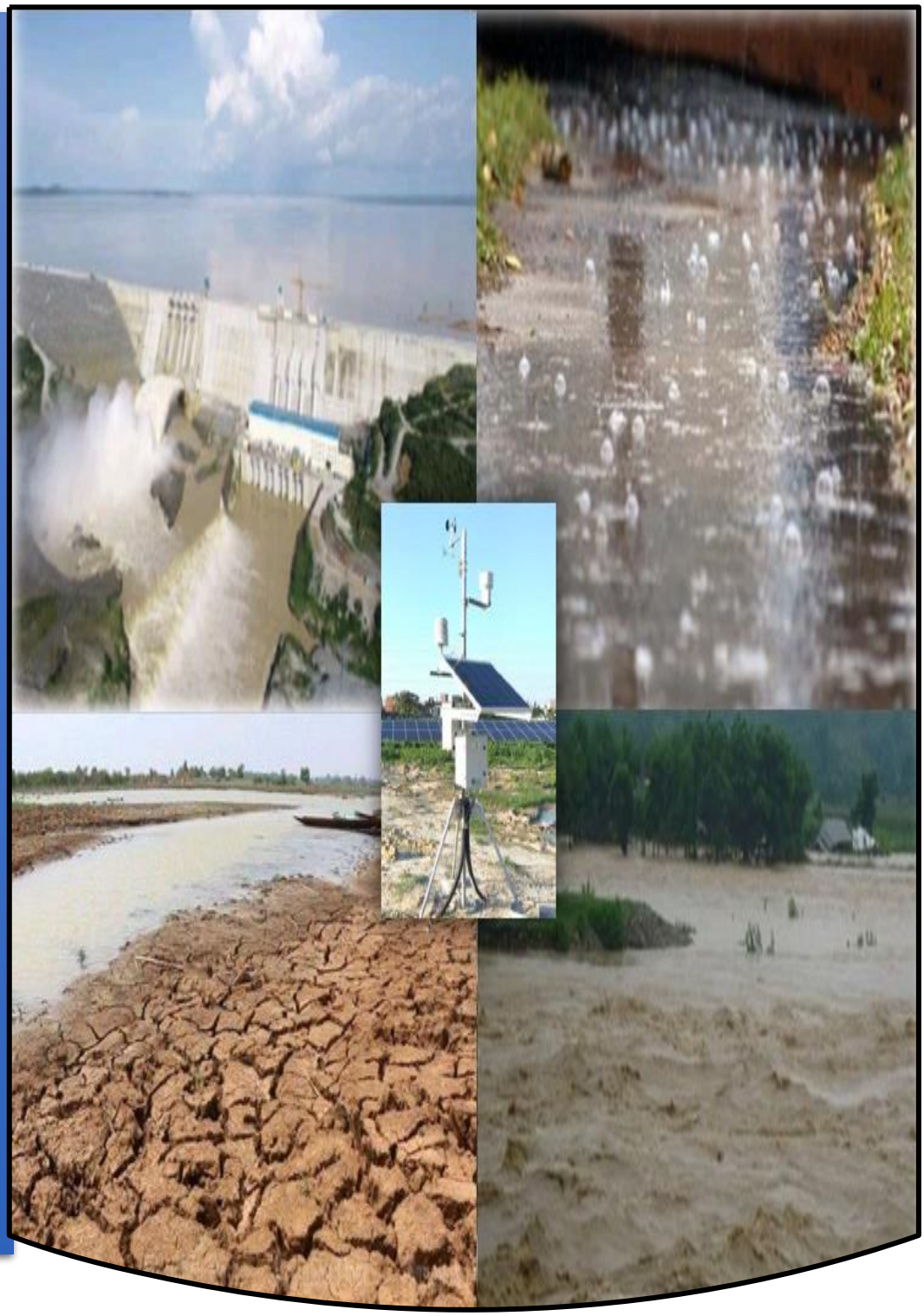
Hydro-meteorological and Flood Monitoring Bulletin: December 1st Assessment & 2nd Dekad Impact Outlook, 2025



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Forward

This Dekedal Hydro Meteorological Bulletin is prepared and disseminated by the Ethiopia Meteorological institute (EMI). The ultimate objective of producing and disseminating this bulletin is to inform all level decision makers with the updated and relevant hydro meteorological information. This Dekedal Bulletin reviews the December 01-10, 2025-month climate condition and its impacts over the river catchment across the country and highlights the December 11-20, 2025 climate outlook along with the likely impact over the water dams and the rivers basins.

