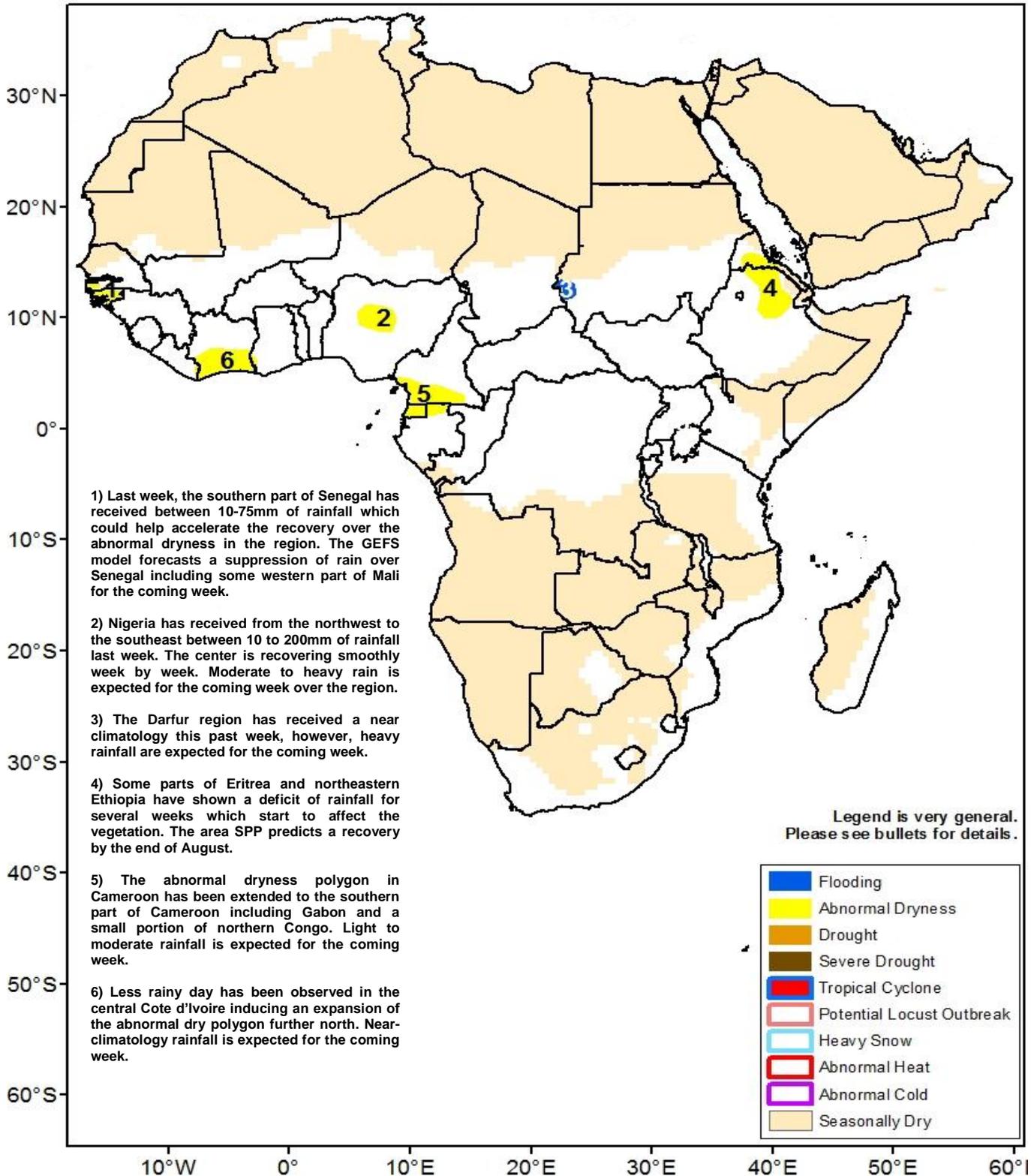




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- Dry conditions over some parts of Eritrea toward the north eastern part of Ethiopia
- Flash flooding warning over Darfur for the coming week



Heavy rainfall predicted over the coastline of Guinea, and Sierra Leone.

During the past seven days, a significant increase of rainfall was observed overall Senegal. Light rainfall, with downpours < 75 mm has been registered over south and eastern Cote d'Ivoire including the southern part of Ghana (Figure 1). Over Senegal, the cold SST near the coastline of Senegal has result to a suppression of rain for the past two weeks. Meanwhile, light to moderate rain was recorded between 12N to 17N. Although a consistent and widespread distribution of rainfall has benefited agricultural and pastoral activities over many areas of West Africa over the past several weeks, excessive moisture over western Guinea and Sierra Leone have also exacerbated and worsened conditions on the grounds over some areas.

Since the beginning of June, western Guinea and Sierra Leone has experienced wetness. Positive rainfall anomalies, ranging between 50-300 mm, have been observed from, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea-Conakry, Sierra Leone while a weak scenario is observed over Liberia, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, the northern part of Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana Togo and Benin, southwestern Nigeria (Figure 2). The favorable distribution of rainfall over the past few weeks has also been attributed to an average to above-average northerly position of the Inter-Tropical Front across West Africa.

During the next week, heavy rain is forecast to continue across Guinea-Conakry, Sierra Leone, and northern Cote d'Ivoire including the frontier between Nigeria and Cameroon. High risks for flooding and worsening of ground conditions over areas of the Darfur has been notified by a flood polygon.

Northwestern Ethiopia is wet while the northeastern is anomalously dry.

