

# Analysis of Flood Incidence in The River Dilimi Catchment Area of Plateau State

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## ABSTRACT

The study cataloged flood incidences and analyze rainfall characteristics in the Dilimi Catchment. Climate Hazards Infrared Precipitation with Stations (CHIRPS) rainfall data set for the catchment for a 35years (1985-2019) period was collected and analyzed while vigorous literature search was carried out to assemble dates of flood incidences in the catchment. The average yearly amount of rainfall for the period is 1256.18mm with a minimum of 1110.69 mm and a maximum amount of 1379.15mm.

Rainfall data from Result revealed that Alternate hypothesis is accepted as the result is significant at 0.01 levels for a two-tailed test. This shows a positive correlation between flood year and anomaly years but weak. It suggests that rainfall is increasing over time in the study area. This goes to prove that rainfall is not the only driver of floods in the catchment. Overflowing of rivers, blocked/poor drainage contributes to flood occurrence in the Dilimi river catchment. Recommendations given include continual monitoring and study of rainfall characteristics and other climatic data such information will be helpful for planning purposes, construction of integrated drainages system and legislation against dumping of refuse on roads and drainages

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## INTRODUCTION

Floods have long been recognized as complex environmental problems with multifaceted origins and impacts. The increasing risks of floods due to climate change and variability such as the cycle of warm and cold temperatures in poor and developing countries have been stated by Agbonkhese, Agbonkhese, Aka, Joe-Abaya, Ocholi, and Adekunle (2014); Zbigniew, Kundzewice, Sonia, John, Newille and Pascal (2013). Climate change causes frequent, severe weather, and climate events that threaten sustainable development globally. Climate change including rising temperatures and increasing variable rainfall patterns have resulted in increased frequency of extreme weather events such as floods and drought (Olanrewaju, Ekiotuasinghan and Godwin 2017).

Floods are environmental hazards largely caused by meteorological factors, but very often induced by man's improper utilization or abuse of the physical environment (Ibrahim & Abdullahi, 2016). This occurs both in the developed and developing world and is usually associated with heavy losses of life, property, misery, hardship, diseases, and at times famine (Okorie, 2010). Floods are among the most recurring and devastating natural hazards, impacting human lives and causing severe economic damage throughout the world. They are extreme hydrological events that are independently distributed in time and characterized by their magnitude and reoccurrence (Alexander, 2020).

Flooding is also, a common environmental problem in Nigeria that occurs when a body of water moves over and above an area of land that is not normally submerged. It is the inundation of an area not normally covered with water, through a temporary rise in the level of river, lake, or sea (Nelson, 2001). It is a natural consequence of streamflow in a continually changing environment. Sada and Odemerho (1988) view it as an unusually high rate of discharge, often leading to inundation of lands adjacent to streams; it is usually caused by intense or prolonged rainfall. Flooding worldwide is accompanied by losses and related human health impacts to include loss of lives, damage to properties, and destruction of the physical environment (Penning, Jonson, Tunstall, Top sell, Morris, Chatterton & Green, 2005). The frequency of this natural disaster has been on an increase over the years. Flooding is divided into three major types which are categorized as river floods, flash floods, and coastal floods (Smith & Ward, 1998).

According to Houston (2011), Bashir, Oludare, Johnson, Aloysius (2012) and Douglas (2008) flooding in Nigeria are mainly fluvial (resulting from rivers overtopping their natural and manmade defences), coastal (affecting mainly the coastal areas), and pluvial (flash, arriving unannounced following a heavy storm) in nature and have been a major cause of concern for rural and urban areas within the country. Flooding is also attributed to the occurrence of high rainfalls for days in a catchment (Jimoh and Ayodeji, 2003). Adeoye, Ayanlade, Babatimehin, (2009); Adedeji, Odufuwa, Adebayo, (2012) and Terungwa & Torkwasa (2013) listed the causes of floods to include climate change, poor urban and environmental management along with anthropogenic activities. Consequently, there has been an unprecedented increase in occurrences of floods and their associated negativities in most countries (Morales, 2002). Etuonobe (2011) cited that in Nigeria, reports have shown that devastating flood disaster had occurred in Ibadan (in the years 1985, 1987, 1990, and 2011), Osogbo (1992, 1996, 2002 and 2010), Yobe (2000), Akure (1996, 2000, 2002, 2004 and 2006) and the coastal cities of Lagos, Ogun, Port Harcourt, Calabar, Uyo, Warri amongst others. These have claimed many lives and properties worth millions of Naira have been lost.

## **MATERIALS AND METHODS**

The data used for this research are quantitative and qualitative. Quantitative data are based on the measurement of quantities or amounts while qualitative data involves the use of words to describe the subject of interest. In this wise, specific quantitative data needs for this work are as follows:

- i. Data on rainfall i.e. daily, monthly, and annual rainfall data for the Dilimi catchment area.
- ii. Flood dates and records for the River Catchment area

### **3.1. Data Source**

Sources of data for this study are mixed sources, from both primary and secondary sources.

### **3.2. Primary Source**

Primary data in this study is obtained through a reconnaissance survey.

### **3.3. Secondary Data**

These are data derived from existing sources to enhance the research. The secondary data for this research was obtained from websites, articles, maps, newspapers, journals, published annual and reports. Incidences of floods were gathered from published articles and some agencies such as National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), Plateau State Management Agency (SEMA) while rainfall data for the catchment was extracted from Climate Hazards Infrared Precipitation with Stations (Chirps), and world datasets bank which is a quasi-global rainfall dataset that captured the river catchment area. This data assembled spanned for thirty-five (35) years (1985-2019).

### 3.4. Methods of Data Collection

The methods that are adopted for data gathering in respect to this study include reconnaissance survey and data from Climate Hazards Infrared Precipitation with Stations (Chirps).

#### 3.4.1 Reconnaissance Survey

A reconnaissance survey was carried out on the study area to be familiar with the area under study and also get some raw data from the community on the incidence of flood over past years was conducted to acquire data in the study area. And the type of activities carried out. The observation was conducted and carried out in such a way that the analysis of data will arrive at an objective judgment. The coordinates of the study area were assembled using the Geographical Position System (GPS) method. During the survey, the researcher discovered that Dilimi River runs through Jos North Local Government Area, stationed at about 200m away from the British-American Bridge, through the Jos University pedestrian bridge, which links the University of Jos Students Village with the University permanent site

### 3.5. Statistical Analysis

A Series of analytical techniques was employed to achieve the aim and objectives of the study as well as to make discernible decisions. Rainfall characteristics analytical techniques as used by Olarenwaju et al, (2017), Igweze et al. (2014), and Ologunorisa (2006) were adopted in this study to relate flood incidences in the study area. These include daily, monthly and yearly amounts of rainfall, variability, trends, and fluctuation of rainfall.

**To analyze the rainfall Characteristics in the Dilimi Catchment Area:** The rainfall characteristics used for this study include daily, the monthly and yearly amount of rainfall, variability, trends, and fluctuation (dry and wet spell) of rainfall.

- i. Amount: The daily, monthly and total annual amount was plotted using line graph. To calculate the amount of rainfall, both yearly for thirty-five (35) years, the formula below was adopted after Afangideh, et al (2013);

Rainfall Depth =

- ii. Rainfall Variability: The rainfall anomaly index (RAI) formula was used to determine the variability of rainfall over 35 years.

RAI =

Where,

x is annual rainfall totals

$\bar{x}$  is the mean of the entire series

S is the standard deviation from the mean of the series.

#### **To describe the rainfall pattern of Dilimi Catchment Area:**

Climate Hazards Infrared Precipitation with Stations (Chirps) will be used in chapter 4 because is a 35year quasi-global rainfall data set that determine the patterns/trends of rainfall in the study area. (Funk et al; 2012; 2015), to further examine the nature of the trends rainfall pattern was auto-fitted using an Excel software package.

