

Somalia Dekadal Rainfall Update

3rd Dekad of May 2014

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This bulletin provides summary of 10 days (Dekadal) observed rainfall in Somalia

During the 15th Dekad (21st – 31st May 2014), there was a reduction of rainfall activities in most parts of the country except for the north eastern parts that recorded moderate to heavy rains. In summary, the month of May recorded below normal rainfall across the country. A few stations however recorded above normal rains but with poor temporal and spatial distribution. Below is a brief summary of the rainfall situation by region for this dekad.

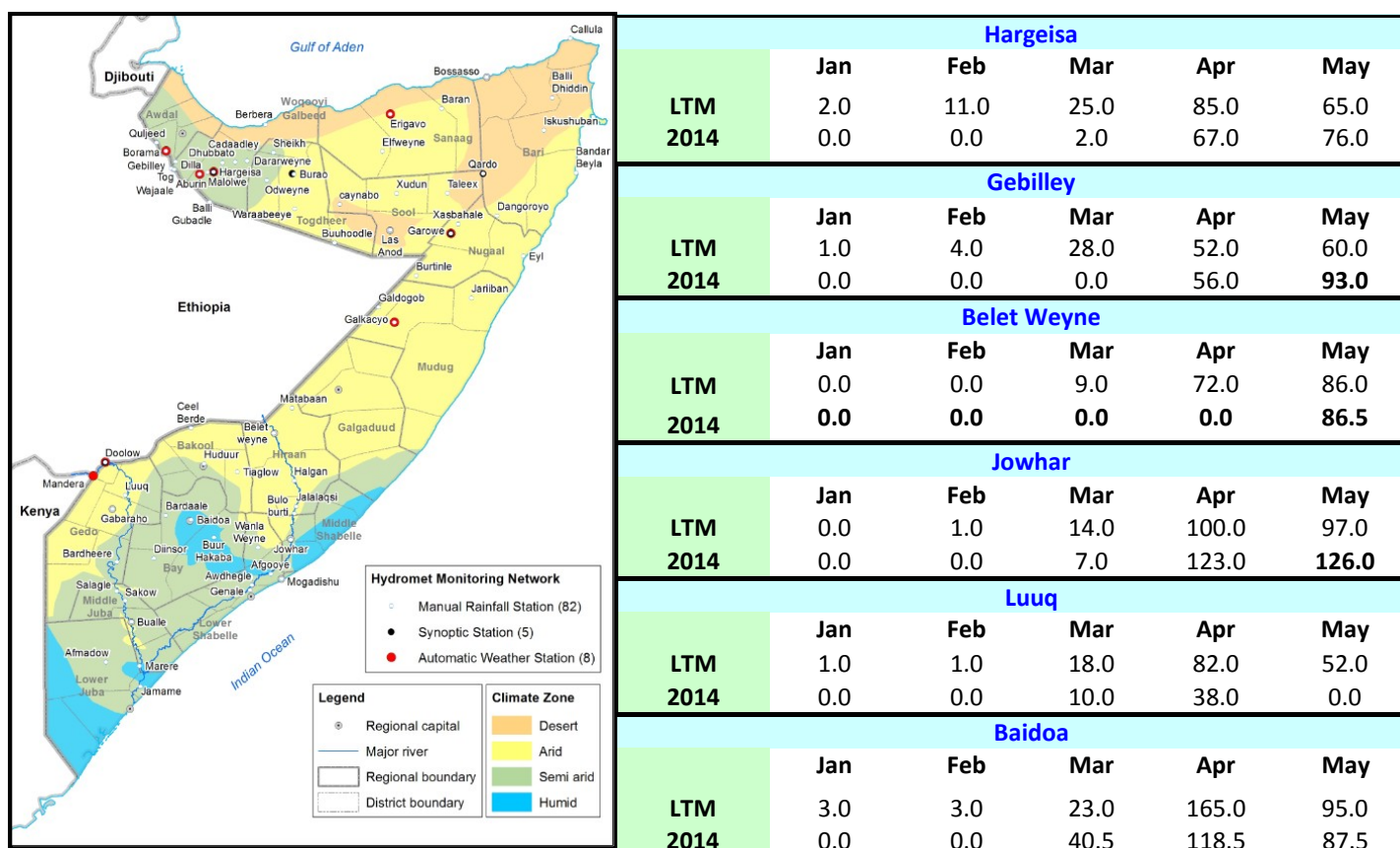
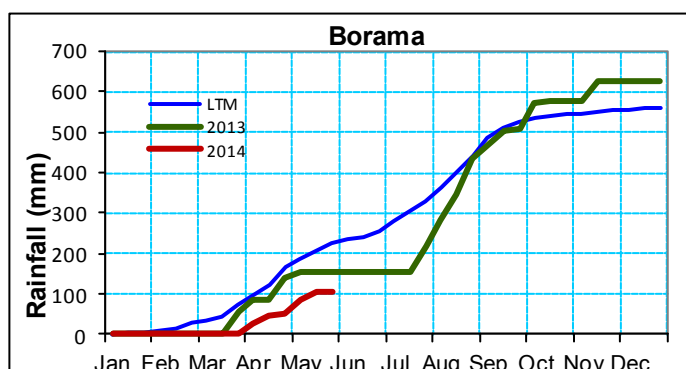
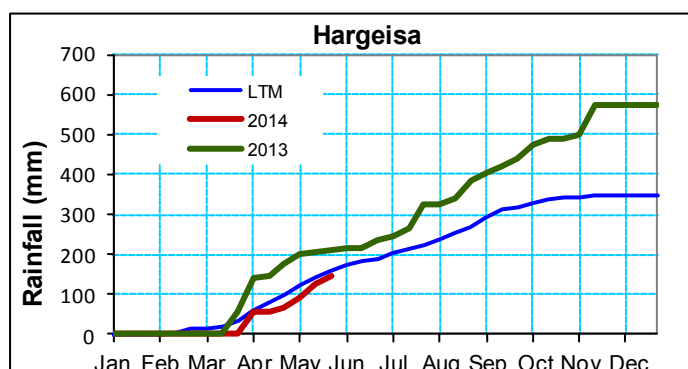


