Rainfall/River Level Update

14 March 2018
Rainfall - Current Status

- Gu rains yet to start in Somalia
- However:
  - Light to moderate rains reported in parts of Somaliland from last week of February
  - Moderate rains recorded in Ethiopian highlands over the last two weeks; leading to rise in river levels (Shabelle and Juba)
- Light rains expected in parts of Bay/Bakool, western Somaliland and Ethiopian highlands in the next three days; more expected towards the end of the week
Initial light rains up to 15 March; which later intensifies in space and quantity towards the end of the week
River level at **Belet Weyne** increased by over 1m over the last 4 days, following heavy rains in Ethiopian highlands.

Jowhar and downstream remain dry, but expected to resume flow later in the week.
Juba river also recorded steady rise over the last week in the upstream (Luuq)

The rising levels are being transmitted to the downstream reaches
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