#### **Catalogue Floods Years in River Dilimi Catchment Area:**

**To ascertain Rainfall Anomaly years:** Standardized Rainfall Anomaly Index (SRAI) was used to determine

years of dryness and wetness. Cataloguing is used in this study to know flood incidences in the River Dilimi Catchment Area.

**To Relate Rainfall Amount and Flood Years in The Catchment Area:** The Pearson product which explains the probability of exceedances. The correlation and ANOVA methods were used to establish the significant relationship between rainfall amounts and flood years in the River catchment area using an Excel software package.

## RESULT AND DISCUSSION

### 4.1 Rainfall Characteristics in The Dilimi Catchment

#### 4.1.1 General Description of Rainfall Statistics

Rainfall data from 1985 to 2019 was assembled on daily records from the CHIRPS weather engine for a 35year period, for the catchment of study. This was summarized on a monthly and yearly basis to generate table 2. A statistical summary from table 3 was generated in excel and presented in table 4. From this table, a total of (43966.21mm) of rainfall was recorded in these 35 year periods with an average of (1256.18mm) of rainfall per year, the minimum rainfall amount was (1110.69mm) and the maximum amount (1379.15mm). The table also showed that numbers of significant rainfall months per year ranged from 6months to 10 months usually between March to October with traces in the months of November to February.

#### 4.1.2 Average Rainfall for the Study Catchment

Rainfall distribution for the 35 years (figure 5) based on year average amount shows the average rainfall for each month of the year to range from 0.15mm in January and February with 1.0mm; in march, rainfall average was 26mm, April rose to 87mm, May 157mm and June 210mm; the month of July had 270mm, then August had the highest rainfall average of 289mm; after which the rainfall began to dip with September having 184mm, the October 43mm and November 1.0 mm; finally December 0.8mm of rainfall. This depicts the seasonality of rainfall in the catchment.

#### 4.1.3 Probabilities of Exceedance (PX) of Ranked Annual Rainfall

Based on Hazen (1914), Weibull (1939), and California (1923) methods of estimating the probability of exceedances as explained in chapter 2, table 3 was generated from data in table 2. The probability of exceedance is the probability of the occurrence of a rainfall depth greater than.

Table 2: Rainfall Data from 1985 – 2019

	YEAR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
1	1985	0.3	0.0	114.8	23.0	202.3	242.9	234.0	216.7	163.8	14.2	0.2	0.7
2	1986	0.3	0.0	24.8	56.4	131.3	170.7	348.4	206.4	188.8	28.1	3.0	0.0
3	1987	0.4	1.3	52.1	23.2	81.6	256.3	286.5	291.5	157.2	58.9	1.6	1.7
4	1988	0.1	0.0	22.9	134.0	171.8	190.6	232.0	198.2	211.7	24.4	0.0	2.1
5	1989	0.0	0.9	8.6	76.1	135.4	214.2	249.0	311.3	132.9	60.6	0.0	0.0
6	1990	0.3	0.0	8.2	50.5	234.6	205.8	247.8	226.9	182.7	33.8	0.3	2.1
7	1991	0.0	1.7	27.3	157.9	203.5	207.7	325.8	258.1	94.5	42.0	1.6	0.7

8	1992	0.4	0.0	26.1	130.2	166.2	227.8	295.9	301.9	181.3	34.7	4.0	0.0
9	1993	0.0	0.1	21.3	79.9	141.7	217.5	284.9	242.8	179.7	51.7	0.0	0.0
10	1994	0.0	0.0	6.7	121.7	131.3	197.3	226.6	344.3	211.7	74.1	0.8	1.2
11	1995	0.1	0.0	25.1	80.6	170.0	276.9	200.4	289.5	164.1	22.1	2.8	0.0
12	1996	0.0	3.3	26.0	70.1	191.5	212.2	191.3	358.3	289.3	36.1	0.0	1.1
13	1997	0.2	0.0	60.7	141.0	163.2	244.0	238.4	249.0	187.7	61.1	4.4	0.0
14	1998	0.0	0.0	12.6	64.5	153.8	179.9	242.4	273.1	199.4	30.4	0.0	0.0
15	1999	0.3	1.1	16.2	61.0	144.3	226.3	350.8	328.3	181.1	34.8	0.1	1.1
16	2000	0.0	0.0	11.1	56.9	140.0	198.3	292.4	289.7	180.3	56.4	0.0	2.2
17	2001	0.0	0.0	14.4	110.3	153.2	194.1	289.4	331.2	181.6	13.9	1.4	1.7
18	2002	0.0	0.7	29.2	105.7	145.9	249.8	293.9	258.1	162.5	55.9	0.4	1.1
19	2003	0.1	0.0	10.8	97.7	171.4	195.9	289.0	294.1	181.4	34.3	3.4	0.0
20	2004	0.1	0.0	10.0	81.5	180.4	146.0	259.6	235.4	162.1	35.3	0.4	0.0
21	2005	0.1	2.3	22.1	81.6	139.7	184.0	253.5	270.4	141.1	30.3	2.0	0.0
22	2006	0.2	3.4	25.7	49.2	185.0	166.0	257.8	374.9	222.1	45.0	0.0	0.0
23	2007	0.0	3.1	23.1	125.9	147.1	187.2	261.4	341.5	112.2	29.3	0.3	1.6
24	2008	0.3	0.0	20.9	61.3	171.6	184.7	357.3	310.1	132.9	22.8	0.0	2.2
25	2009	0.3	0.0	8.5	92.3	131.7	234.6	233.3	315.7	170.6	69.0	1.5	0.0
26	2010	0.4	0.1	23.4	67.5	166.2	166.6	344.3	289.5	197.0	74.7	0.1	1.3
27	2011	0.1	3.2	6.7	62.6	157.9	241.9	267.3	272.8	120.3	46.2	0.0	0.0
28	2012	0.2	0.0	10.4	119.5	187.2	217.0	320.5	235.1	173.9	60.9	1.9	0.0
29	2013	0.5	1.1	50.0	57.2	124.3	297.0	293.2	313.2	145.7	35.2	0.0	0.0
30	2014	0.5	2.1	41.5	135.4	160.3	183.2	236.8	278.6	190.4	43.3	4.0	0.0
31	2015	0.0	4.9	39.6	17.1	140.8	155.6	269.1	368.5	188.5	38.5	2.7	2.3
32	2016	0.0	0.0	49.0	158.0	142.8	178.8	274.0	291.8	151.7	32.0	0.1	2.0
33	2017	0.1	0.0	12.5	47.6	120.6	199.2	231.7	326.8	232.7	14.5	0.0	0.9
34	2018	0.1	4.0	20.0	114.7	156.5	149.0	204.2	349.1	188.4	120.5	0.2	1.7
35	2019	0.3	4.9	18.0	54.6	190.6	181.5	297.2	274.4	172.1	75.5	1.1	2.3

Table 3: Statistical Summary for Assemble Data

Jan	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	AVR
Mean	0.16	1.09	25.73	84.76	158.16	205.15	270.86	289.06	175.23	44.02	1.09	0.86	1256.18
Standard Error	0.03	0.26	3.52	6.44	4.85	5.95	7.27	7.77	6.08	3.7	0.23	0.15	11.92
Median	0.11	0.05	22.15	79.85	156.49	198.25	267.3	289.72	180.33	36.15	0.33	0.73	1264.06
Mode	0	0	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	0	0	#N/A
Standard Deviation	0.17	1.56	20.81	38.09	28.68	35.22	43.01	45.98	35.99	21.92	1.37	0.89	70.53
Sample Variance	0.03	2.43	432.91	1450.77	822.62	1240.44	1850.24	2114.22	1295.09	480.3	1.88	0.79	4974.52

