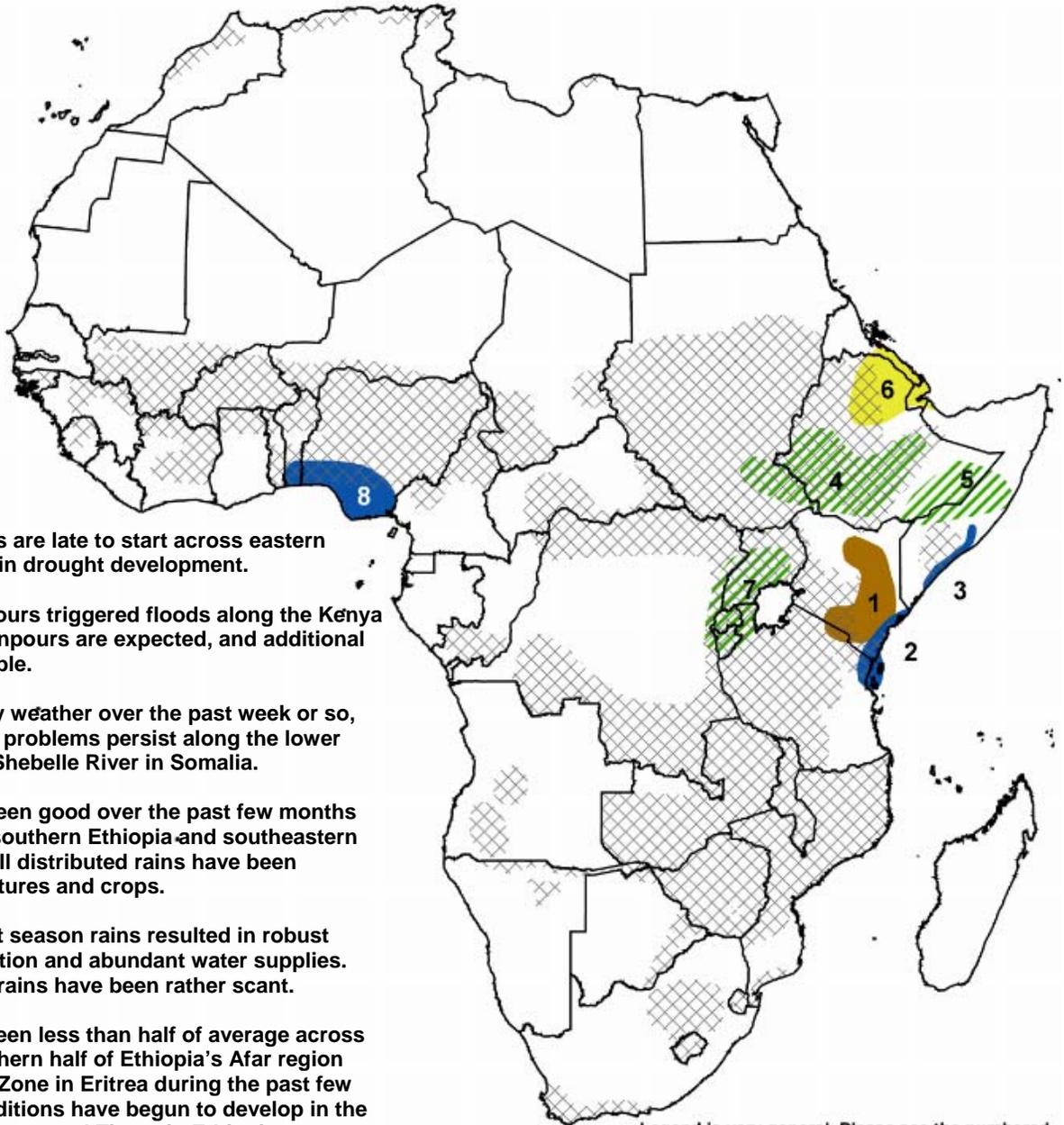


- Well distributed rains have resulted in favorable conditions across southern Ethiopia, southeastern Sudan and western portions of the Lake Victoria Basin. However, heavy downpours triggered flooding along the Kenya Coast.
- Seasonal rains are late to start across eastern Kenya, resulting in drought development. Dry conditions have also had a negative impact on pastures in Djibouti and adjacent parts of Ethiopia and Eritrea. Dry weather recently has raised concerns over crop stress in some parts of the eastern Ethiopian Highlands.



