2022/23 Rainfall Season (October 2022 to September 2023) of southern Africa

Percentage of Rainfall Total (October 2022 to September 2023) against the average Rainfall Total (Seasons 1981/82 to 2021/22)

Standardised Precipitation Index (SPI) from October 2022 to September 2023 against long term average (1981/82 to 2021/22)
Much of southern Africa experienced a dry rainfall season for 2022/23. Selected areas along the southern and south-eastern coast of South Africa, as well as the extreme north-west of Angola and east of Zambia had a moderately to extremely wet rainfall season. Angola, Botswana, Namibia, Zambia and Zimbabwe had, on average, below average rainfall while South Africa had its third consecutive above-average rainfall year in 2022/23. For Namibia, the 2022/23 season was the 2nd worst rainfall year in 42 years, with only the 2018/19 season having been worse. For Botswana, it was the 2nd driest year since 1994/95.

**Annual Rainfall Total from October to September from 1981/82 to 2022/23 compared to Historic Average Total Rainfall**

**References:**
2. WMO. 2012. Standardized Precipitation Index User Guide

**Data Source:** CHC CHIRPS 2.0 precipitation data from 1981 to April 2023