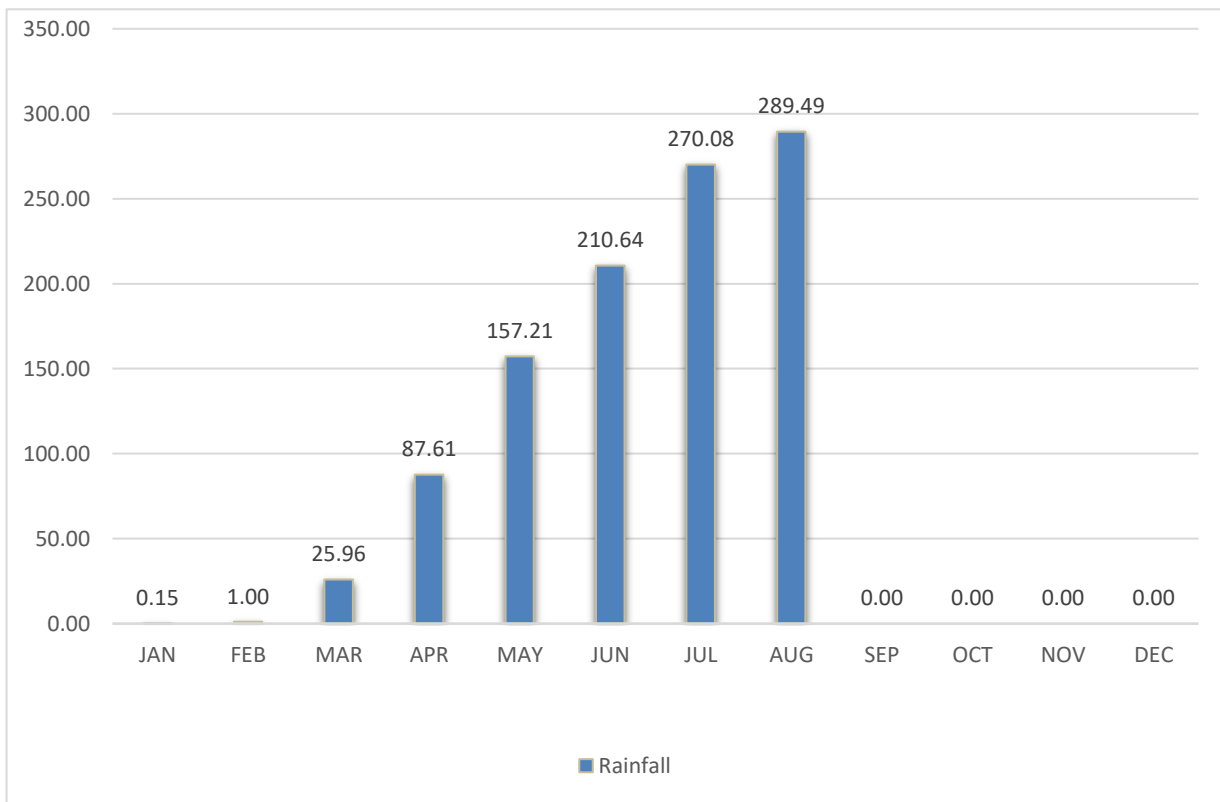


Figure 5: Average Monthly Rainfall Pattern (1985 to 2019)

Table 4: Probabilities of Exceedance of Ranked Annual Rainfall

S/N.	YEAR	Rainfall Depth	Rank Number ( r )	Estimate of Probability of Exceedance Px (%)			Average Exceedance(%)
				Hazen Px (%)	WelbulPx (%)	California Px (%)	
1	1996	1379.1466	1	1.43	2.78	2.86	2
2	1992	1368.5179	2	4.29	5.56	5.71	4
3	1997	1349.5313	3	7.14	8.33	8.57	7
4	1999	1345.33	4	10.00	11.11	11.43	9
5	2010	1331.114	5	12.86	13.89	14.29	12
6	2006	1329.2679	6	15.71	16.67	17.14	14
7	2012	1326.5833	7	18.57	19.44	20.00	16
8	1991	1320.7006	8	21.43	22.22	22.86	19
9	2013	1317.4506	9	24.29	25.00	25.71	21
10	1994	1315.615	10	27.14	27.78	28.57	23
11	2018	1308.3145	11	30.00	30.56	31.43	26
12	2002	1303.3531	12	32.86	33.33	34.29	28
13	2001	1291.3297	13	35.71	36.11	37.14	30
14	2016	1280.1972	14	38.57	38.89	40.00	33
15	2003	1278.1514	15	41.43	41.67	42.86	35
16	2014	1276.1645	16	44.29	44.44	45.71	38
17	2019	1272.6006	17	47.14	47.22	48.57	40
18	2008	1264.0645	18	50.00	50.00	51.43	42
19	2009	1257.4432	19	52.86	52.78	54.29	45
20	2007	1232.6649	20	55.71	55.56	57.14	47
21	1995	1231.5211	21	58.57	58.33	60.00	49
22	2015	1227.6517	22	61.43	61.11	62.86	52
23	2000	1227.351	23	64.29	63.89	65.71	54
24	1993	1219.4896	24	67.14	66.67	68.57	57

25	1985	1213.049	25	70.00	69.44	71.43	59
26	1987	1212.3139	26	72.86	72.22	74.29	61
27	1990	1192.8536	27	75.71	75.00	77.14	64
28	1989	1188.9462	28	78.57	77.78	80.00	66
29	1988	1187.8468	29	81.43	80.56	82.86	68
30	2017	1186.7506	30	84.29	83.33	85.71	71
31	2011	1178.9473	31	87.14	86.11	88.57	73
32	1986	1158.078	32	90.00	88.89	91.43	76
33	1998	1156.1144	33	92.86	91.67	94.29	78
34	2005	1127.0658	34	95.71	94.44	97.14	80
35	2004	1110.6912	35	98.57	97.22	100.00	83

Some given value of  $P_x$ . The probability of exceedance ( $P_x$ ) is expressed as a fraction (on a scale ranging from zero to one) or as a percentage chance with a scale ranging from 1 to 100 percent. This-show 1996, 1992, 1997, and 1999 as having less than 10% occurrence probability in a particular year. A scattered plot of the three exceedance methods shows a positive correlation of the methods. See Figure 6

#### 4.2. Temporal Distribution of Rainfall In The Study Catchment

The temporal distribution of rainfall can be understood as the degree to which rainfall amounts vary over time. The 35-year average rainfall amount is 1256mm, yearly rainfall amounts that exceeded this average were those of 1991, 1992, 1994, 1996, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2016, and 2018 (see figure 7).

Temporal distribution of rainfall over the 35 years of study according to significant months of rainfall revealed the following: the years 2013 and 2014 had traces of rainfall (1.0mm) in the month of January while the remaining had zero value in the same amount. The month of February 2015 and 2019 had above (4.0mm). While 1991, 1993, 1996, 2005, 2006, 2011, 2014 and 2014 had below (4.0mm) 1985, 1986, 1988, 1990, 1992, 1994, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2008, 2009, 2012, 2016 and 2017 had zero value in the month of February. The month of March 1985 had the highest depth of rainfall (115mm) in the 35year analysis while the lowest rainfall amount in March was in 1994 with (7mm). April 1991 had the highest rainfall amount (158mm) whereas 2015 had a very low amount (17mm), (Figure 8).

Further patterns revealed that May had its highest rainfall in 1990 with (235mm) and it's lowest in 1987 with (82mm). The temporal distribution of rainfall in June revealed 2013 as with the highest rainfall amounts of (297mm) while for the same month the lowest (146mm) was in 2004. In July 2008 the highest rainfall depth was (367mm) while its lowest value was in 1996. With 191mm, August 2015 had the highest rainfall depth with 368mm, its lowest was in 1988 with 198mm (Figure 9); in the month of September 1996 had highest depth of 289mm while its lowest value is 95mm in 1991. October had rainfall amount of 120mm in 2018 while it lowest value of 14mm was in 2007. The month of November had the highest amount of 4.4mm in 1997, and the lowest had 0.1mm in 2016.

