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Climate Outlook for Hydro-electricity Generation from August to October 2025

Current Conditions

Fiji's Climate

Apart from the occasional troughs of low-pressure systems, the weather across the country was generally fine. There were reports of localized flash flooding events in some parts of the Central Division.

There were 21 rainfall stations that reported in, in time for the compilation of this bulletin, with 1 station reporting *well below average,* 4 *below average,* 4 *average,* 10 stations reporting *above average* and 2 stations reporting *well above average.*

Monasavu's total monthly rainfall (until 29th July), was 248mm, which is in the *above average* category (128% of *normal*) when compared against the WMO standard 30-year normal.

The total 3monthly rainfall recorded during May - 29th July 2025 period, was 1043mm, which was 140% of the *normal*, while 2334mm (104% of the *normal*) of rainfall was recorded during the past 6 months (February to 29th July), at the station (Figure 1).

El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Status

ENSO is currently in a neutral phase, with likely chances of the event to persist through the August to October 2025 period. Recently surveyed global climate models continue to favor neutral conditions through to the end of the year.

Equatorial sea surface temperatures (SSTs) are currently *above average* in the far western and far eastern Pacific, and *near-to-below average* in the central and east-central Pacific.

The Southern Oscillation Index (SOI) for June 2025 was +1.8, with the 5-month running mean of 5.0. The latest 30-day value to 28th July 2025 was +10.1.

Near average trade winds have been present in the western and the central Pacific Ocean. Cloudiness have been below average. Overall, ENSO indicators currently indicate neutral conditions, with likely chances of it persisting throughout 2025.

El Niño-Southern Oscillation and Monasavu Climate Predictions

El-Niño Southern Oscillation Prediction

Recently surveyed global climate models, favor neutral conditions during the August to October period, with chances for it to continue throughout 2025.

Minimum & Maximum Air Temperature Predictions - August & August to October 2025:

Day and night time temperatures are both likely to be *above normal* across Viti Levu and Vanua Levu during August, as well as the August to October 2025 period (Figure 4 and 5).

Rainfall Predictions: Fortnightly: 3rd – 16th August & 10th – 23rd August

Rainfall across Viti Levu is likely to be above median from 3rd – 16th August, as well as from 10th – 23rd August.

August 2025

There is 75% chance of receiving at least 60mm of rainfall at Nadarivatu station, 75% chance of at least 67mm of rainfall at the Nadarivatu and Monasavu Dams and 75% chance of receiving at least 77mm of rainfall at Wailoa. The confidence in this forecast is low (Table 1).

August to October 2025

For the August to October 2025 period, there is 75% chance of receiving around 496mm of rainfall at Nadarivatu station, 75% chance of receiving around 510mm at Wailoa, while there is 75% chance of receiving around 496mm of rainfall at Nadarivatu and Monasavu Dams. There is low confidence on the generated outlook (Table 1).

Summary

Wetter than normal conditions are likely, for both August, as well as the August to October 2025 period.

Skill confidence of the outlook is often *low* during this time of the year.

