOON (HABAGAT)
Warm moist winds from the southwest causing rains over the western portion of the country from May to September



2 TO 5 TROPICAL CYCLONES
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RAINFALL CONDITION



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Most parts of the country



BELOW NORMAL
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some areas of the Ilocos region and the western portions of Central Luzon and CALABARZON

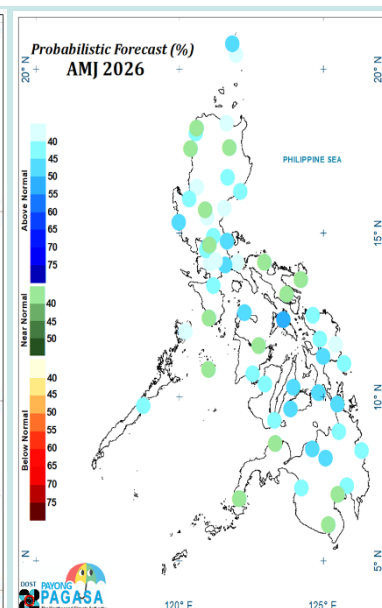
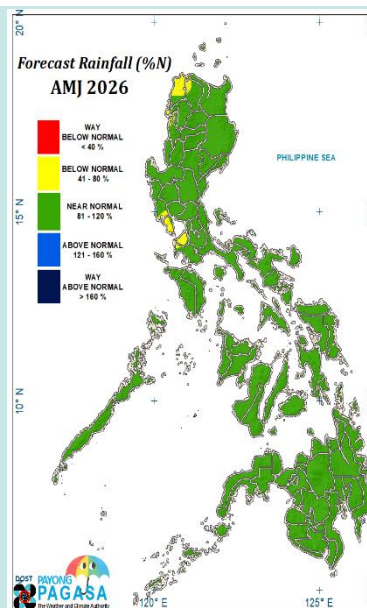


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probabilistic forecast favors near- to above-normal rainfall conditions in most parts of the country



TEMPERATURE



Surface air temperatures in most parts of the country are forecast to be near or above average, with the exception of Coron, Romblon, and Bohol, which will have below-average temperatures.