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HIGHLIGHTS OF 1st DEKAD OF DECEMBER 2022

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During the first dekad of December 2022, rainfall activities were observed over some parts of subequatorial and tropical bands of the Continent, with dominate by below-average to well below-average rainfall conditions observed over western parts of Central Africa, South-eastern of the East Africa regions, most of northern parts of SADC region. Above-average to well above-average rainfall was recorded over northern Congo, eastern DRC, western Kenya, Tanzania, south-eastern Angola, southern Botswana, north-eastern South Africa and central Madagascar.

The dekad was characterized by neutral to cold SSTs conditions in the over northern band equatorial the Atlantic, neutral to warm SSTs over southern Atlantic. In addition, in the equatorial pacific region, La Nina conditions persisted during most of the last four weeks. Over the Indian Ocean, the SSTs were mostly dominated by neutral to cold conditions over western parts that led to suppress rainfall over parts of the eastern side of East African countries. While over Kelvin wave conducted the wet conditions in the most parts experienced above normal rainfall.

The outlook for 18 – 31 December 2022 depicts a general bias for below to normal and normal to below and below average precipitation over northernmost of Morocco, much of Angola, western Zambia, Namibia, north-eastern Botswana, eastern South Africa, and northern parts of Madagascar. Normal to above average and Above average rainfall condition is expected over southern Gabon, Congo, DRC, Tanzania, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique and Madagascar.