Figure 1 Monthly Rainfall Distribution at Monasavu until 29th July 2025

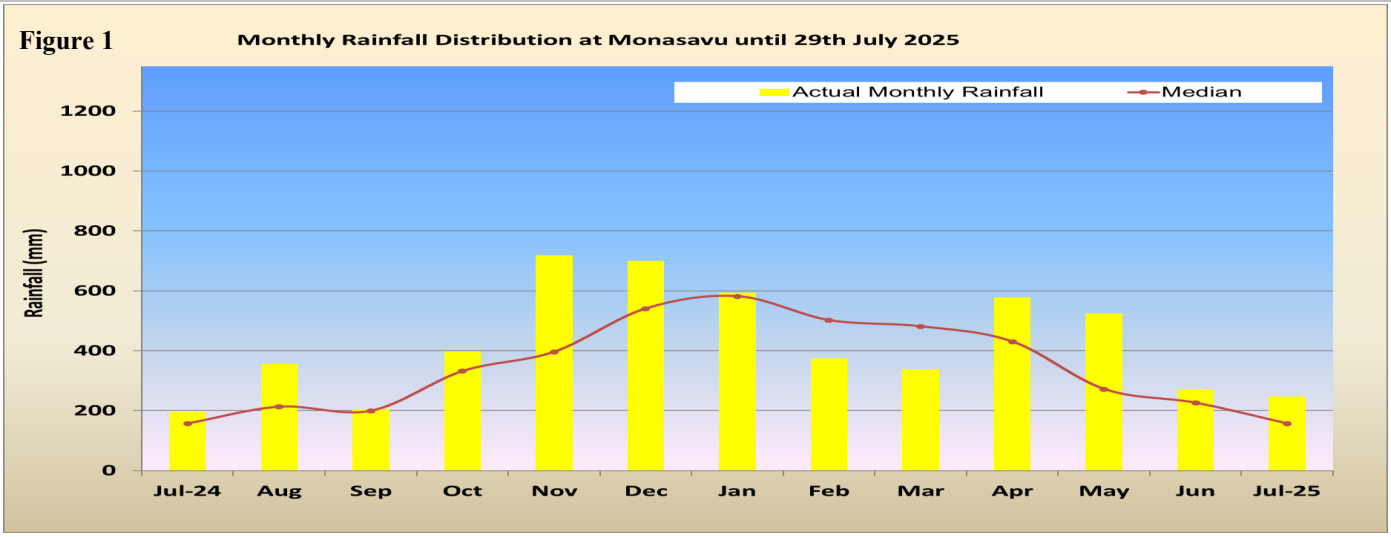


Table 1: Rainfall Outlook: August & August to October 2025

August Outlook				
	25% chance of at least (mm)	**50% chance of at least (mm)**	**75% chance of at least (mm)**	**Forecast Confidence**
Nadarivatu station	172	107	60	Low
Nadarivatu Dam	184	112	67	Low
Monasavu Dam	184	112	67	Low
Wailoa	196	114	77	Low
August to October Outlook				
	25% chance of at least (mm)	**50% chance of at least (mm)**	**75% chance of at least (mm)**	**Forecast Confidence**
Nadarivatu station	669	569	496	Low
Nadarivatu Dam	712	603	496	Low
Monasavu Dam	712	603	496	Low
Wailoa	742	621	510	Low

The table above provides 25%, 50% and 75% chances of each station receiving the amount of rainfall mentioned above.

