A general survey was conducted across the Administration Posts through Municipal representatives and in consultation with key farmers in various locations. Where possible, MAF Extension Coordinators at Administration Posts were contacted. They were asked in general terms about the rain, maize and rice. This was an initial survey and it is hoped that it can be done twice a month.

The data is recorded on a spread sheet in excel and then mapped in QGIS.

As can be expected, maize planting has not begun. Many areas report that farmers are preparing the land including ploughing with tractors, turning soil by hand and burning. There are a few instances of rain coming for just one day. But generally, conditions are very dry and dusty. Along coastal areas farmers report that it is very hot. Interestingly, there was a report from a PNDS staff member in Oecussi that some farmers are still harvesting rice from the second 2015 crop along the far western river, Noelbesi, in Nitibe. He reports that the harvest is good. Other reports have come in that rice is being grown in small amounts also in Aileu, Atabae, Venilale, Ossu and along the south coast. However, these are not major irrigation systems where rice is normally planted early next year.

Daily online weather data was available at 4 sites from Oecussi, Atauro, Viqueque and Laklubar accessible through the SoL website.

Most of the data was collected through the SoL network consulting in some cases with MAF staff. We appreciated feedback from CRS regarding the conditions in Baucau. We are hoping other organisations can get involved to assist in collating information especially from Lautem, Viqueque, Manatuto and Ainaro. World Vision, CARE and Plan have expressed interest in assisting with this project for Aileu, Liquica and the Maubisse area. If you have staff with email access in the above areas please contact me. Through the season, if this feedback proves useful, will hope to transition the work into the Government.

Regards.

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Kona ba Udan:
Udan lae iha - iha loron ida mos lae iha durante semana rua
Udan uitoan - udan ne'ebé la sufsente ba to'os
Udan naton - udan diak ba ita nia to'os
Udan boot - udan liu buat ne'ebé ita preseiza
Udan boot demais - udan estraga to'os ka fatín

Legenda
- dadus lae iha (no data)
- udan lae iha (no rain)
- udan uitoan (low rain)
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Kona ba Hare:
La kuda - sidauk kuda hare
Balu kuda ona - iha fatin balu, laos P. Admin hotu Moris diak - hare lao diak no buras Namlak - hare komesa sae aat tanba bee menus Balu koleta - iha fatin balu sei koa hare Balu mate - mate iha fatin balu deit Barak mate - hare barak mate iha Posto Admin

Legenda

- la kuda (not grown)
- balu koleta (some harvesting)
- balu kuda ona (some growing)
Outlook for the coming week

Modelled rainfall from Bureau of Meteorology indicates possible light showers in some areas around mid to late next week however prediction accuracy decreases after 2-3 days. (Source: http://www.bom.gov.au/australia/charts/viewer/index.shtml, accessed 23/10/2015)