



Solomon Islands Meteorological Service



Early Action Rainfall Watch

August 2025

This bulletin is produced using the MalaClim Model, which is based on the October to December monthly rainfall to provide an Early Warning System for Malaria transmission risk on the North Guadalcanal for the period January to June.

Coming Up:

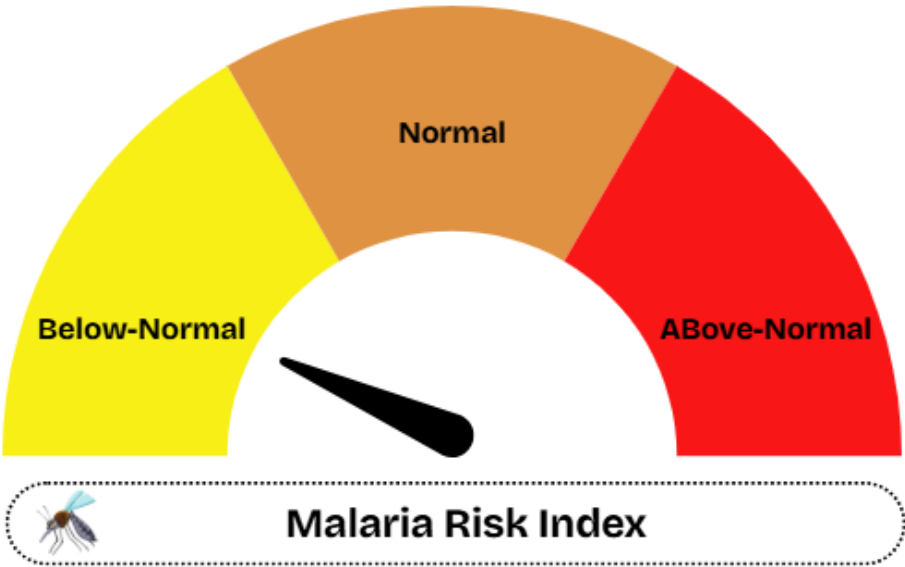
- A slightly below-normal malaria transmission was reported during the malaria transmission period from January to June 2025.
- The ENSO status remains “Neutral” as of the date.
- Rainfall outlook is likely “above-normal” for northwest Guadalcanal in the coming season.

Malaria Rainfall Watch Update:

Northern Guadalcanal Malaria Early Warning System OCTOBER
—DECEMBER 2024 Rainfall Thresholds (mm) for Honiara.

