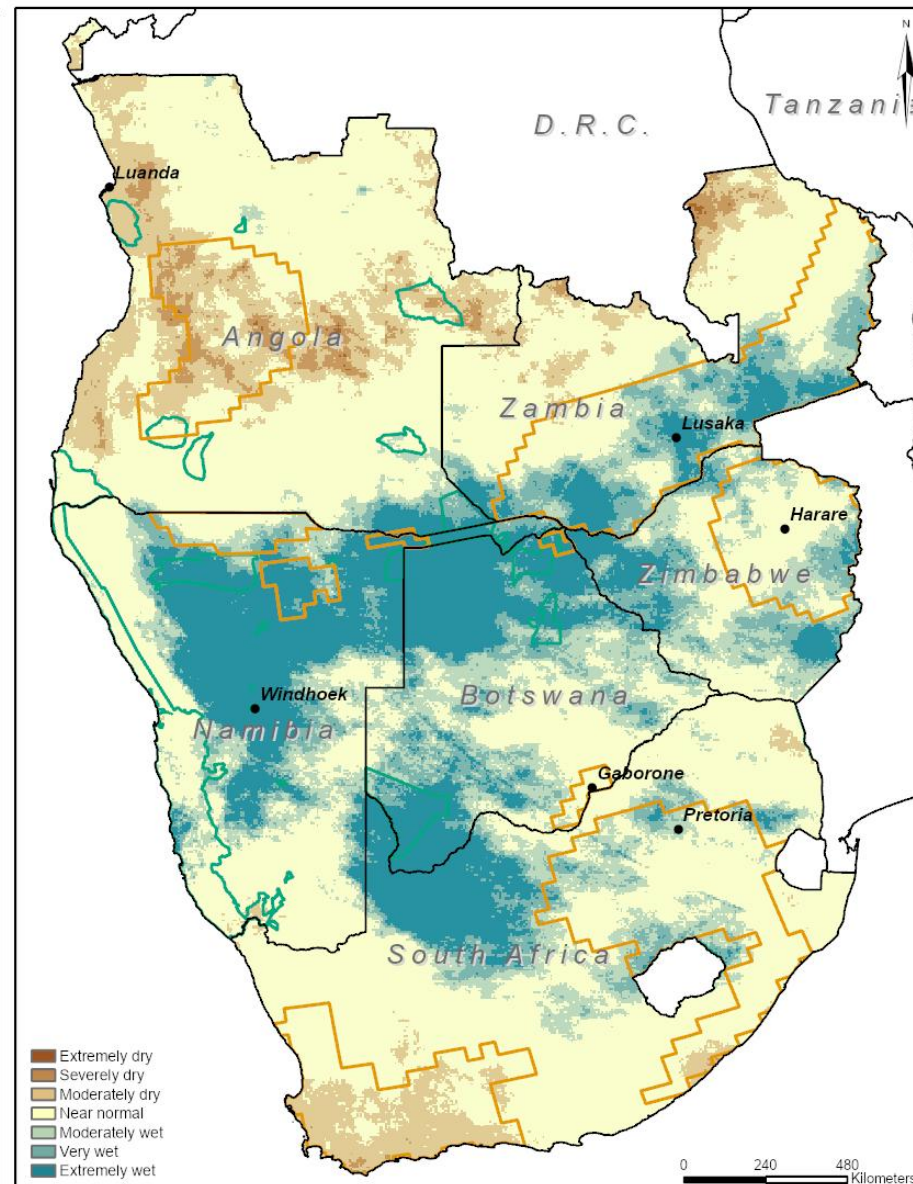
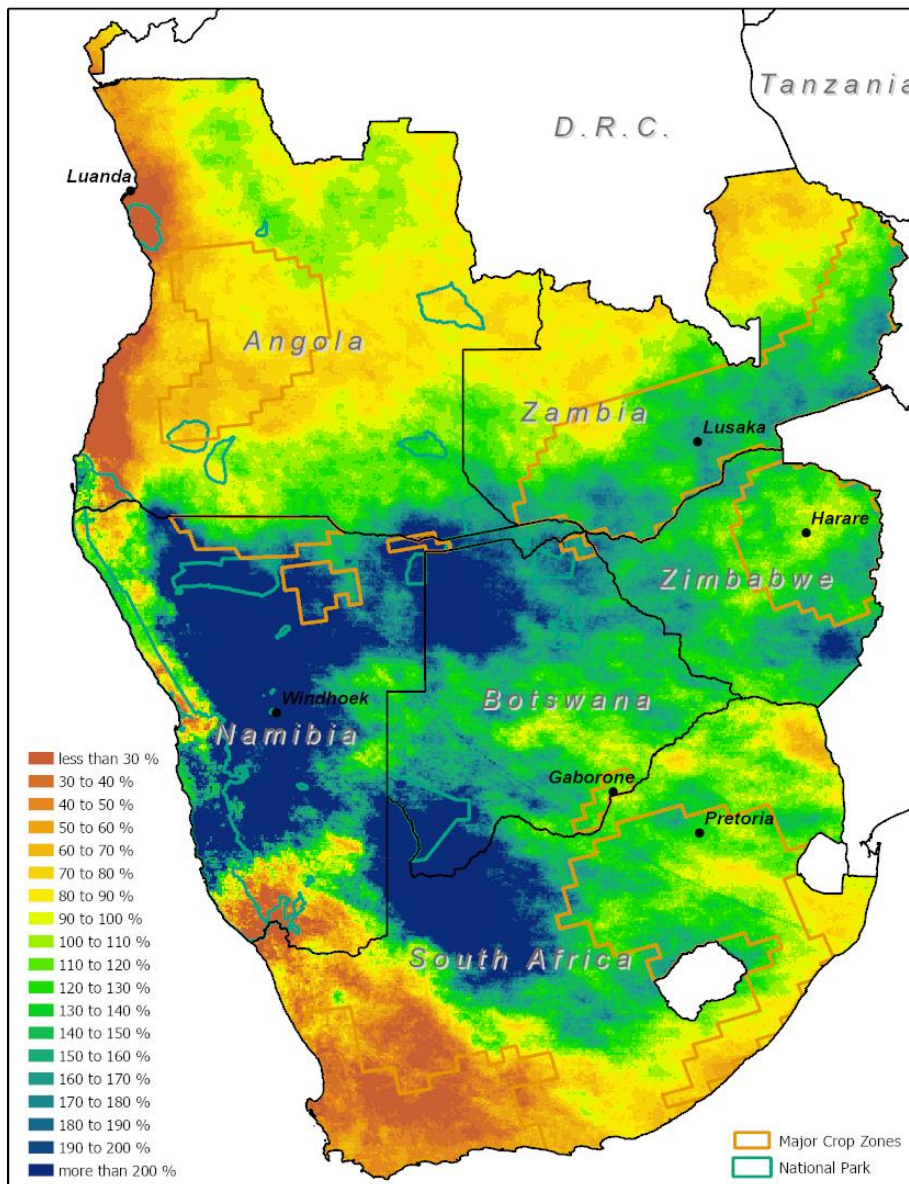


