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## **1. METEOROLOGICAL SITUATION**

### **1.1. SYNOPTIC SITUATION**

N/A

### **1.2 .WEATHER SUMMARY FOR THE GAMBIA**

N/A

### **1.3. WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR THE NEXT DEKAD**

N/A

## **2. AGROMETEOROLOGICAL SITUATION**

### **2.1 RAINFALLSITUATION**

Like the first dekad there was no rainfall recorded throughout the country. However in the Eastern Third, Basse recorded trace which is insignificant or immeasurable rainfall.

### **2.2 TEMPERATURE**

Mean temperature for this dekad vary between 27°C in the Western Third, 32°C in the Middle Third; and 34°C in the Eastern Third of the Country. Lowest minimum temperature of 14°C, 21°C and 24°C were recorded in the Western Third, Middle and Eastern Third respectively, whilst maximum temperatures reached 45°C in the Middle Third, (highest), 42 in the Eastern Third and 34 in the Western Thirds respectively.

### **2.3 WINDS**

Mean wind speed were generally light across the country, however maximum wind speed recorded during the dekad were 28km/h over the Eastern Third to 22km/h across the rest of the country.

### **2.4 SUNSHINE DURATION**

Sunshine duration was above 10 hours on average country wide.

## **2.5 RELATIVE HUMIDITY**

Mean Relative Humidity (RH) was below 50% in the Middle and Eastern Thirds, but above 50% in the Western Third, a situation that could be attributed to the influx of moisturized winds blowing from the ocean.

## **3. HYDROLOGICAL SITUATION**

N/A

## **4. AGRICULTURAL SITUATION**

### **WEST COAST REGION**

The major Agricultural activity in this Region is field clearing, acquisition and treatment of seeds and repairing of tools.

### **NORTH BANK REGION**

The major Agricultural activity in this Region like other places is field clearing, the acquisition and treatment of seeds and repairing of tools.

### **LOWER RIVER REGION**

N/A

### **CENTRAL RIVER REGION NORTH**

N/A

### **CENTRAL RIVER REGION SOUTH**

In this Region, transplanting is ongoing in the Tidal fields (90% completed), whilst in the Upland the major Agricultural activity is field clearing, acquisition and treatment of seeds, repairing of farming tools and the acquisition of new ones where necessary.

### **UPPER RIVER REGION**

N/A

## **5. COMMODITY PRICES**

N/A

## **6. CROP PROTECTION**

N/A

## **7. LIVESTOCK**

N/A

## 8. ENVIRONMENT

N/A

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