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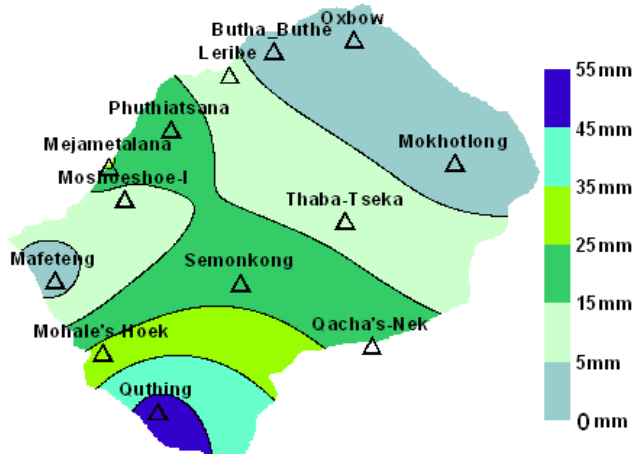
## Highlights

- ❑ Wet weather conditions experienced.
- ❑ Normal to above normal temperatures recorded.
- ❑ Crops generally satisfactory.

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**RAINFALL SITUATION**



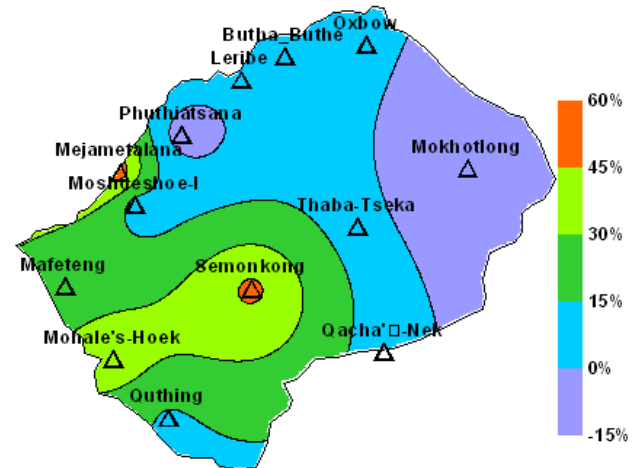
Map 1: February 3rd Dekad 2010 Rainfall

February third dekad 2010 experienced scattered rain showers. The dekad rains were below normal in most places except at Mejametalana, Phuthiatsana, Mohale’s Hoek and Semonkong where they were normal. 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 49.8mm was recorded at Quthing for the dekad, while Butha-Buthe recorded no rainfall. The dekad rains were inclined towards the southern 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 like Mafeteng, Mohale’s Hoek, Maseru and Semonkong 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. 2009

**TEMPERATURES**

Mean dekadal temperatures were normal to above normal throughout the country.

**CROP STAGE AND CONDITIONS**

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