Figure 1: Rainfall Observational Network with Long Term Mean Monthly Rainfall (1963-1990) Compared to 2014

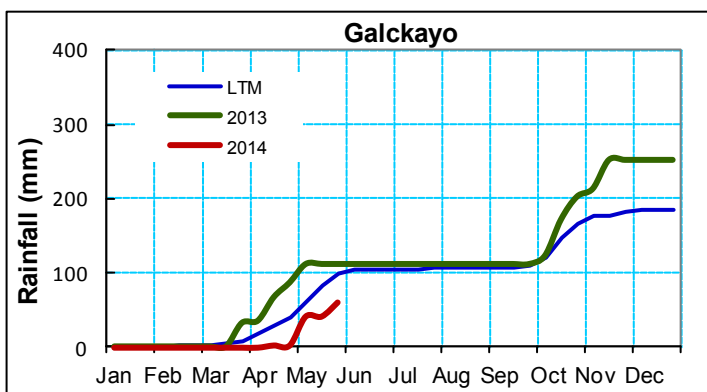
North West Region

There was a significant reduction of total amounts of rainfall received during the third dekad of May compared to the previous one in Somaliland. Only a few stations recorded above 20mm of rainfall. In general the rainfall performance in the are has been below normal since the beginning of the season as seen on the cumulative graphs below;



North East Region

During the reporting period, moderate rains were received in many parts of Puntland which had remained relatively dry since the beginning of the *Gu* season. Qardo in Bari region recorded the highest amount of 88mm while Eyl received 40mm during the same period which was achieved in a single day. The region still remains water stressed.