The information contained in this bulletin is believed to assist the water professionals for planning the capacity expansion of reservoirs, water supply, ecosystem restoration as well as rehabilitation of existing systems including dams, irrigation, canals, pumps, wetlands and the likes. In addition to the aforementioned benefit the bulletin also reveals the aridity levels of each basin, extremes heavy rainfall events and areas where significant amount of moistures loss through evapotranspiration. In the impact outlook section of the bulletin it provides the likelihood of the climate in the coming month and its potential impact over various aspect of the river basins including the hydraulic structures such as culverts, bridges, reservoir spillways, road embankments and dikes. It also indicates the measures need to be taken as the early actions so as to reduce the possible negative impact of the upcoming month climate condition. Meanwhile, your comments and constructive suggestions are highly appreciated to make the objectives of this bulletin a success.

1. *Introduction*

The provision of hydro meteorological services can contribute a significant role toward water resource management and socio-economic development. Both surface water and groundwater management are essentially linked to climate variability. Therefore, the provided climate information and knowledge in this monthly hydro meteorological bulletin have a critical importance for efficient, equitable and sustainable development and management of the national water resources and for coping with any climate related risks. The information illustrates the impact of previous month climate on each and every water basins and the associated climate risks observed during the month under review. In addition to the previous month impact assessment, the bulletin also provided the expected climate condition for the coming months and its impact on the water resource. The design of water-use and flood-control facilities, mainly dams and reservoirs, is frequently based on these analyses. Estimating the likelihood of precipitation, the distribution of precipitation and the rate of evaporation in location and time, the heavy rainfall and the subsequent runoff, extreme temperature and wind are among issues that hydro meteorologists are concerned with.

1.1 Hydro-Meteorological Impact Assessment (December 01-10, 2025)

During the first dekad of December, most river catchments across the country were characterized by predominantly arid moisture conditions. In particular, the Afar-Danakil, Awash, Wabi-Shebelle, Genale-Dawa, Tekeze, and Aysha catchments largely remained under arid conditions throughout the period. Analysis of hydro-meteorological data indicates that these conditions exerted adverse impacts on water resources, as evidenced by the continuous decline in reservoir storage levels and a noticeable reduction in surface water flows in rivers and streams. Such conditions may have implications for water supply, irrigation, hydropower generation, and other water-dependent sectors. In contrast, limited areas of the Upper Baro-Akobo and Lower Abay catchments experienced moderate surface water flow, reflecting relatively better moisture availability compared to the rest of the country during the same period.

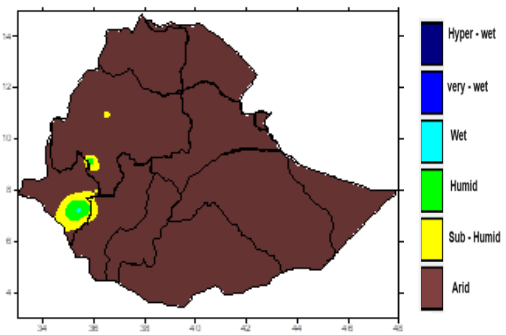
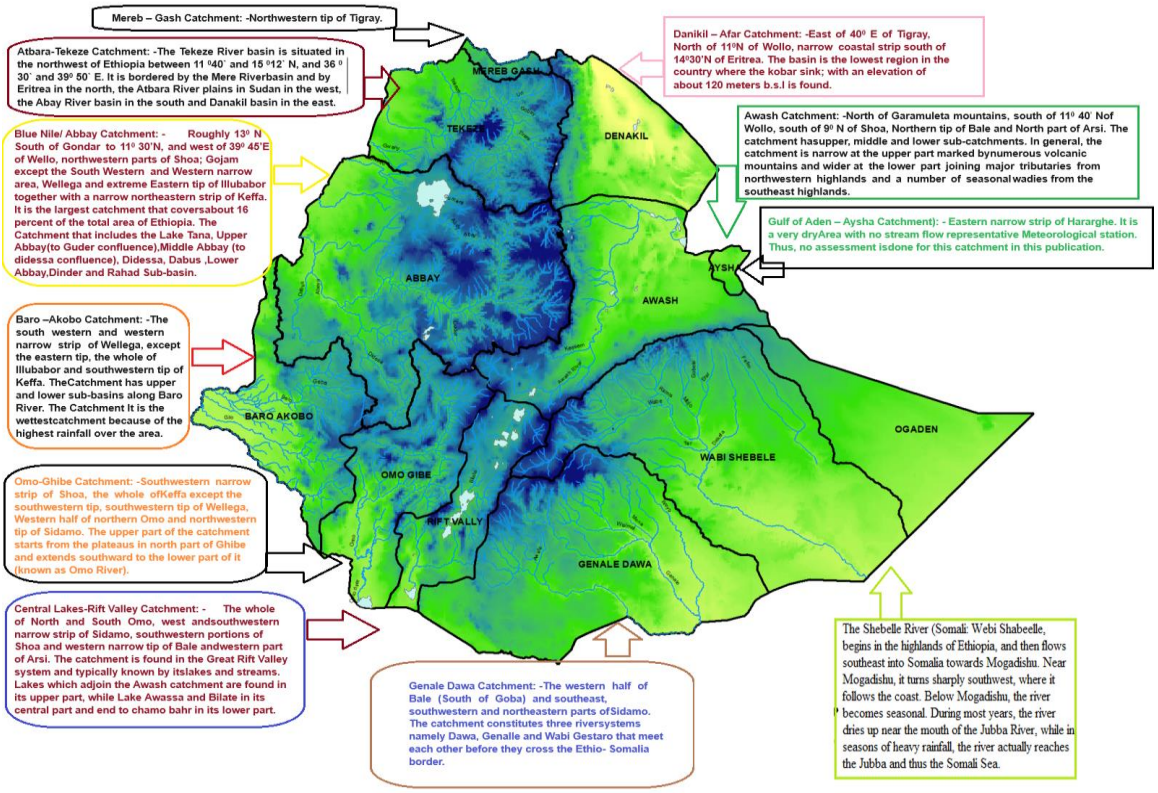