- 1) Seasonal rains are late to start across eastern Kenya, resulting in drought development.
- 2) Heavy downpours triggered floods along the Kenya Coast. More downpours are expected, and additional flooding is possible.
- 3) Despite the dry weather over the past week or so, residual flooding problems persist along the lower stretches of the Shebelle River in Somalia.
- 4) Rainfall has been good over the past few months across much of southern Ethiopia and southeastern Sudan. These well distributed rains have been favorable for pastures and crops.
- 5) Excellent short season rains resulted in robust pasture regeneration and abundant water supplies. However, recent rains have been rather scant.
- 6) Rainfall has been less than half of average across Djibouti, the northern half of Ethiopia's Afar region and the Red Sea Zone in Eritrea during the past few months. Dry conditions have begun to develop in the Belg areas of Ahmara and Tigray in Ethiopia.

7) Abundant, well distributed rains resulted in favorable conditions for crops and pastures across the western portions of the Lake Victoria Basin.

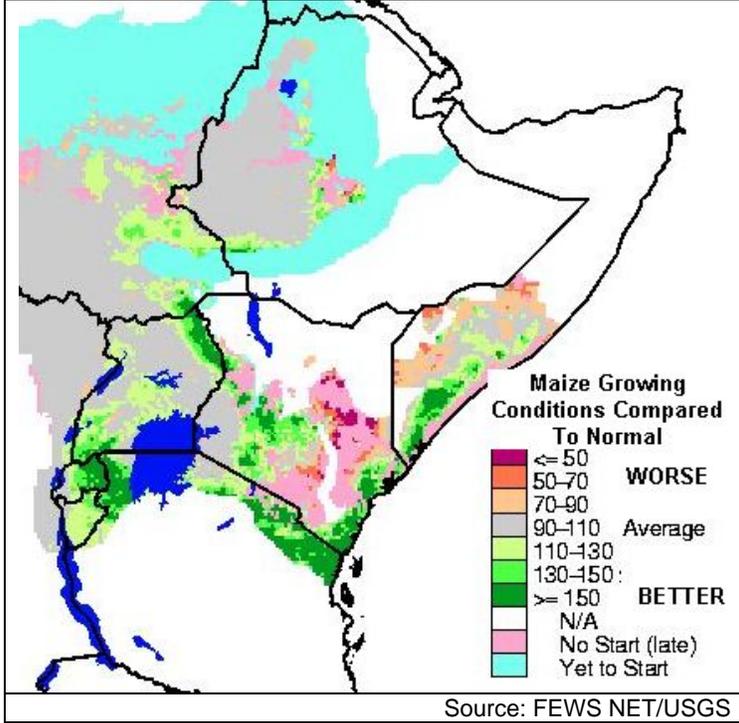
8) Heavy rain may cause flooding problems early in the period across southern Nigeria and southern Benin.

Legend is very general. Please see the numbered descriptions for each area depicted on the map.

	Extreme Event		Flooding
	Humanitarian Concern		Severe, Long Term Drought
	Favorable		Drought
	Somewhat Favorable		Short Term Dryness or Drought Recovery
	In Season Crop Areas		

Favorable rains have resulted in good conditions over portions of the Horn. However, drought has beset inland portions of eastern Kenya as seasonal rains have yet to start. Seasonal rains have been adequate to abundant this season thus far across southern Ethiopia and southern Sudan. This has resulted in favorable conditions for crops and pastures, while boosting water supplies in the region. Abundant, well distributed rains have also benefited crops and pastures across northwestern Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, much of Uganda, and adjacent parts of DRC. In eastern Kenya, however, seasonal rains are more than six weeks late and have yet to start. This has resulted in the development of drought across inland portions of eastern Kenya. Crop failure, water shortages and pasture degradation are all concerns. Scattered showers are expected during the period. However, significant soaking rains are not anticipated over interior eastern Kenya. Along the coast, recent rains eased drought conditions while triggering flash floods. Floods washed out roads and displaced people along the Kenya Coast last week. Additional heavy rains are expected, along with the potential for additional flash floods.