UPPER Threshold
570 mm

LOWER Threshold
540 mm

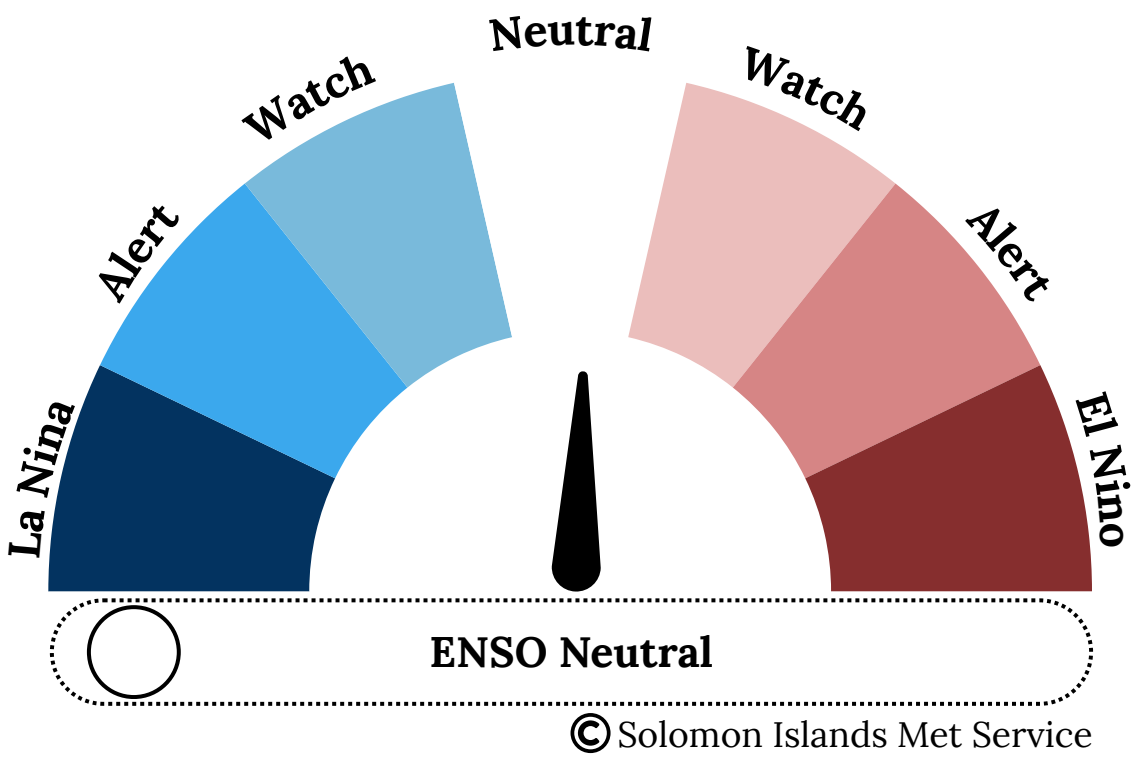


“Therefore, the Malaria transmission risk outlook for the Northern Guadalcanal region for the period—January to June 2025 is **BELOW-NORMAL RISK**”.

HONIARA RAINFALL Updates				
Year	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
2023	314.7	269.5	213.5	797.7
2024	89.9	207.2	303.2	600.3

The total rainfall observed for the period October to December 2024 is 600.3 mm. The observed rainfall total is above the upper threshold of 540 mm. The rainfall outlook for the period October to December 2024 for northern Guadalcanal is likely to be above normal for the period.

