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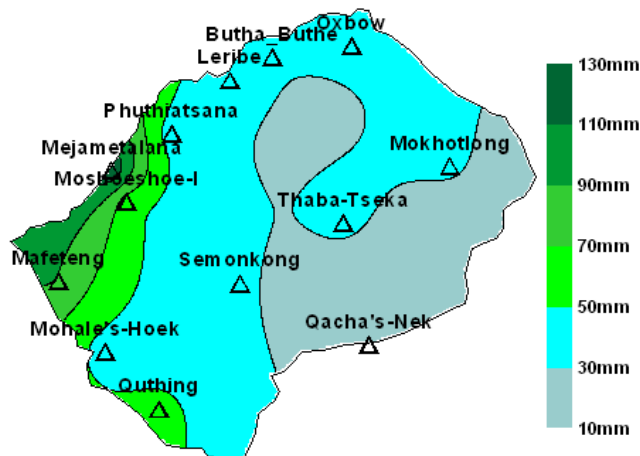
Highlights

- ❑ Wet weather conditions experienced.
- ❑ Above normal temperatures recorded.
- ❑ Crops generally satisfactory.

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RAINFALL SITUATION



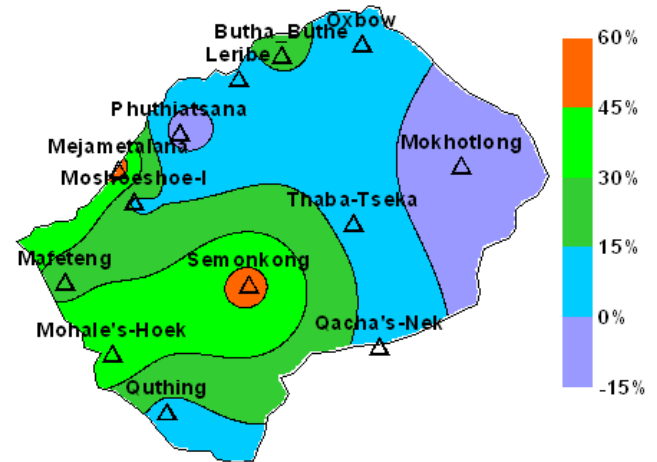
Map1: February 2nd Dekad 2010 Rainfall

The second dekad of February 2010 experienced lots of rains. The dekad rains were above normal in most places except at Thaba-Tseka, Mokhotlong and Mohale’s Hoek. The cumulative normal rainfalls were normal in most parts of the country and above normal at Maseru, Mafeteng, Mohale’s Hoek and Semonkong. The highest rainfall amount of 128.4mm was recorded at Moshoeshe I for the dekad, while Qacha’s Nek recorded the lowest amount of 15mm. The dekad rains were inclined towards the western parts of the country (see Map 1).

Cumulative Percentage Rainfall Departure from Normal

Cumulative rainfall since the first dekad of September is normal in many places, with only a

few places still having above normal cumulative rainfall. The lowest rainfall percentage departure from normal is still at Mokhotlong, while the highest is still at Maseru (see Map 2).



Map 2: Cumulative Rainfall % Dep from Normal since Sep. 09

TEMPERATURES

Mean dekadal temperatures were above normal at everything where except at Mafeteng where they were normal.

CROP STAGE AND CONDITIONS

Crop stages range from vegetative to reproductive stages and their conditions are satisfactory. Crop water requirements are adequate in most parts of the country.

