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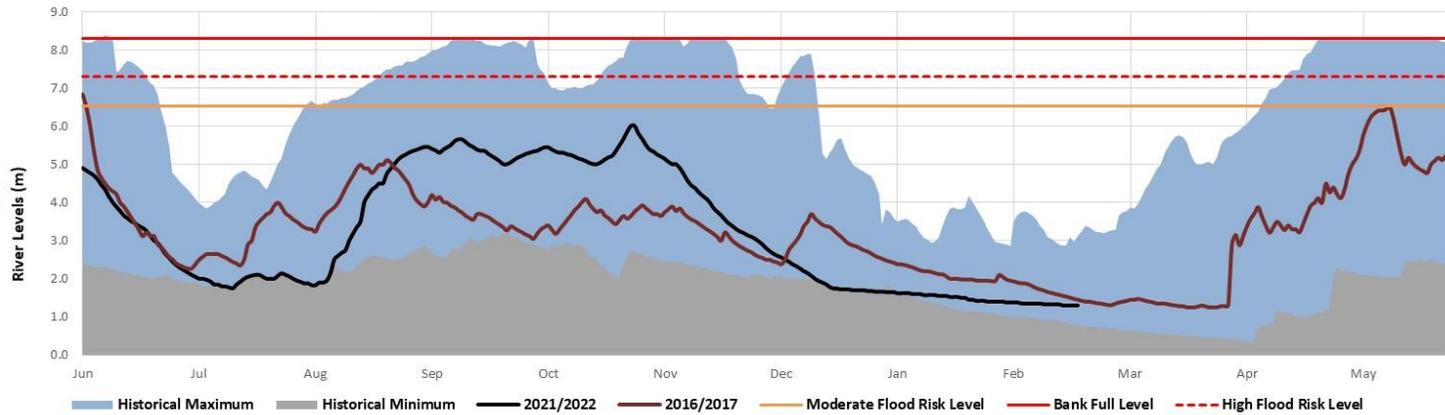
Update on Drought Conditions



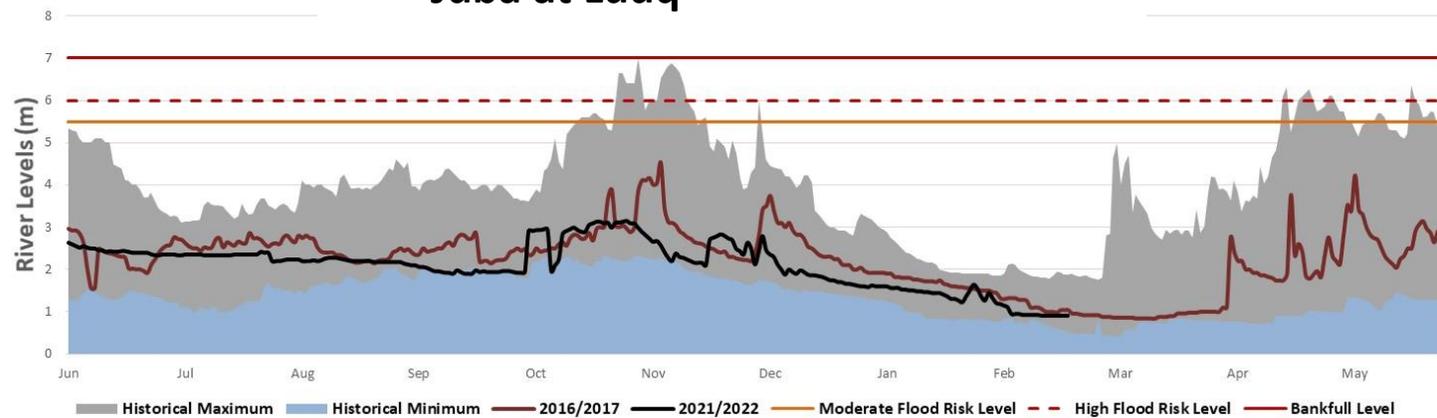
- According to a set of global predictive model , the global La Nina effect which is associated with dry conditions in East Africa will be sustained in April 2022.
- Given the forecast and the La Nina conditions, the current drought situation in Somalia will continue in the next months of April and May.
- Worst affected areas will be the southern parts of the country which serve as the bread basket of the country.
- Preliminary results from an ongoing survey of boreholes in Puntland indicates that water trucking is on the rise with some boreholes serving more than 15 trucks in a day.
- This has in turn led to extended pumping hours where over 60% of them are operating most for more than 12 hours in a day.