Figure 1 Dekad Hydro-Meteorological Assessments from December 01-10, 2025

1.2 Hydro-Meteorological Impact Outlook (December 11-20, 2025)

During the upcoming second dekad of December, moderate surface water flow is expected in a few river catchments, including the Upper Baro-Akobo, Middle Omo-Gibe, parts of the Middle and Lower Abay, the Middle Rift Valley, parts of the Upper Awash, and the Upper Genale-Dawa, while most other catchments across the country are likely to remain under moderately dry to dry conditions. These conditions are expected to reduce flood and sediment-related risks and ensure relatively clean river systems; however, they may also lead to decreased river flows, reduced reservoir storage, increased evapotranspiration, and potential impacts on drinking water supply, irrigation, hydropower generation, and other water-related services. In light of these conditions, concerned sectoral institutions are strongly advised to implement basin-specific hydro-meteorological advisories, including efficient use and proper harvesting of available water, rainwater collection from rooftops and ground surfaces, protection of water resources from wastage and pollution, and appropriate measures to safeguard livestock and other vulnerable sectors, in order to minimize potential adverse impacts.


Mereb – Gash Catchment: -Northwestern tip of Tigray.
Atbara-Tekeze Catchment: -The Tekeze River basin is situated in the northwest of Ethiopia between 11 º40' and 15 º12' N, and 36 º 30' and 39º 50' E. It is bordered by the Mere Riverbasin and by Eritrea in the north, the Atbara River plains in Sudan in the west, the Abay River basin in the south and Danakil basin in the east.
Blue Nile/ Abbay Catchment: - Roughly 13º N South of Gondar to 11º 30'N, and west of 39º 45'E of Wello, northwestern parts of Shoa; Gojam except the South Western and Western narrow area, Wellega and extreme Eastern tip of Illubabor together with a narrow northeastern strip of Keffa. It is the largest catchment that coversabout 16 percent of the total area of Ethiopia. The Catchment that includes the Lake Tana, Upper Abbay(to Guder confluence),Middle Abbay (to didessa confluence), Didessa, Dabus ,Lower Abbay,Dinder and Rahad Sub-basin.
Baro –Akobo Catchment: -The south western and western narrow strip of Wellega, except the eastern tip, the whole of Illubabor and southwestern tip of Keffa. TheCatchment has upper and lower sub-basins along Baro River. The Catchment It is the wettestcatchment because of the highest rainfall over the area.