Figure 2: Rainfall Outlook: Fortnightly: 3rd – 16th August & 10th – 23rd August

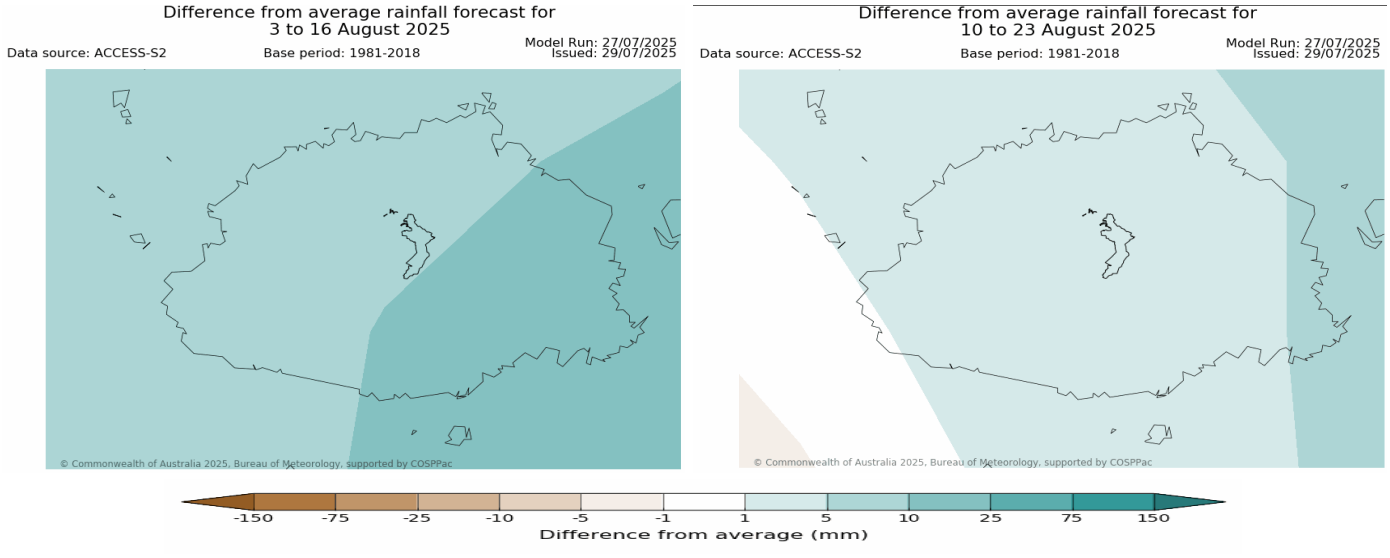


Figure 3: Rainfall Outlook: August & August to October 2025

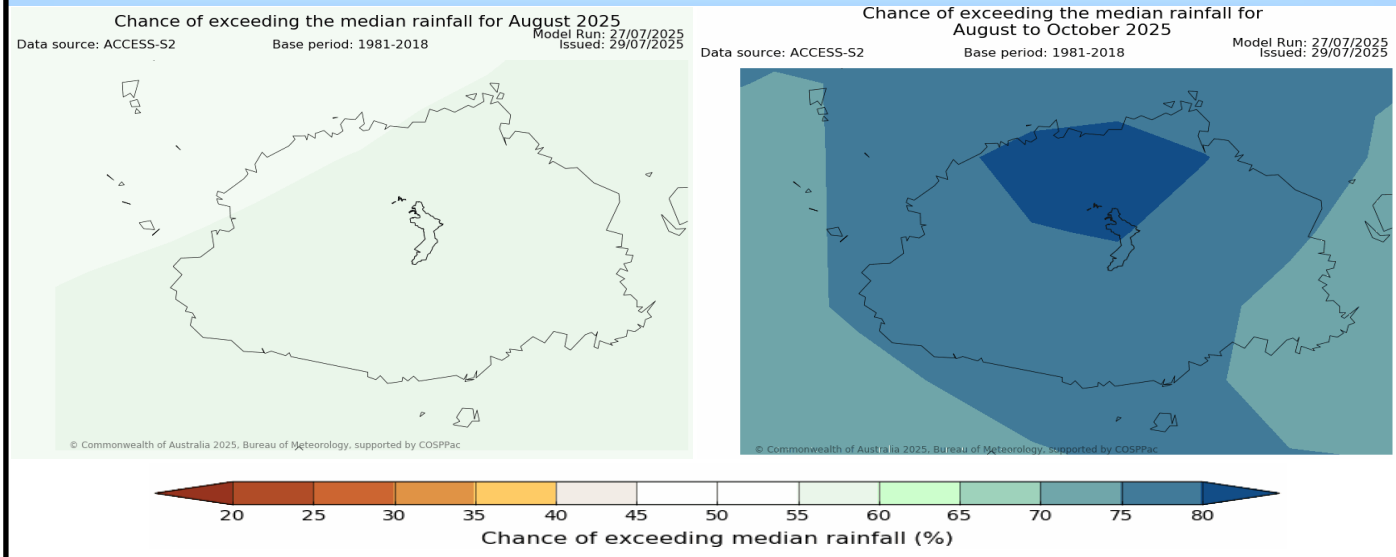
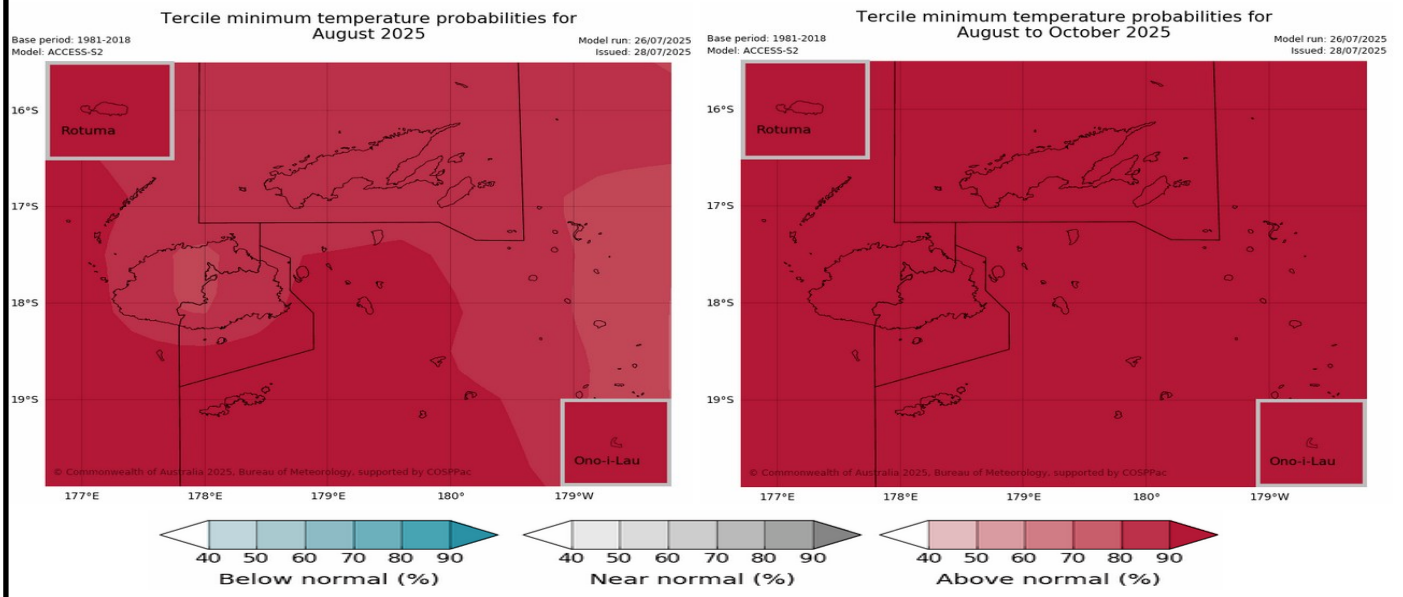
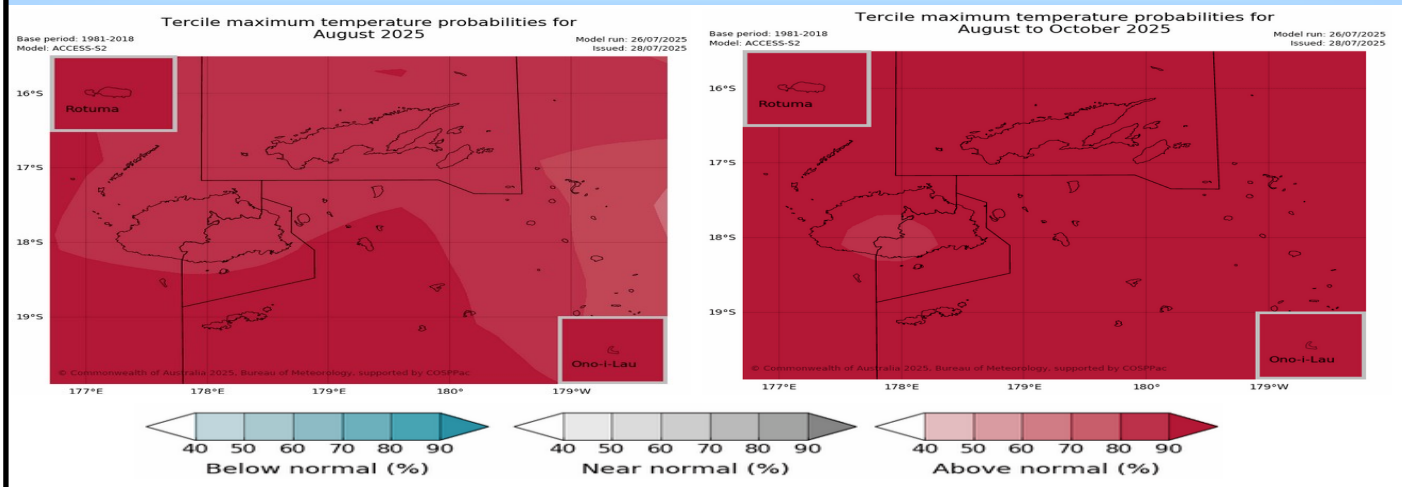


