

More rain forecast for Fiji

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Child hood ... Ella Clea Chand, 1, is covered up and wrapped in her mother's arms during the downpour in Suva on Thursday

THE Weather Office has predicted rain for parts of the country and is requesting farmers to remain cautious of what they plant.

Director of Meteorology Rajendra Prasad said there was a "moistening" flow over the group that was expected to bring in rain.

While El Nino has kept the country dry in most of this year's wet season, Mr Prasad said he could not rule out the possibility of rain or even a tropical depression or cyclone in the coming weeks.

The dry season starts in May and Mr Prasad said the country would continue to feel the effects of El Nino.

For the western parts of the group, afternoon and evening showers should be expected.

Over the past few weeks, the office has recorded rainfall in various parts of the country.

However, Mr Prasad said that while it may be good for vegetation, it was not enough to fill dams or ensure a good flow of rivers.

The weather man said farmers should be cautious planting crops or vegetables that didn't require much water.

Earlier this year, the office declared certain parts of Fiji to be under "meteorological drought", which meant they were consistently receiving below average rainfall.