SASSCAL Info Map

Rainfall summary for rainfall quarter October-November-December (OND) 2025

Percentage of Rainfall Total (October to December 2025)
against the average Rainfall Total
(Seasons 1981 to 2024)

Standardised Precipitation Index (SPI)
from October to December 2025
against long term average (1981 to 2024)



For most of southern Africa, the October to December quarter of 2025 is the first quarter of the rainfall year, with the exception of the winter rainfall areas. It generally spells the onset of the rainfall season, with much greater downpours only expected as from January in most of southern Africa. But it does bring the first relief from the cold and dry winter months.

The Standardised Precipitation Index (SPI) and percentage of average maps of the October-November-December (OND) 2025, as derived from CHC CHIRPS 3.0 satellite-based precipitation data, suggest that large parts of southern Africa experienced normal to above normal rainfall. In particular Namibia, Botswana and north-central South Africa received large areas of above normal rainfall, or as per the SPI, were extremely wet.

All countries except Angola, on average, received a quarterly rainfall total of above what would be normally expected for the OND quarter. Namibia received almost double the normal average rainfall for OND, reinforced by the SPI, showing an extremely wet quarter for large parts of the country. For Namibia, this is the first above average OND rainfall quarter in over ten years. The last year Namibia had above average rainfall in OND was in 2013, with 40% more than the average.

The NOAA publication “ENSO: Recent Evolution, Current Status and Predictions” predicted that in October to December 2025, there would be a 71% chance of La Niña, which is expected to become ENSO-neutral between January and March 2026. For southern Africa, a La Niña prediction normally fore spells a “slight to moderate” possibility for normal to above normal rainfall, which is confirmed by the rainfall summary at hand for the OND 2025 quarter.

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Data Source: CHC CHIRPS 3.0 precipitation data from 1981 to 2025

	OND 2025 Average Total (mm)	OND Historic Average (mm)	OND % of Historic Average
Angola	355	396	90
Botswana	224	138	162
Namibia	137	69	198
South Africa	200	180	111
Zambia	406	359	113
Zimbabwe	363	263	138