Finally, the month of December in 2015 and 2019 had rainfall amount of 2.3mm as the highest while it lowest is 0.7mm 1985(Figure 10). Therefore, rainfall generally increases steadily from April to September and then takes a downward trend to October. Among other driver floods, high rainfall amounts and consistent long



duration of rains is foremost an inducing causes with implications of these months being possible flood months. Further analysis reveals that the months of July and August had the highest amounts recorded amount of rainfall and frequency frequent rainfall days are evident in then in months of June, July, August, and September, the implications being that antecedent moisture condition of soils in the catchment will be saturated may trigger more surface runoffs which eventually could leads to flooding. Although other human factors may play a part in enhancing flood, the rainfall pattern in the Dilimi River catchment aligns with climatic conditions associated with wet and dry climate characteristics, following the months and seasonality.

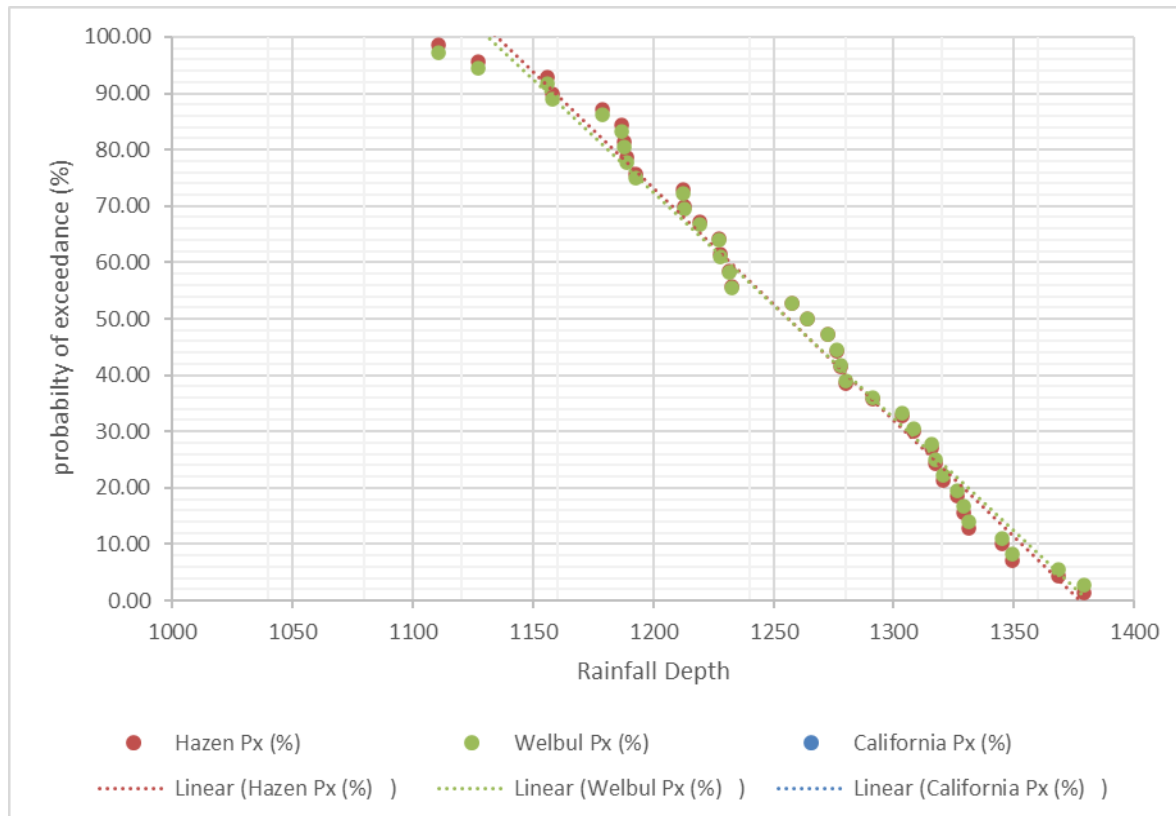


Figure 6: Scatter plot Probabilities of Exceedance

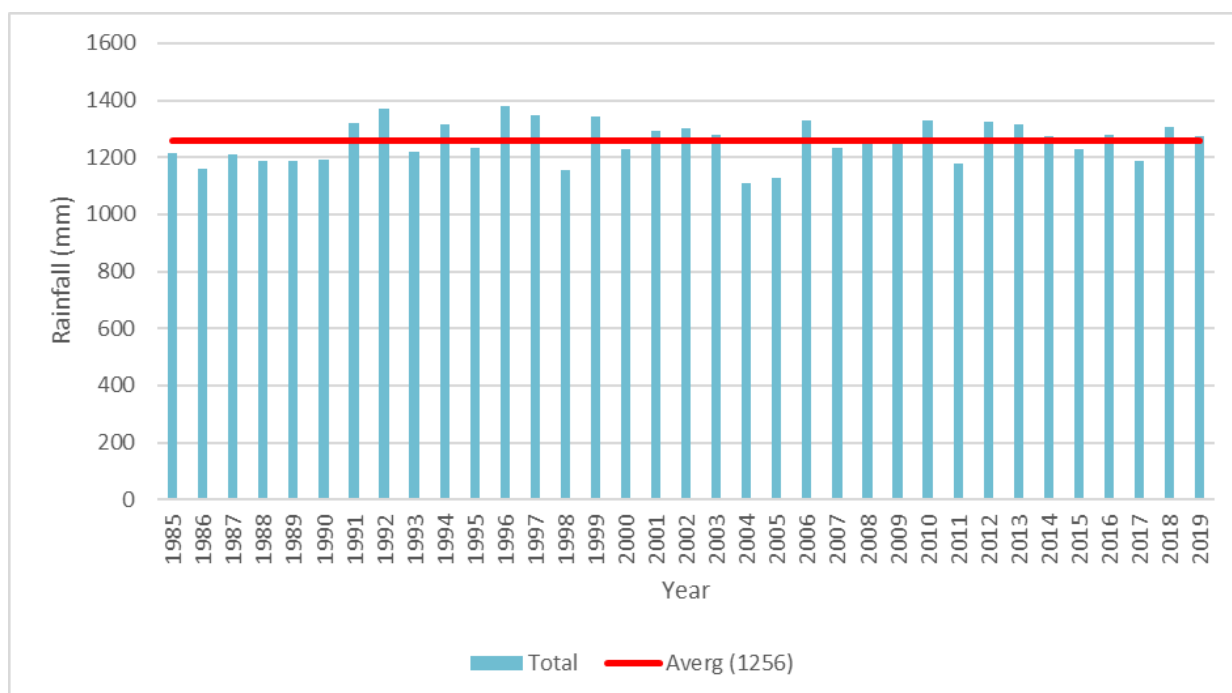


Figure 7: Yearly Rainfall Distribution for the Study Years (1985-2019)

