Mid-Rainy Season Overview

In the 2020/2021 rainfall season to date (15 February 2021), large parts of southern Africa have experienced above normal rainfall, with highest precipitation in January. This is also reflected in the presented rainfall pattern, dam levels in the region as well as the greenness of vegetation. Dams such as the Dikgathlong Dam (Botswana), Gariep Dam (South Africa) and the Neckartal Dam (Namibia) were at full supply capacity, with the latter for the first time since put in operation in 2019. The regional analysis also confirms the below rainfall situation in south and central Angola, and parts of north Namibia which provide a risk to agricultural production in the Cunene region, also highlighted by the World Food Programme (2021). The greenness map, based on NDVI anomaly map of the end of January supports the above normal rainfall season by above average greenness for areas that received above average rainfall.