Over western Uganda, this past week's near-average rain has resulted in flooding and landslides and affected people in Bundibugyo District and surrounding regions of the country. The northeastern Ethiopia is starting to show concerning dryness between 50 to 100mm deficits of rain this past two months, however the SPP predicts a progressive recovery by the end of August. For the coming week, moderate to heavy rainfall is forecast in northeastern Democratic Republic of Congo going across the frontier of western Uganda and South Sudan. Above seasonal average is expected in western Kenya going to the border area of eastern Uganda.

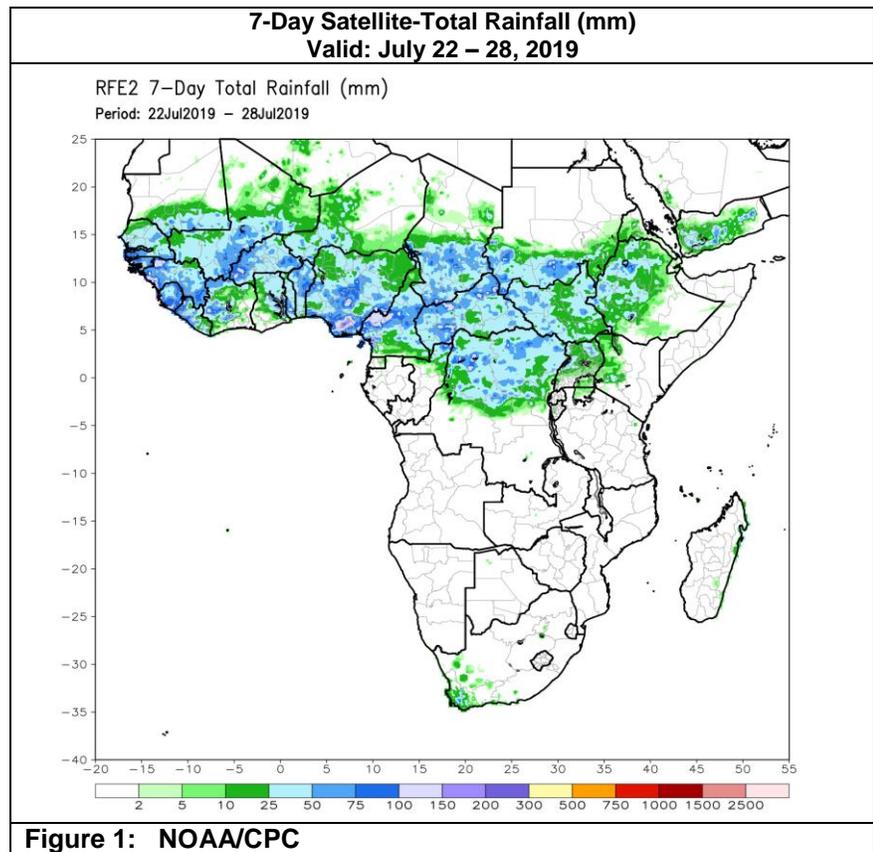


Figure 1: NOAA/CPC

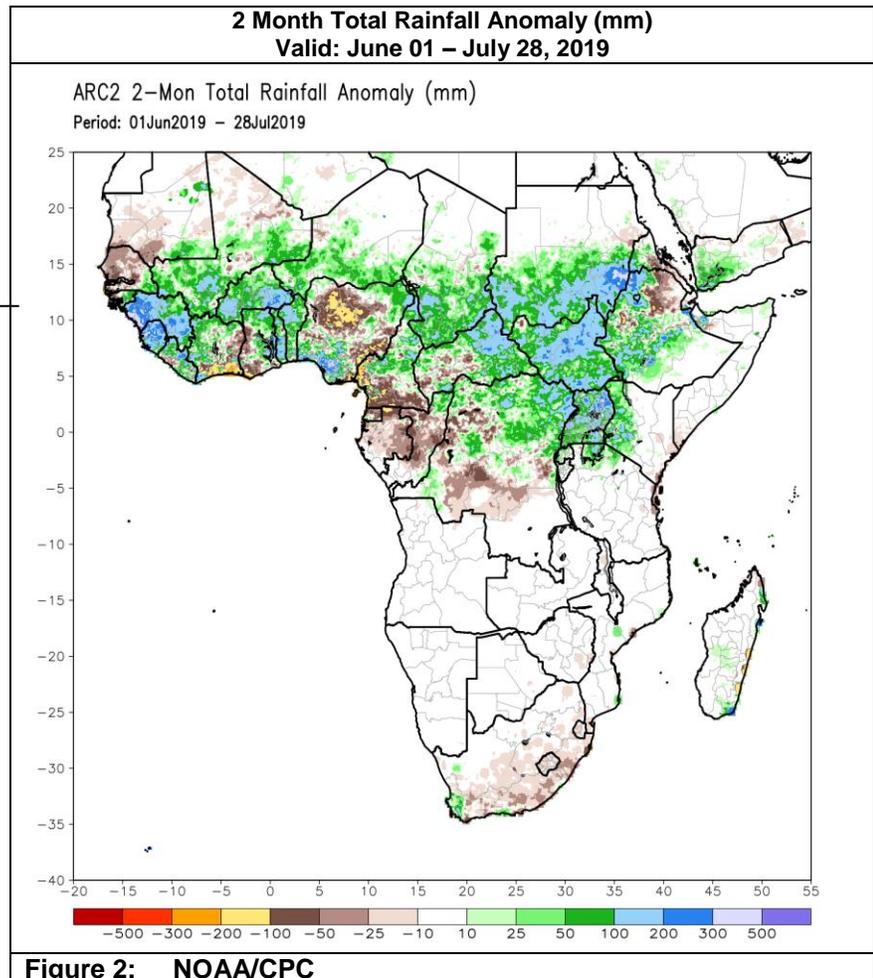


Figure 2: NOAA/CPC

Note: The hazards outlook map on page 1 is based on current weather/climate information and short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week). It assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.