El Nino Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Update



Current Status of ENSO

✔ Currently remains in Neutral Phase (neither El Niño nor La Niña)

ENSO Outlook

✔ Predicted to remain neutral with the possibility of reaching La Niña levels in the coming months.

ENSO Phases & Distinctive Rainfall Conditions:

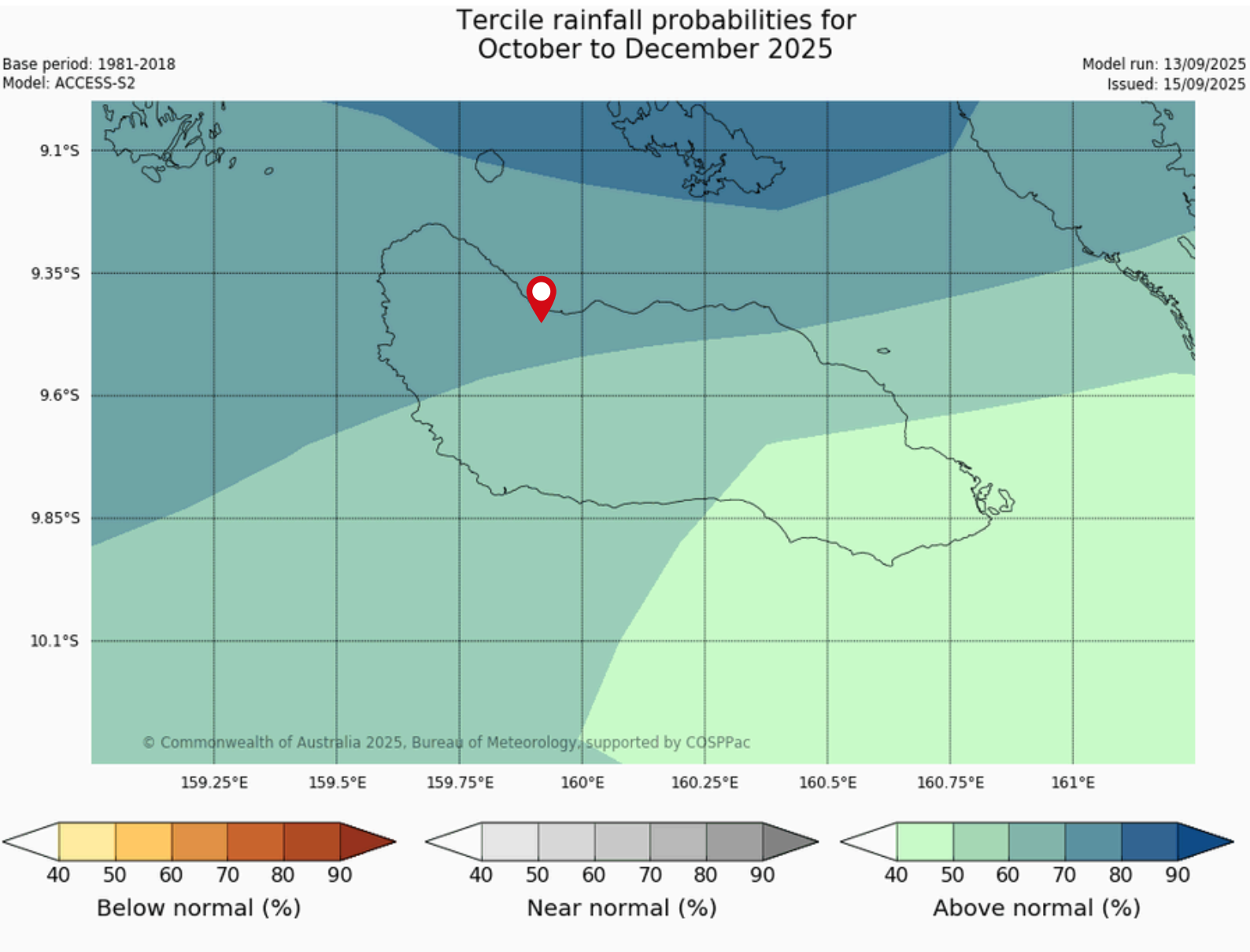
La Nina	Associate with above-normal rainfalls
Neutral	Associated with Moderate to near-normal rainfalls
El Nino	Associated with below-normal rainfalls, sometimes rainfall is suppressed for a period.