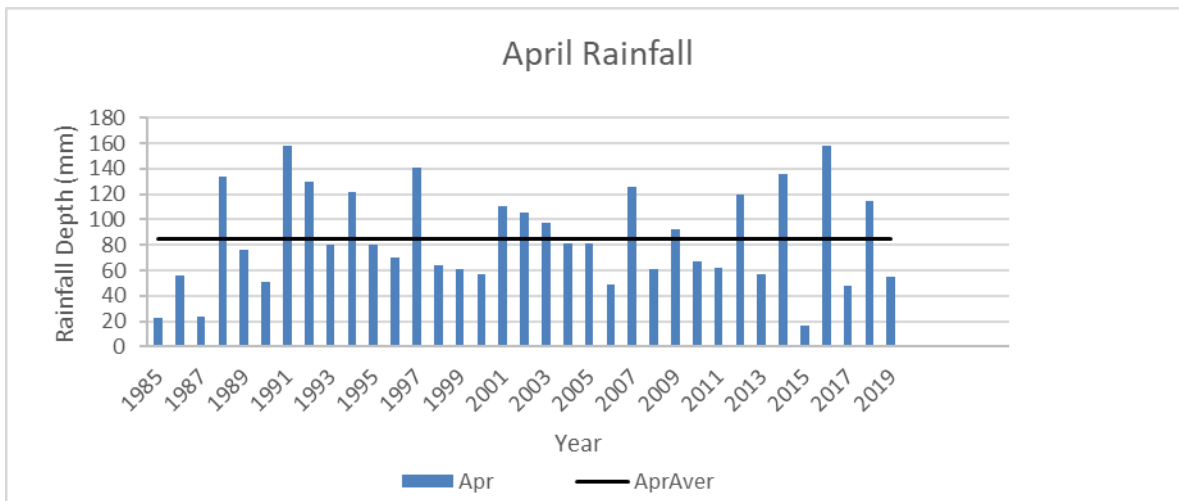
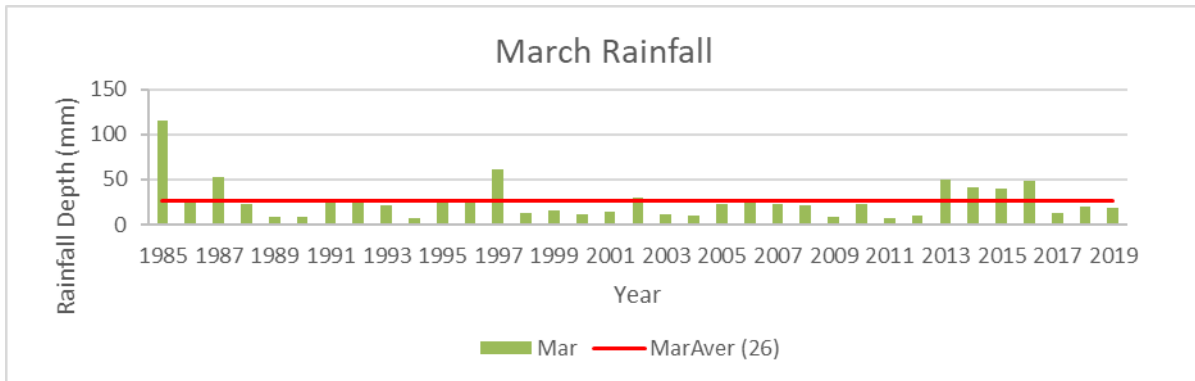
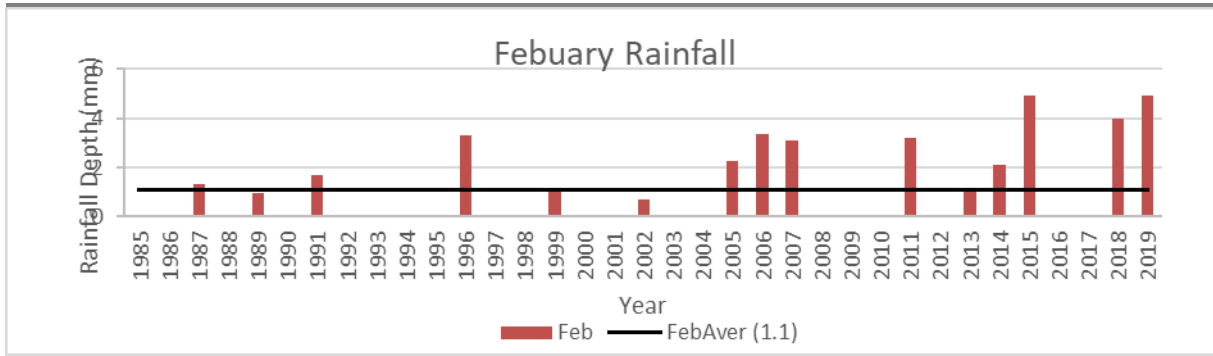
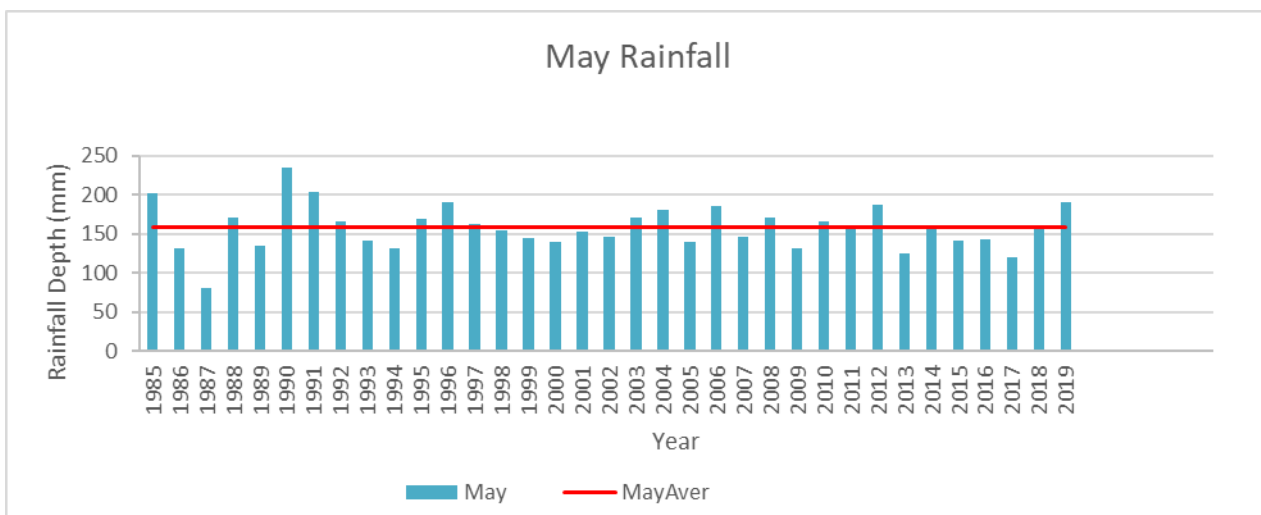


Figure 8: Rainfall Distribution for the Study Month January, February, March and April (1985- 2019).