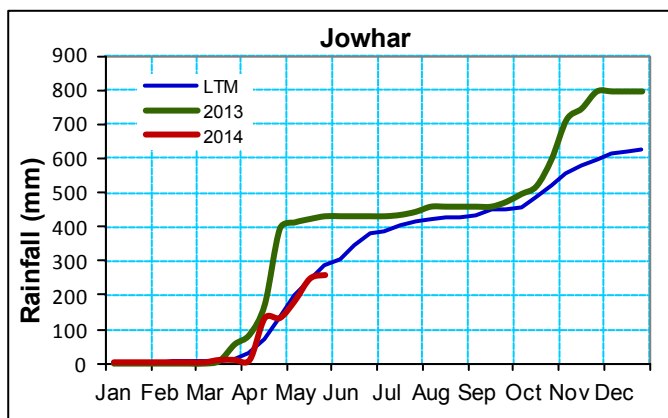
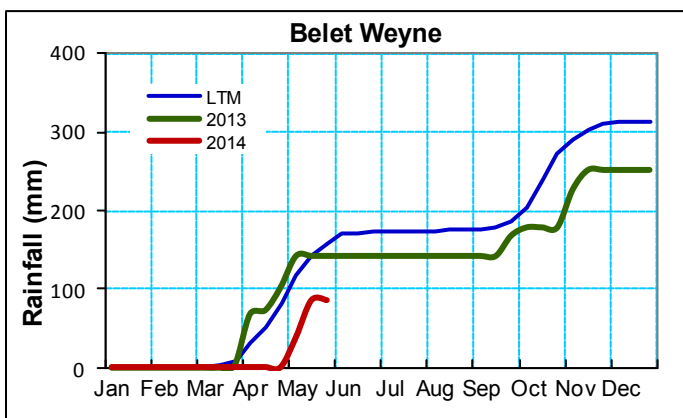


Galckayo					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
LTM	0.0	0.0	4.0	37.0	50.0
2013	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	58.0

Qardo					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May
LTM	0.0	1.0	7.0	26.0	31.0
2013	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	96.0

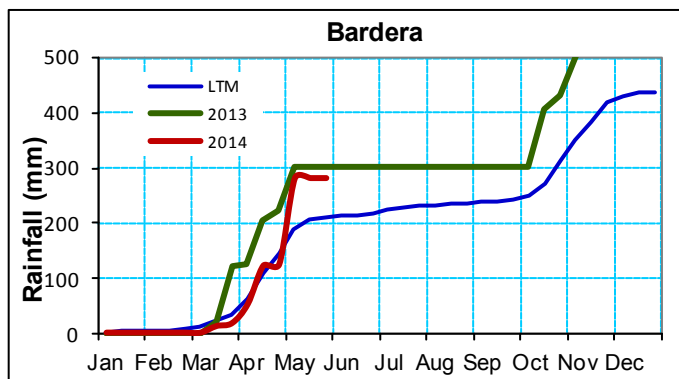
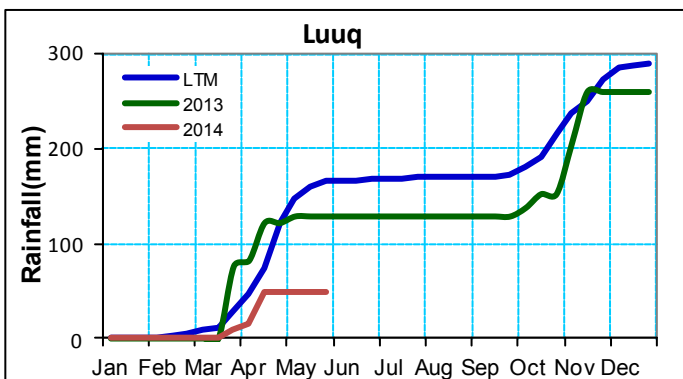
Shabelle Valley

The Shabelle valley received little or no rains during the period under review. The cumulative rainfall for the months of April and May is below normal at this time of the year following poor rainfall performance in the area. The upper parts of Hiraan region and Lower Shabelle have been adversely affected by the poor rains.



Juba Valley

Little or no rains were received within the Jubas, Bay and Bakool regions. The agro pastoral areas of Bay and Bakool also recorded below normal rains. This calls for a concern as the rainy season comes to an end.



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