# **CLIMATE OUTLOOK**



### TUVALU METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

MINISTRY OF PUBLIC WORKS, INFRASTRUCTURE, ENVIRONMENT, LABOUR, METEOROLOGY AND DISASTER



## August 2021

## EL NINO SOUTHERN OSCILLATION (ENSO) UPDATES

The ENSO Outlook remains neutral—neither El Nino nor La Nina, which remain the ENSO outlook at INACTIVE.

Atmospheric and oceanic indicators of ENSO including the Southern Oscillation Index (SOI), trade winds, cloudiness near the date line, and sea surface and sub-surface temperatures in the Tropical Pacific Ocean remain consistent with a neutral ENSO state.

Most of the climate models indicate the Tropical Pacific is currently in neutral phase.



#### RAINFALL OUTLOOK

The Seasonal Climate Outlooks in Pacific Island Countries (SCOPIC) and other dynamical prediction tools used to monitor and forecast rainfall for the country.

The outlook for the season September to November 2021 for Nanumea, Nui and Funafuti shows a near-equal likelihood of **normal** to **below normal** rainfall, while Niulakita shows a near-equal likelihood of **above normal** to **normal** rainfall. (Table 1).

Model prediction for rainfall are as follows

Nanumea : Shows near-equal likelihood of normal to below normal rainfall.
Nui : Shows near-equal likelihood of normal to below normal rainfall.
Funafuti : Shows near-equal likelihood of normal to below normal rainfall.
Niulakita : Shows near-equal likelihood of above normal to normal rainfall.

TABLE 1: THE NEXT THREE MONTHS: SEPTEMBER 2021 - NOVEMBER 2021 RAINFALL

Stations	Below Normal	33%	Normal	67%	Above Normal
	(%)	(mm)	(%)	(mm)	(%)
Nanumea	33	325.1	43	559.0	24
Nui	34	490.1	38	730.5	28
Funafuti	34	632.2	36	843.2	30
Niulakita	33	616.0	33	824.8	34



