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Onset of Rainfall Season

The country is currently under severe drought conditions that prevailed since the beginning of the year (2007). This is one of the worst droughts since 1968. Although there were some days during winter that experienced some rainfall and snow, their intensities could not relief the country from the impending drought.

The climate outlook for the months of October to December 2007 indicates that the country is likely to receive normal to above normal rainfall. Widespread rains with heavy falls at some places are expected countrywide tomorrow (Wednesday 26th September 2007) marking the onset of the summer rainfall season. The rainfall is expected to continue on Thursday clearing on Friday.

The rains are expected to bring relief to the already depleted water resources and stressed rangelands and livestock. The rain will improve soil moisture thereby encouraging land preparations for summer cropping.

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