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The Greater Horn of Africa Seasonal Outlook Update Summary

The March to May long rains season of 2018 has been characterized with an early onset over much of Uganda and Belg-rains benefiting regions of Ethiopia during February. The rain belt further expanded to bring early onset of the rains in late February to early March in the equatorial regions of GHA covering much of Kenya, Rwanda and Burundi. Seasonably dry conditions prevailed over much of central and northern Somalia (Figure 1).

Forecast models indicate a likelihood of **above to near normal** rainfall across the **western and central** parts of the GHA including western Ethiopia, southern to central South Sudan and western Uganda. **Depressed** rainfall is expected over **eastern Kenya, southeastern Ethiopia, and much of Somalia**. The rest of the GHA is expected to have largely **normal** rainfall (Figure 2).

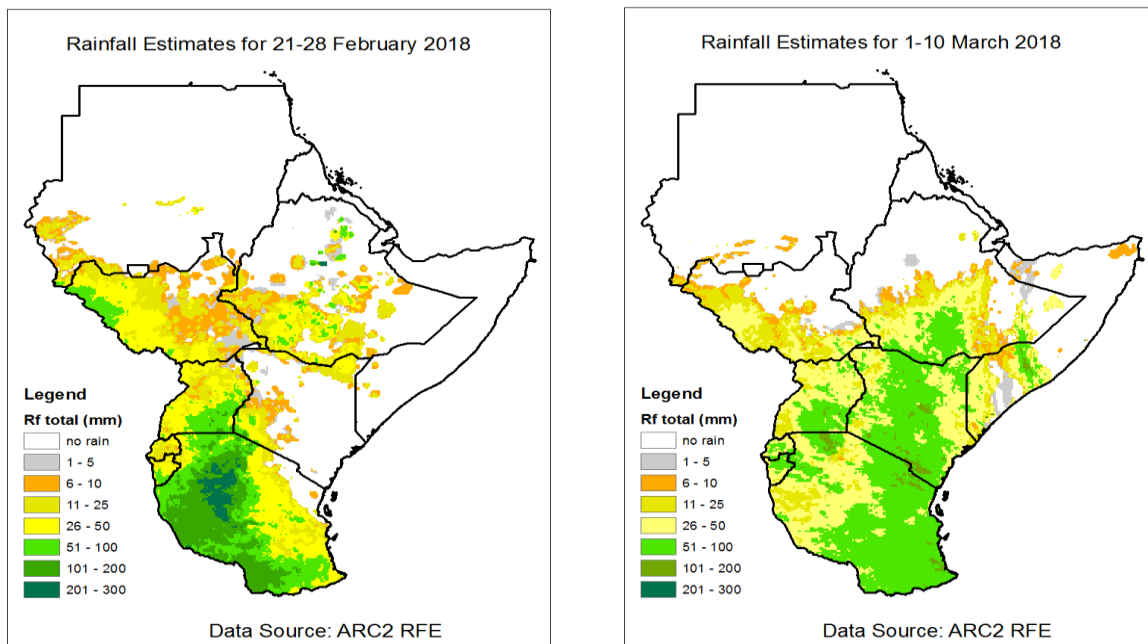


Figure 1: Satellite rainfall estimates for the third dekad of February and first dekad of March 2018

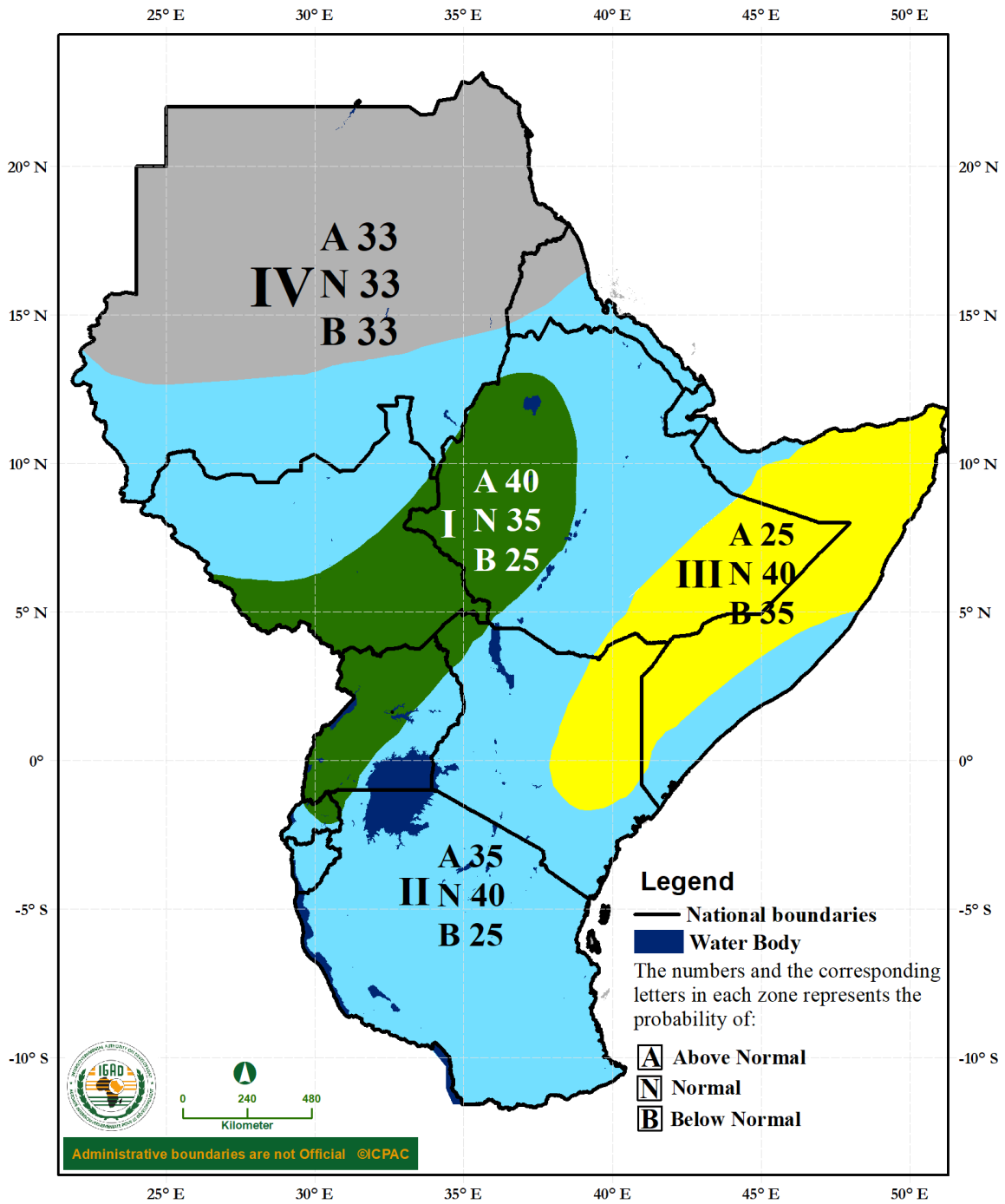


Figure 2: Update of MAM 2018 consensus rainfall outlook