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HIGHLIGHTS Above Normal rainfall received... Good vegetation condition.... Weeding and legume planting activities... Decrease in rainfall is anticipated Warm to hot temperatures forecasted..... Decrease in soil moisture expected.....

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RAINFALL AND TEMPERATURES

RAINFALL

Above Normal rainfall was observed in the 2nd dekad of February 2025 (Figure 1 and (Map 1).



Figure 1: Rainfall distribution 2nd dekad February 2025



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Rainfall observed was above average in most of the regions in the country (**Table 1**).

Table 1: Rainfall (mm) 2nd dekad February 2025

	HV		MV		LV		LP	
2023/24		25		6		2		7
Average		57		52		33		41
2024/25		98		50		70		96
Anomaly		41		-1		37		55

TEMPERATURES

Warm to hot temperatures were generally observed during the reporting period. (Figure 2).



Figure 2: Maximum and Minimum temperatures 2nd dekad of February 2025

MAIZE AND OTHER CROPS

MAIZE CROP STAGE AND CONDITION

Maize is mostly at vegetative stage and the condition is mostly good.

OTHER CROPS

Farmers are planting legumes.

CURRENT FARMING ACTIVITY

Farmers are planting legumes and are cautioned to scout for pests, such as Fall Army Worm (FAW) and watch out for root rot in Groundnuts, especially in wet fields.



Image 1: Agriculture Stress Index 2nd dekad February 2025 Source: FAO-GIEWS

LIVESTOCK AND PASTURES

Livestock is in good condition as rangelands and water availability is reported to be in good condition in all the regions.

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WATER SITUATION

Most dams are at full capacity in all the regions.

MEDIUM-TERM OUTLOOK

RAINFALL

A decrease in rainfall is anticipated in the outlook period.

TEMPERATURE

Warm to hot temperatures are anticipated in the outlook period.

SOIL MOISTURE

A slight decrease in soil moisture is expected in the outlook period.

WIND SPEED

Wind will generally be light to moderate during the outlook period.

NB: Outlook period is ten days from date of issue

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Image 2: Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI) Anomaly (2nd Dekad February 2025) Source: FAO-GIEWS

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Image 3: Vegetation Health Index (VHI) (2nd Dekad February 2025) Source: FAO-GIEWS

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