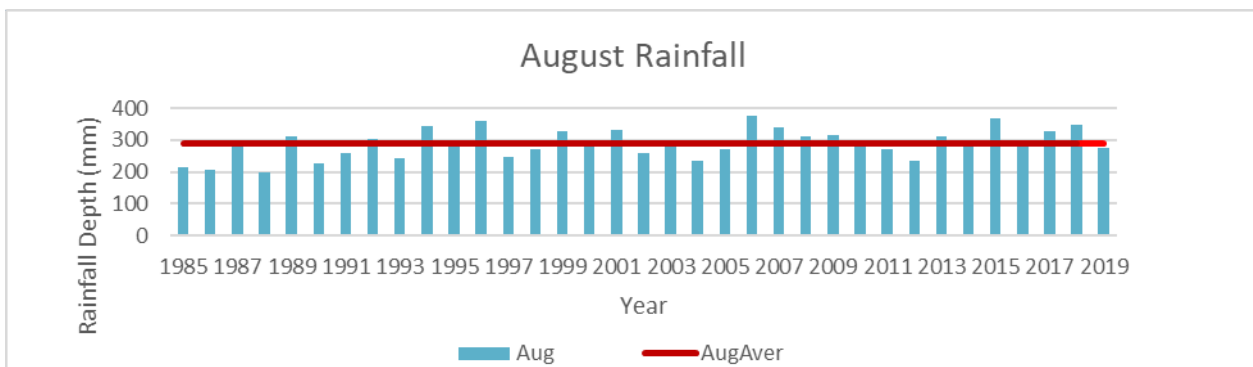
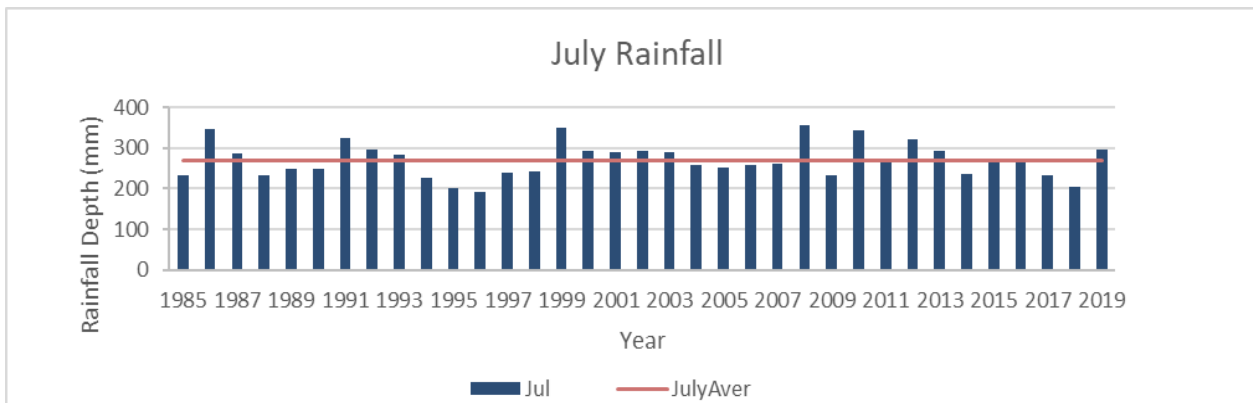
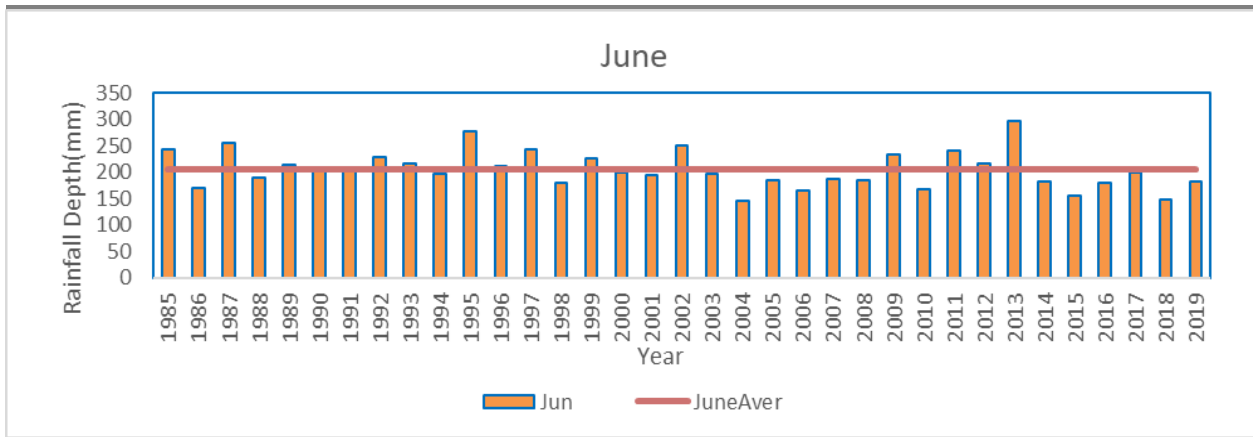
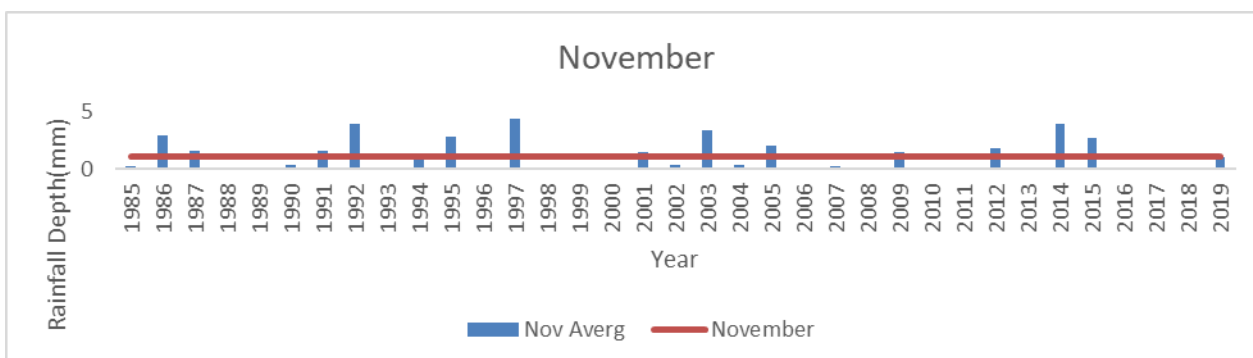
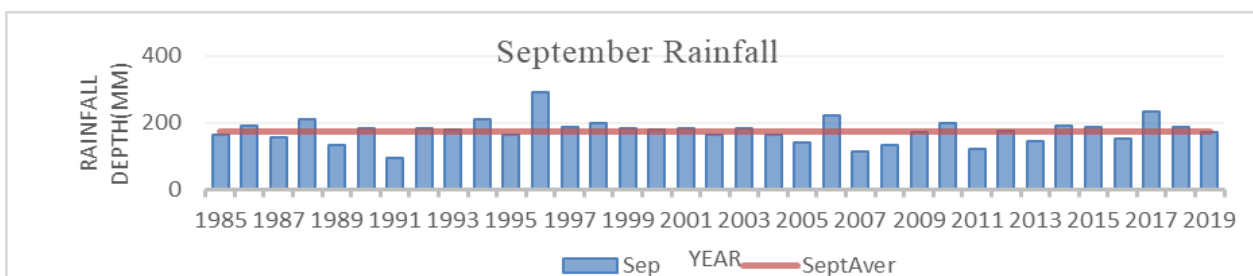


Figure 9: Rainfall Distribution for May, June, July and August (1985-2019).



