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# CURRENT PRODUCTS AND SERVICES


## **PRODUCTS**

- Numerical Weather Prediction Models
  - Temperature
  - RH
  - Pressure
  - Cloud Cover
- Forecasts
  - Daily,
  - Five Days
- PUMA Synergie
  - MSG Satellites Images
  - Precipitation
  - Upper Air profiles
  
- Remote Sensing Products
  - NDVI (Normalized Difference Vegetation Index)
  - Drought Risk Map
  - Soil Moisture Index Estimates
  - Active Fire
  
- Agrometeorological Bulletins
- Stratospheric Ozone Data and Information

## **SERVICES**

- Aviation
  - Issue Route Forecast
  - Terminal Aerodrome Forecast (TAF)
  - Sigmet

- Climate
  - Seasonal Forecast
  - Climate Change Information
  
- **Severe Weather and Flash Flood Forecast and Warning Products**
  - Heat Waves
  - Cold Waves
  - Heavy Floods Warnings
  - Fog
  - Strong Winds
  
- **How are Forecasts Produced**
  - Observations (both sfc and upper Air, 25 of Automatic Weather Stations (AWS), 17 Synoptic Stations)
  - Analyze the Data
  - Use NWP models as a guidance to come up with the forecast
  
- **How are Warnings Produced**
  - Issue a Press Release for the heat/cold wave if temperature are 5°C above normal for more than 3 consecutive days.
  - For Flooding we look at the weather patterns like moisture, deep surface trough, easterly wave, quasi-stationary cut-off low.



- **Dissemination Of Products To Users**

- E-mail
- Telephone
- Radio
- Television
- Facebook

- **How Do Products Reach Users**

- The forecasts reach users through the same platform as for dissemination. Some users call the office especially individuals during active weather.

- **Who Are The Users**

- Farmers
- Public
- Water Sector
- Power
- Construction
- Health
- National Disaster Management Office (NDMO)

- **What Do They Do With Information**

- Farmers use it for preparing for planting
- Water Sector- Check water levels in the dams
- Health-Provide advisory to malaria prone community areas, especially during rainy season.
- Disaster- Provide Disaster Risk Reduction guidance to disaster prone areas to reduce impacts brought by weather related hazards.

- **What Are Weaknesses And Gaps In The Forecast And Warning Processes**

- Observational data gap density
- The NWP models failure to resolve localized features (e.g. squall lines)
- Warnings if disseminated they do not reach the users in most remote areas.
- Received when the hazard has already occurred.

- **New Products That Would Improve Forecast Services**

- Flash Flood Guidance-Enhance forecasting of Flash floods
- Thunderstorm Identification, Tracking Analysis and Nowcasting (TITAN)
  - Improve forecasting of storm location, direction and speed.
  - Provides 6 hourly forecasts



THANK YOU