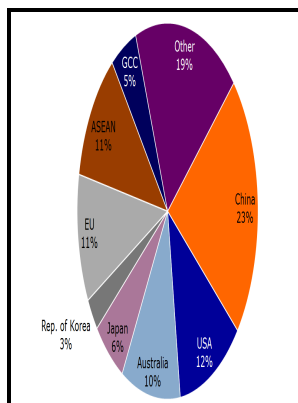


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Despite this rain, crop biomass sorghum probably remains below average in Taizz due to the combined effect of the April-May dry spell and conflict. This confirms the below average seasonal forecast and is linked to major recent tropical storms and cyclones like Iday and Kenneth, diverting atmospheric moisture southwards. South-East and Eastern Asia: In continental south-east Asia, conditions are good for wet season rice and prospects are favourable.

The Regional Institute

Consecutive seasons of below-average agricultural production, economic slowdowns, the impact of COVID-19 and a reduced inflow of remittances are increasing the risk of poverty and food insecurity for already vulnerable populations.

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Southern Africa: Most of the region has experienced below-average rainfall since the beginning of the season in October, leading to poor crop and rangeland conditions in: Botswana, southern Angola, northern Namibia, Lesotho, southern Zimbabwe and southern Zambia and South Africa. Nevertheless, persistent widespread insecurity and conflict incidents continue to hamper agricultural activities and prospects for 2019 remain below the pre-conflict levels. However, total bean and maize production for 2020 primera, postrera and apante is estimated to reach average to above-average levels.

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The abundant rains have favoured successive reproduction cycles of desert locusts, which caused and are still causing significant damage in Ethiopia and localized damage in most other countries of the region Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda. Poverty incidences in these regions are below the national average in view of their proximity to metropolitan areas Metro Manila and Metro Cebu where economic activities are dense and where their populations find employment. Expenditures for CARP shrank by an average of 26% since 2013.

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Table I Effect of previous crop on dry matter production and yield of wheat at three sites in southern NSW. Most severely affected is Somalia, with an expected cereal production of only 50% of the 5 years average FSNAU.

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Prospects for 2019 production in South Sudan are forecasted slightly above 2018 levels due to favorable agro-climatic conditions. However, even government does not seem to place priority on plant genetic resources.

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At the same time though, above average rainfall in March has also allowed desert locusts to reproduce and continue their spread across Somalia, central and northern Kenya and Southern Ethiopia, reaching as far as Uganda and south Sudan.

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Dry weather particularly affected the main producing rice departments in western Cuba, and the main cereal producing region of Artibonite, the Nord-Est, and the central regions, where the spring season is ongoing.

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