Update on River levels

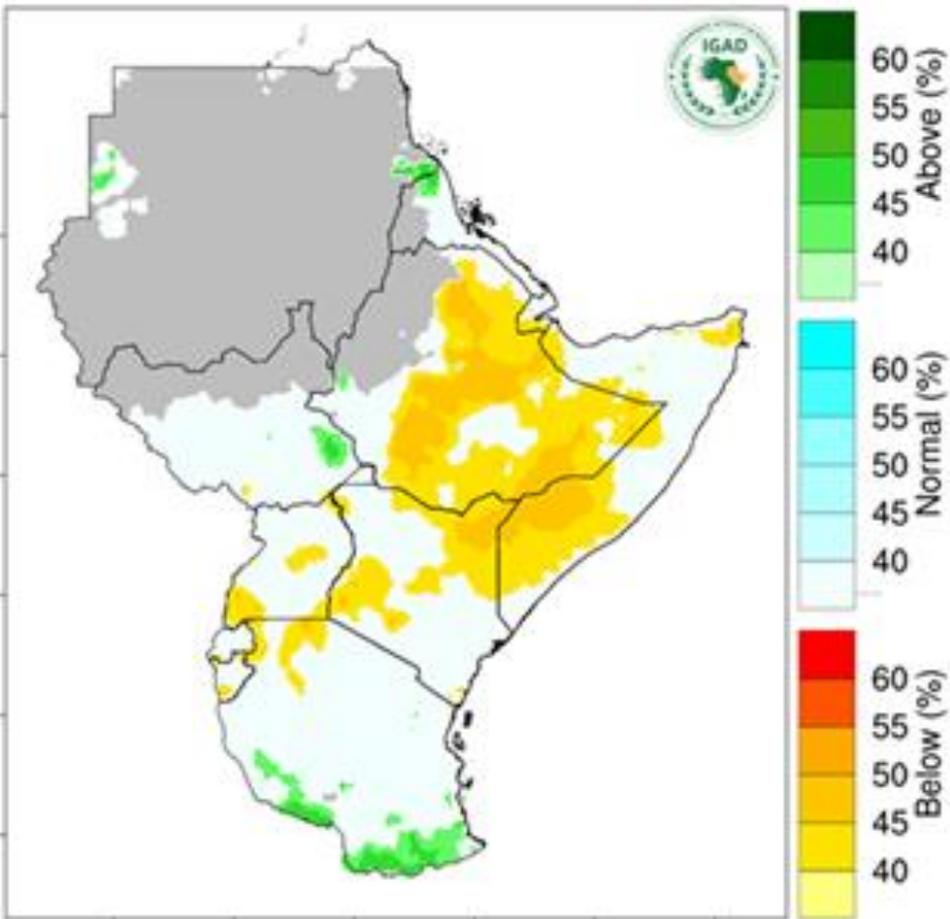
Shabelle at Belet Weyne



Juba at Luuq



A section of dry river bed along the Juba River at Bardheere



- In March, there was a false start of the Gu season which came to an end soon. However, the rains were beneficial in some areas.
- Available rainfall forecasts from major climate information services indicate below normal rains during the month of April 2022 in Somalia and the Ethiopian highlands which are responsible for most of the flow in the Juba and Shabelle rivers in Somalia.
- High temperatures are expected during the same month of April. High temperatures will lead to increased evaporation thus making the drought situation even worse.
- A pessimistic forecast should therefore continue to be considered for humanitarian response planning at least for the first half of 2022.