Omo-Ghibe Catchment: -Southwestern narrow strip of Shoa, the whole ofKeffa except the southwestern tip, southwestern tip of Wellega, Western half of northern Omo and northwestern tip of Sidamo. The upper part of the catchment starts from the plateaus in north part of Ghibe and extends southward to the lower part of it (known as Omo River).
Central Lakes-Rift Valley Catchment: - The whole of North and South Omo, west andsouthwestern narrow strip of Sidamo, southwestern portions of Shoa and western narrow tip of Bale andwestern part of Arsi. The catchment is found in the Great Rift Valley system and typically known by itslakes and streams. Lakes which adjoin the Awash catchment are found in its upper part, while Lake Awassa and Bilate in its central part and end to chamo bahr in its lower part.
Danikil – Afar Catchment: -East of 40º E of Tigray, North of 11ºN of Wollo, narrow coastal strip south of 14º30'N of Eritrea. The basin is the lowest region in the country where the kobar sink; with an elevation of about 120 meters b.s.l is found.
Awash Catchment: -North of Garamuleta mountains, south of 11º 40' Nof Wollo, south of 9º N of Shoa, Northern tip of Bale and North part of Arsi. The catchment hasupper, middle and lower sub-catchments. In general, the catchment is narrow at the upper part marked bynumerous volcanic mountains and wider at the lower part joining major tributaries from northwestern highlands and a number of seasonal wadies from the southeast highlands.
Gulf of Aden – Aysha Catchment): - Eastern narrow strip of Hararghe. It is a very dryArea with no stream flow representative Meteorological station. Thus, no assessment isdone for this catchment in this publication.
Genale Dawa Catchment: -The western half of Bale (South of Goba) and southeast, southwestern and northeastern parts ofSidamo. The catchment constitutes three riversystems namely Dawa, Genalle and Wabi Gestaro that meet each other before they cross the Ethio- Somalia border.
The Shebelle River (Somali: Webi Shabeelle, begins in the highlands of Ethiopia, and then flows southeast into Somalia towards Mogadishu. Near Mogadishu, it turns sharply southwest, where it follows the coast. Below Mogadishu, the river becomes seasonal. During most years, the river dries up near the mouth of the Jubba River, while in seasons of heavy rainfall, the river actually reaches the Jubba and thus the Somali Sea.
MEREB GASH
TEKEZE
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BARO AKOBO
OMO GIBE
RIFT VALLY
GENALE DAWA
WABI SHEBELE
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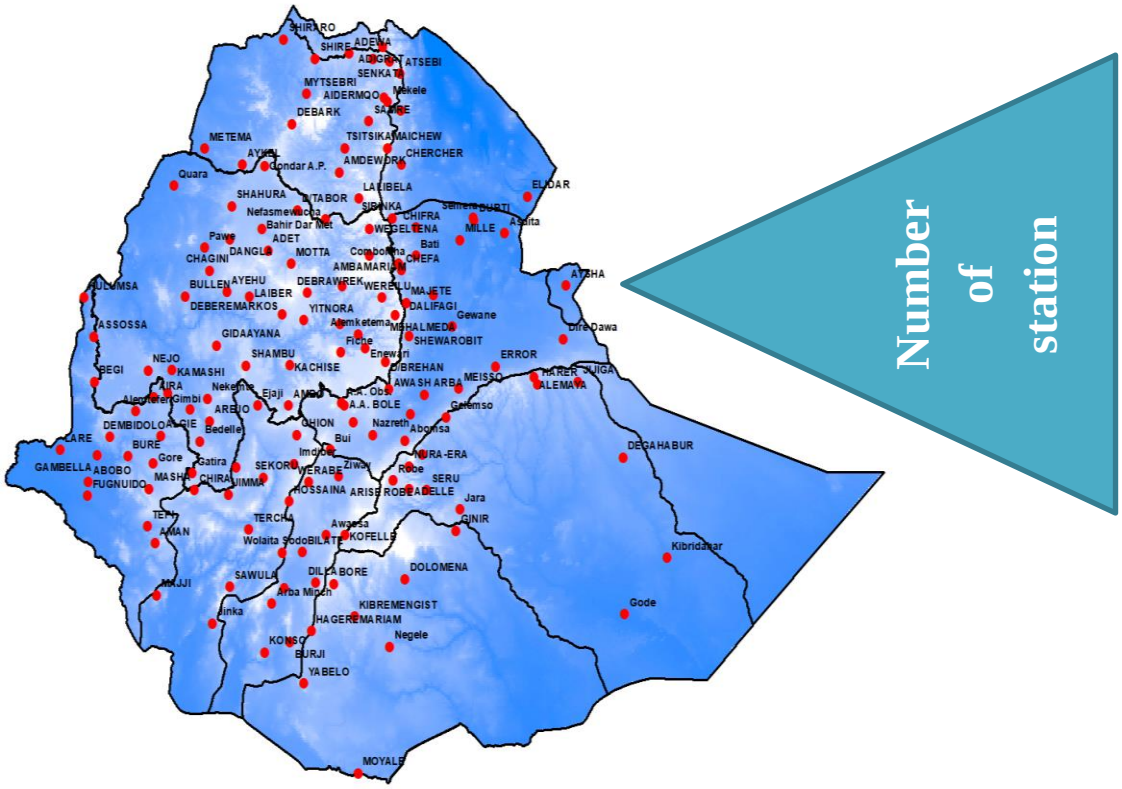
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