Figure 4: Minimum Air Temperature Predictions: August & August to October 2025



Minimum air temperatures are expected to be *above normal* across Viti Levu and Vanua Levu, during August and August to October 2025 period. *Source: ACCESS-S2 Model.*

Figure 5: Maximum Air Temperature Predictions: August & August to October 2025



Maximum air temperatures are likely to be *above normal* across Viti Levu and Vanua Levu, during August and August to October 2025 period. *Source: ACCESS-S2 Model.*

Explanatory Notes

Climate Outlook for Hydro-electricity Generation is produced to provide advisories to Energy Fiji Limited (EFL). It aims to provide advanced warning on climate abnormalities for planning on economic generation mix and hydro-storage optimization.

Climate (Rainfall/Air Temperature) Outlook

Above normal – indicates that the rainfall/temperature value lies in the highest third of observation recorded in the standard 30 year normal period.

Near normal – indicates that the rainfall/temperature value lies in the middle third of observation recorded in the standard 30 year normal period.

Below normal – indicates that the rainfall/temperature value lies in the lowest third of observation recorded in the standard 30 year normal period.
Climatology – means that there are equal chances of receiving below normal, normal and above normal rainfall.

Median – rainfall value which marks the level dividing the ranked data set in half, that is, the midpoint of the ordered (lowest to highest) monthly or yearly rainfall totals.

Above Median – rainfall value that lies above the median value.

Below Median – rainfall value that lies below the median value.

El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO)

ENSO is the principal driver of the year-to-year variability of Fiji's climate. There are three phases of this phenomenon, ***El Niño, La Niña*** and ***Neutral*** conditions. El Niño or La Niña events are a natural part of the global climate system and usually recur after every 2 to 7 years. It normally develops around April to June, attains peak intensity between December to February and usually starts to decay around April to June period the following year. While most events last for a year, some have persisted for up to 2 years. It should be also noted that no two El Niño or La Niña events are the same. Different events have different impacts, but most exhibit some common climate characteristics.

Usually there is a lag effect on Fiji's climate with ENSO events, that is, once an El Niño or La Niña event is established in the tropical Pacific, it may take 2-6 months before its impact is seen on Fiji. Similarly, once an event finishes, it can take 2 -6 months for climate to normalise.

El Niño events are associated with warming of the central and eastern tropical Pacific. El Niño events usually result in reduction of Fiji's rainfall. Often the whole of Fiji is affected in varying degrees and it is quite unusual for one part of the country to experience a prolonged dry spell, while the other is in a wet spell. The relationship and level of rainfall suppression is greater in the Dry Zone than in the Wet Zone. It is the suppression of rainfall during the Cool/Dry Season (May to October) that is normally of most concern. A reduction in Cool/Dry Season rainfall in the Dry Zone results in little or no rainfall until the next Wet Season. While usually the strength of an ENSO event is proportional to its impact on Fiji, at times weak event can also have a significant impact.

La Niña events are associated with cooling of the central and eastern tropical Pacific. Usually La Niña results in wetter than normal conditions for Fiji, occasionally leading to flooding during the Warm/Wet Season (November to April).

During **Neutral** condition, neither El Niño nor La Niña is present, it has little effect on global climate, meaning other climate influences are more likely to dominate.

Lag effects – means that there is a delay in a change of some aspect of climate due to influence of other factors that is acting slowly.

Climate bulletins that can be viewed together with this bulletin include:

1) *Fiji Climate Summary at https://www.met.gov.fj/index.php?page=FijiClimateSummary (issued monthly)*
2) *Fiji Climate Outlook at https://www.met.gov.fj/index.php?page=ClimateOutlook (issued monthly)*

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