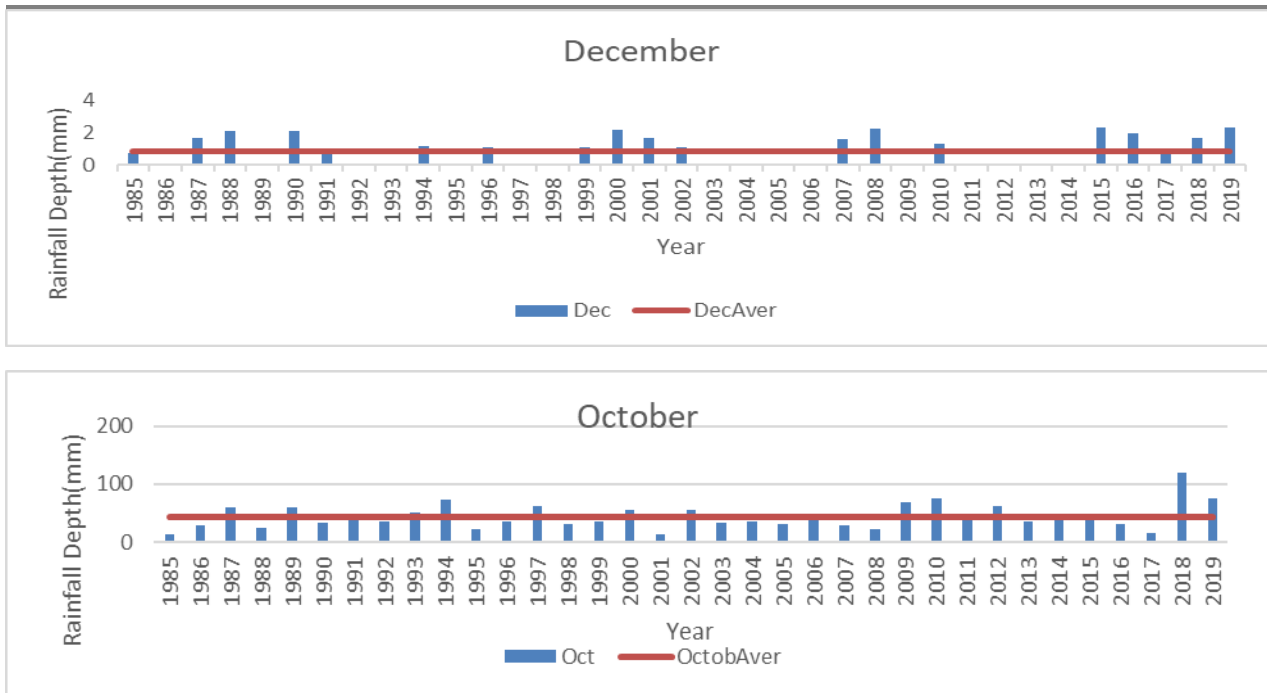


Figure 10: Rainfall Distribution for the Study Month Septemb December (1985-2019).

### 4.3. Catogue of Flood Years in The Dilimi River Catchment

Flood records in the study area as assembled from literature in chapter 2 revealed ten years of flood incidence 1995, 2007, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2017, 2018, and 2019 within the 35 years of study. Table 6 presents the flood years, months, dates, and settlements affected by the floods, while Table 7 shows rainfall amounts and calculated average year. From the records,2012 had the highest rainfall amounts of 1326.58mm followed by the year 2013 with 1317.45mm, 2018, 2014, 2019, 2007, 1995, 2015, 2017 and 2011 had amounts of 1308.31mm, 1276.65mm, 1272.60mm, 1232.66mm,1231.52mm, 1227.65mm, 1186.75mm and 1178.94mm respectively.

Table 5: Flood Incidences in Dilimi Catchment Area

S/N	YEAR	MONTH	DATE OF OCCURRENCE	LOCATION
1	1995*	August	07/08/1995	Angwan Rukuba, Fudawa
2	2007***	August		
3	2011***	June	03/07/2011	
4	2012**	August	22/08/2012	Rikkos,Angwan Rukuba, Angwan Rogo,
5	2013**	August	22/08/2013	Rikkos,Angwan Rukuba, Angwan Rogo,
6	2014**	June	09/06/2014	Kabong, Tundun Wada
7	2015***	July	16/07/2015	
8	2017**	June	03/07/2017	Angwan Rukuba, Rikkos,
9	2018***	September	09/09/2018	Rikkos, Gangare, Tundunoc, Rafan Kara
10	2019***	July	11/07/2019	Zinariya

Source:

\* Environmental Impact of Flood in Nigeria (2013).

\*\*Unpublished Report Plateau State Emergency Management Agency Search and Rescue Department (2014).

\*\*\* National Emergency Management Agency (2021)

Table 6: Flood Year Exceedance from 1985 to 2019

S/N.	YEAR	Rainfall Depth	Average Exceedance (%)
1	1995	1231.5211	49
2	2007	1232.6649	47
3	2011	1178.9473	73
4	2012	1326.5833	16
5	2013	1317.4506	21
6	2014	1276.1645	38
7	2015	1227.6517	52
8	2017	1186.7506	71
9	2018	1308.3145	26
10	2019	1272.6006	40

#### 4.4 Rainfall and Flood Incidence in the Catchment

Based on flood data and rainfall characteristics assembled a pattern of relationship was analysis and results are presented as follows:

##### 4.4.1. Flood Months and Years of Floods

Data assembled from the literature review showed 10 years of floods in the catchment, and the months of floods coinciding with each year are presented in (table 8). This revealed that flood was highest in August, followed by June, then July and September in this order.

##### 4.4.2 Rainfall Amounts in Flood Years and Month for the catchment.

Rainfall amounts for each flood months and flood years were assembled and presented in table 9. The table showed that four of the ten flood incidence years had the flooding coinciding with the month of highest rainfall amounts. These are 1995, 2014, 2017 and 2019; while other years had high rainfall amounts in the preceding months before flooding. A scatter gram of rainfall amounts for each of the flood years was plotted and it revealed the rainfall depth to be clustered between 1150mm to 1350mm. the trend line generated showed that rainfall amounts for four years (2007, 2011, 2015, and 2016) were below the trend line, while amounts for six years (1995, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2018 and 2019) were above.

Table 7: Flood Months and Years of Floods

Row Labels	1995	2007	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
June			1			1		1			3
July							1			1	2
August	1	1		1	1						4
September									1		1

Table 9: Flood Year, Rainfall Depth and Flood Months for The Catchment

	Years	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Annual Rainfall	Flood Month
1	1995	281.2	231.3	460.1	207.8	1369.9	August
2	2007	251.2	230.8	246.5	133.5	974.6	August
3	2011	172.2	321.7	223.8	240.6	1207.7	June
4	2012	238.2	677.7	215.5	214.4	1631	August
5	2013	124.8	179.6	244.3	338.3	1287.5	August
6	2014	312.5	326.7	186.2	304.4	1695.2	June
7	2015	192.9	393.6	382.5	360.6	1521.4	July
8	2017	339.2	381	281	796	2020.4	June
9	2018	227	157	502.2	94	1367.4	September
10	2019	332.2	464.9	397.3	277	2052.5	July

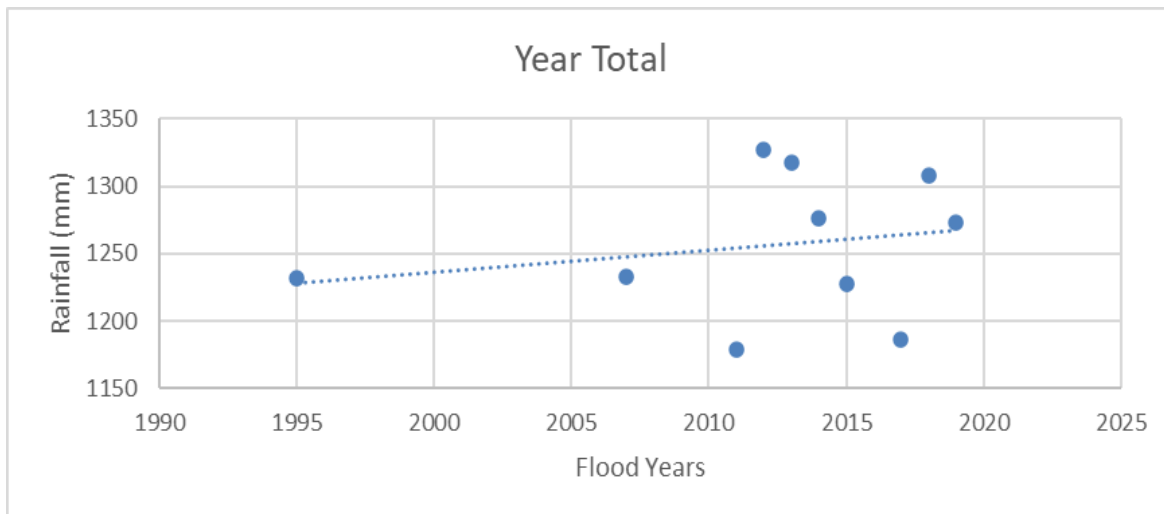


Figure 11: Scatter graph of the ten years of exceedance from 1985 to 2019

**4.4.2. Rainfall exceedance years and flood years**

The rainfall amount for each flood year was considered and the year with the least amount of rainfall had its rainfall amount chosen as the exceedance amount; this was 2011 with a rainfall depth of 1178.95mm. To arrive at the same scale of measurement for both variables - Rainfall and Flood years for the period of research was recoded such that any year with less than the 2011 rainfall amount was considered a non-exceedance year and coded 1, otherwise 2, and considered an exceedance year. Similarly, any year not identified from the literature as a flood year was considered a non-flood year and code 1 otherwise 2 for a flood year as in table 10. The coded exceedance and flood columns were correlated and the result is presented in table 11.

