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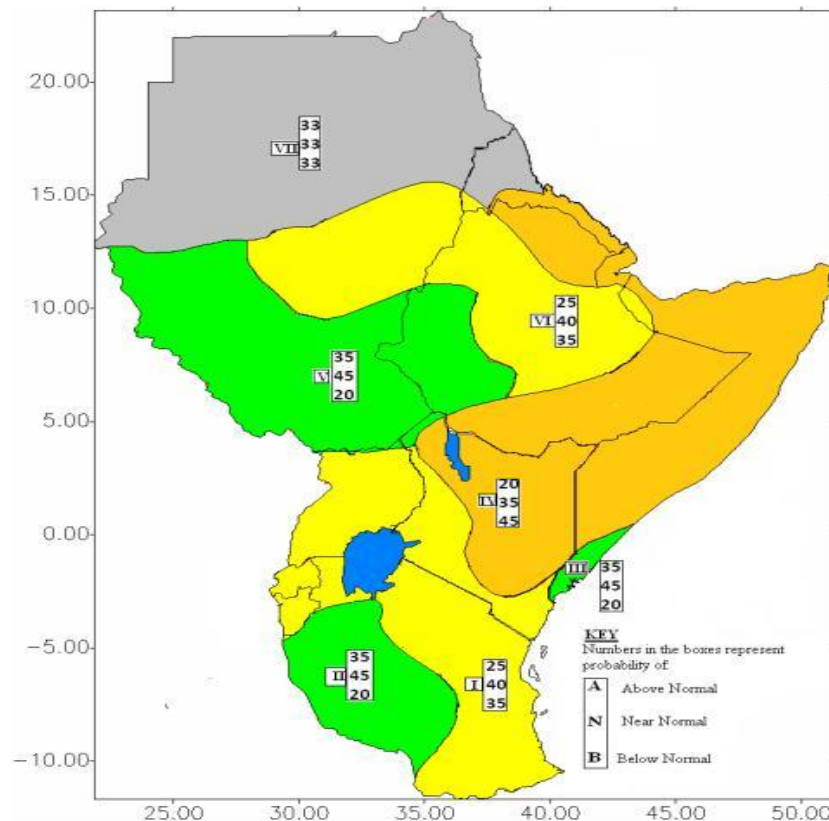
HIGHLIGHT:

- Near normal to above normal rainfall is expected in the Greater Equatoria and most parts of Bahr el Ghazal
- Late onset of seasonal rainfall of near normal and below normal rainfall is predicted in Greater Upper Nile state.

The IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre (ICPAC) and partners organized the thirtieth Climate Outlook Forum for the Greater Horn of Africa (GHACOF 30) in Rwanda from 27-29th February 2012. The objective of the forum was to come up with a consensus outlook for the March, April and May (MAM) 2012 seasonal forecast that covers parts of rainfall/growing season. In the South Sudan, March to May rainfall contributes an important rainfall season over the Greater Equatoria, Western Bahr el Ghazal and southern parts of Jonglei state. Based on March to May season forecast, near normal to above normal rainfall is expected in most parts of Central, Eastern and Western Equatoria state. About 35% of above normal rainfall is likely to be observed in the Greater Equatoria, Bahr el Ghazal and some pockets of Greater Upper Nile while 45% occurring of near normal and 20% of below normal rainfall is expected in these areas. However, northern parts of Unity, Upper Nile, Northern Bahr el Ghazal and Jonglei State are expected to observe 25%

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above near normal to 40% normal and 35% below normal rainfall. In summary the key agricultural areas are forecasted to have favourable cropping season and a potential near normal agricultural production prospects for the MAM cropping season. However, periodic or seasonal variation is likely to occur especially in areas expected to observe near normal to below normal rainfall.



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