Percent of Median Water Requirements Satisfaction Index (WRSI) for Maize as of May 10, 2007

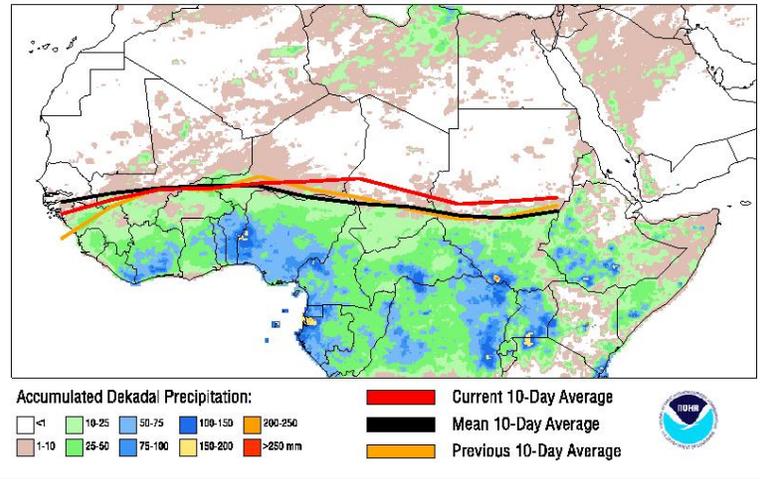


Conditions have been dry across Djibouti, northern portions of Ethiopia's Afar region, and Eritrea's Red Sea Zone. Less than half of the average rainfall has occurred over the past few months. While this is not uncommon in this arid region, the shortfalls have stressed pastures and water supplies in this marginal pastoral region. Rainfall in recent weeks has been scant in the Belg producing areas of eastern Ahmara. This has raised concerns about stress to Belg and Long Cycle crops. Scattered showers moistened topsoils last week, and the potential exists for scattered showers across the eastern highlands this week. However, any rain that falls will probably be light. Excellent rains across southeastern Ethiopia and the southern two thirds of Somalia last season combined with good rains during April to result in favorable conditions for pastures and water supply replenishment. However, dry weather in recent weeks has reduced topsoil moisture for pastures and recently sown crops. Seasonal showers are expected to resume during the period.

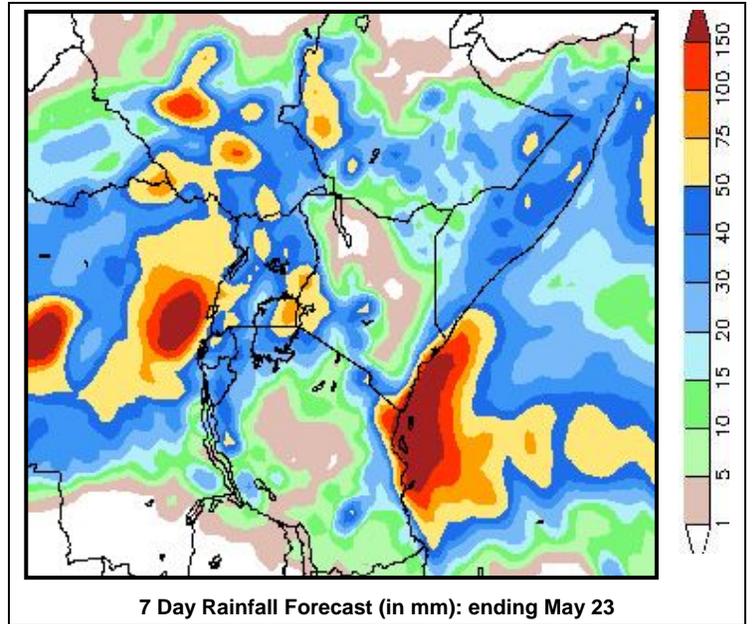
Current vs Mean Position of the Africa ITCZ

As analyzed by the NOAA Climate Prediction Center

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The most recent analysis of the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) over western Africa indicates that the ITCZ is north of its normal position over the central and eastern Sahel. Since the ITCZ delineates the northward extent of the seasonal rains in the Sahel, this has resulted in some early rains over Burkina Faso, southern Niger, northern Nigeria, Chad and southern Sudan, and possibly has resulted in an early start to the season. These early rains have been beneficial to recently sown crops. However, in some areas, such as southern Nigeria and Benin, unseasonably heavy rains have raised concerns about flooding. In Sudan's troubled Darfur region and in eastern Chad, early rains may hamper accessibility to IDP camps and refugee camps by relief organizations.



Over the next week, beneficial rains are expected across the Lake Victoria Basin, southern Ethiopia, southern Sudan and much of Somalia. However, heavy downpours and flash flooding are possible along the Kenya and northern Tanzania Coasts.