EL NINO & LA NINA



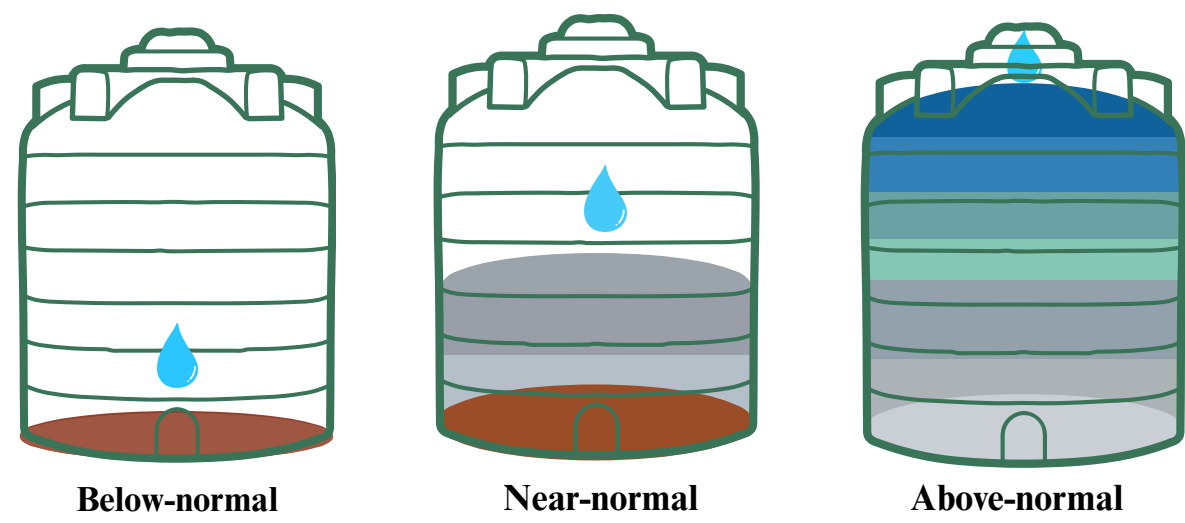


Northern Guadalcanal Rainfall Prediction— October to December 2025

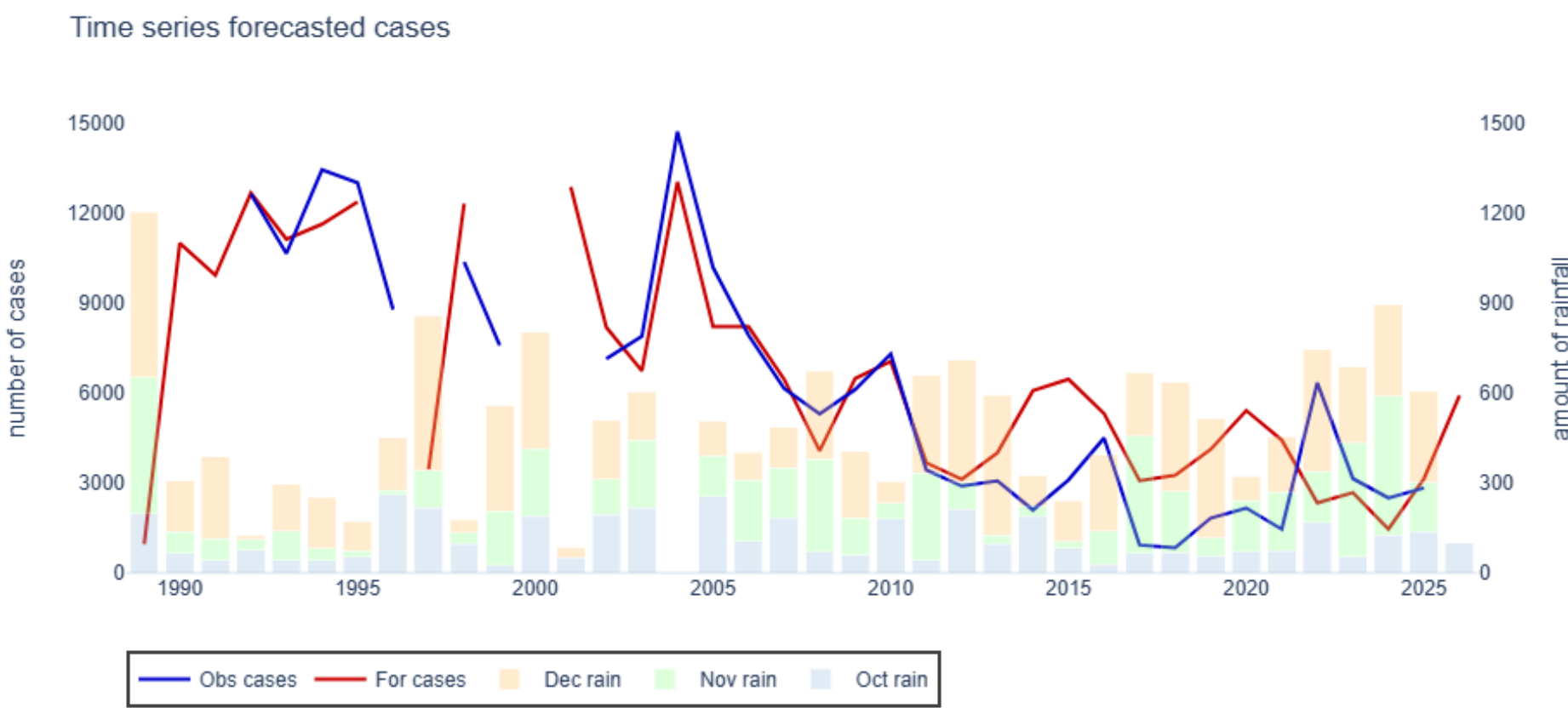


The rainfall outlook for the next three months is expected to be likely “above-normal” for Northwest Guadalcanal.

Tercile Rainfall Category Descriptions:



Malaria case Verification—January to June 2025



Malaria season period—January to June 2025 was predicted for below normal risk of malaria with expected cases of 1,461. The rainfall observed for the period—October to December 2024, was 600.3 mm, which falls above the upper threshold. 2,834 cases of malaria were reported for Northern Guadalcanal during the malaria season (January to June 2025). The result was nearly consistent with its forecast (below normal risk of malaria transmissions), which is slightly above the forecasted cases of 1461.

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