**4.4.3. Result of correlation between Rainfall exceedance and flood years.**

The correlation result presented in table 11, revealed that there is no significant correlation between

exceedance years and flooding in the catchment. This goes to prove that rainfall is not the only driver of floods in the catchment.

Correlations coefficient of variation was used to determine the relationship between flood year and anomaly years in rainfall values for the study period; this showed the degree of variability in the monthly and yearly means of rainfall. To calculate rainfall, both yearly and a monthly run of 35 years (table 11) was used. Pearson’s correlation coefficient, p-value for two-tailed test of significance, and the table explained.

Null hypothesis (H0): there is no correlation between flood year and rainfall anomaly years. Alternative hypothesis (H1): there is correlation between flood year and rainfall anomaly years.

Conclusion: alternate hypothesis is accepted as the result shows significant at 0.01 level for a two-tailed test

This shows a positive correlation between flood year and anomaly years but weak. It suggests that rainfall is increasing over time in the study area. Since the increasing trend observed is statistically significant, increase in the future can be categorically predicted or ascertained and the trend can be attributed to a particular causative factor in the study are

Table 10: Coding for correlation between exceedance and flood years

S/n.	Year	Rainfall depth	Exceedance year	Flood year
1	1996	1379.1466	2	1
2	1992	1368.5179	2	1
3	1997	1349.5313	2	1
4	1999	1345.33	2	1
5	2010	1331.114	2	1
6	2006	1329.2679	2	1
7	2012	1326.5833	2	2
8	1991	1320.7006	2	1
9	2013	1317.4506	2	2
10	1994	1315.615	2	1
11	2018	1308.3145	2	2
12	2002	1303.3531	2	1
13	2001	1291.3297	2	1
14	2016	1280.1972	2	1
15	2003	1278.1514	2	1
16	2014	1276.1645	2	2
17	2019	1272.6006	2	2
18	2008	1264.0645	2	1
19	2009	1257.4432	2	1

20	2007	1232.6649	2	2
21	1995	1231.5211	2	2
22	2015	1227.6517	2	2
23	2000	1227.351	2	1
24	1993	1219.4896	2	1
25	1985	1213.049	2	1
26	1987	1212.3139	2	1
27	1990	1192.8536	2	1
28	1989	1188.9462	2	1
29	1988	1187.8468	2	1
30	2017	1186.7506	2	2
31	2011	1178.9473	2	2
32	1986	1158.078	1	1
33	1998	1156.1144	1	1
34	2005	1127.0658	1	1
35	2004	1110.6912	1	1

Table 11: Result of Correlation

		Exc	Flood
VAR00004	Pearson Correlation	1	.227
	Sig. (2-tailed)		.189
	N	35	35
VAR00005	Pearson Correlation	.227	1
	Sig. (2-tailed)	.189	
	N	35	35

**4.4.3. Result of ANOVA testing on monthly rainfall for flood months**

The ANOVA test was run on the rainfall data for each flood month and flood year in table 9. To ascertain if there is any significant difference between the average rainfall in the flood month of June, July, August, and September across the 10 years of floods, the results is shown in Table 12.

The Null hypothesis ( $H_0$ ): there is no significant difference between the average rainfall in the month of June, July, August, and September for the flood years.

- Alternative Hypothesis ( $H_1$ ): there is a significant difference between the average rainfall experienced in the month of June, July, August, and September.



Conclusion: since F-critical is less than F-calculated or  $p < 0.05$ , it, therefore, means that there is a statistically significant difference between the average rainfall for the four months of the flood years. And this is why floods occur at different months of the year, with the varying rainfall amounts.

Table 12: Result of ANOVA test

Groups	Count	Sum	Average	Variance		
JUN	10	2088.5	208.85001	2437.673843		
JUL	10	2581.806	258.18058	1583.659749		
AUG	10	3049.565	304.95649	1737.511047		
SEP	10	1688.129	168.81293	1275.583408		
ANOVA						
Source of Variation	SS	Df	MS	F	P-value	F crit
Between Groups	104956.3999	3	34985.46663	19.89385144	8.95E-08	2.866266
Within Groups	63309.85242	36	1758.607012			
Total	168266.2523	39				

## CONCLUSION

The Dilimi River is one extensive catchment that experiences flood as it traverses within the metropolis of Jos and environs. This study aimed at analyzing flood incidences in the Dilimi River Catchment Area. This was achieved, through an analysis of rainfall characteristics in the catchment, cataloguing of flood incidences, and relating rainfall characteristics and flood incidences in the catchment. Rainfall data was obtained from the Climate Hazards Infrared Precipitation with Stations (CHIRPS) database for a period of 35 years. Dates of flood in the catchment were obtained from the National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Plateau State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) office. These datasets were analyzed and presented using descriptive statistics in form of charts, graphs, percentages; and inferential statistics to establish relationships to include Pearson correlation coefficient and ANOVA.

Rainfall characteristic is highly variable over the study years and across raining months in the catchment. Rainfall amounts rise as high as (374.9mm) in August and as low as (6.7mm) in March within this period of 35 years of the study. Rainfall months ranged from March to October while flood months are in June, July, August, and September.

The correlation between flood incident years and rainfall anomaly years revealed a significant correlation coefficient at alpha 0.01 for a two-tailed test. This shows a strong positive correlation between flood year and anomaly years. The ANOVA statistics, on the other hand, revealed a statistically significant difference between the average rainfall amounts for the four flood months (June, July August, and September), meaning that rainfall amounts are not the only determining factor of floods in the study area.

In the face of global climate change coupled with economic inequality and particularly the bad economic indices of in Nigeria, the citizenry of the country and the study area have fallen back to their environment independence of its resources to support their livelihoods in so doing have encroached on vital waterways and arteries which proves deadly with the occurrence of flood. With an established fact of direct relationship between rainfall and flood occurrence people of the flood liable areas of the Dilimi catchment area should

ensure their safety by avoiding developments on waterways and arteries, planning authorities should do more to sensitize residents of these areas on the dangers of building on waterways to minimize future flood occurrence.

As the study has shown amounts of rainfall is a major factor to the occurrence of flood, with urbanization exerting high pressure on other land uses with an adverse effect on waterways. The governments, the general public, Weather agencies in the State and country at large should do more in providing relevant data on possible peaking of rainfall within the Dilimi catchment, these agencies and other interest groups should also be in the vanguard to develop models to counter flood incidences through:

- Urban planning and designing of drainage infrastructures by engineers should take into account the increasing nature of rainfall in the area.
- Government should lay emphasis on policies that steer development away from areas that are prone to floods. Meanwhile erring developers should be punished for violating these safety rules designed to protect lives and properties.
- There is need for the people to be enlightened on the environmental causes of floods. This can be done through radio and television programs, issuance of newsletter, booklets, and other avenues in mosques and churches.
- The establishment and improvement of early warning systems by the Nigerian Meteorological Agency to monitor both floods and droughts would help in planning of relief measures that would reduce the loss arising from flooding in the area.

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