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Nile Basin River Flow Forecasting System

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Outline

- Introduction
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- Drought monitoring and forecasting
- Toolkits

Introduction

- **Under Goal 5 of the NBI 10 year strategy**, the Nile-SEC intends to develop a short term to seasonal river flow forecasting.
- **Providing information about volume of stream flow** that can be expected at particular points in the river network of a basin in advance.
- **The lead time could range from few days to seasons.**
- NB-RFFS will be used for **operational decision making**.
- Help **managing the releases from water storage facilities** thereby conserve water;
- **improve planning decisions on cropping; improve safety of water infrastructure, and provides opportunities to extract water** during different flow peaks.

Preparatory phase:

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- Review and Lesson learned from International Experiences in River Flow Forecasting (FFS)
- Lesson learned from Current Use of FFS in the Nile Basin.
- User Needs assessment.
- Conceptual design (Short-range forecast and Seasonal forecast).

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Development of the river flow forecast

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Inception prepared
Software Framework developed
Model adapters developed
Forecast dissemination platform developed
Nile Basin operational forecast model developed
Testing and Implementation of the system
Drought forecasting
Toolkits for dam operation and irrigation

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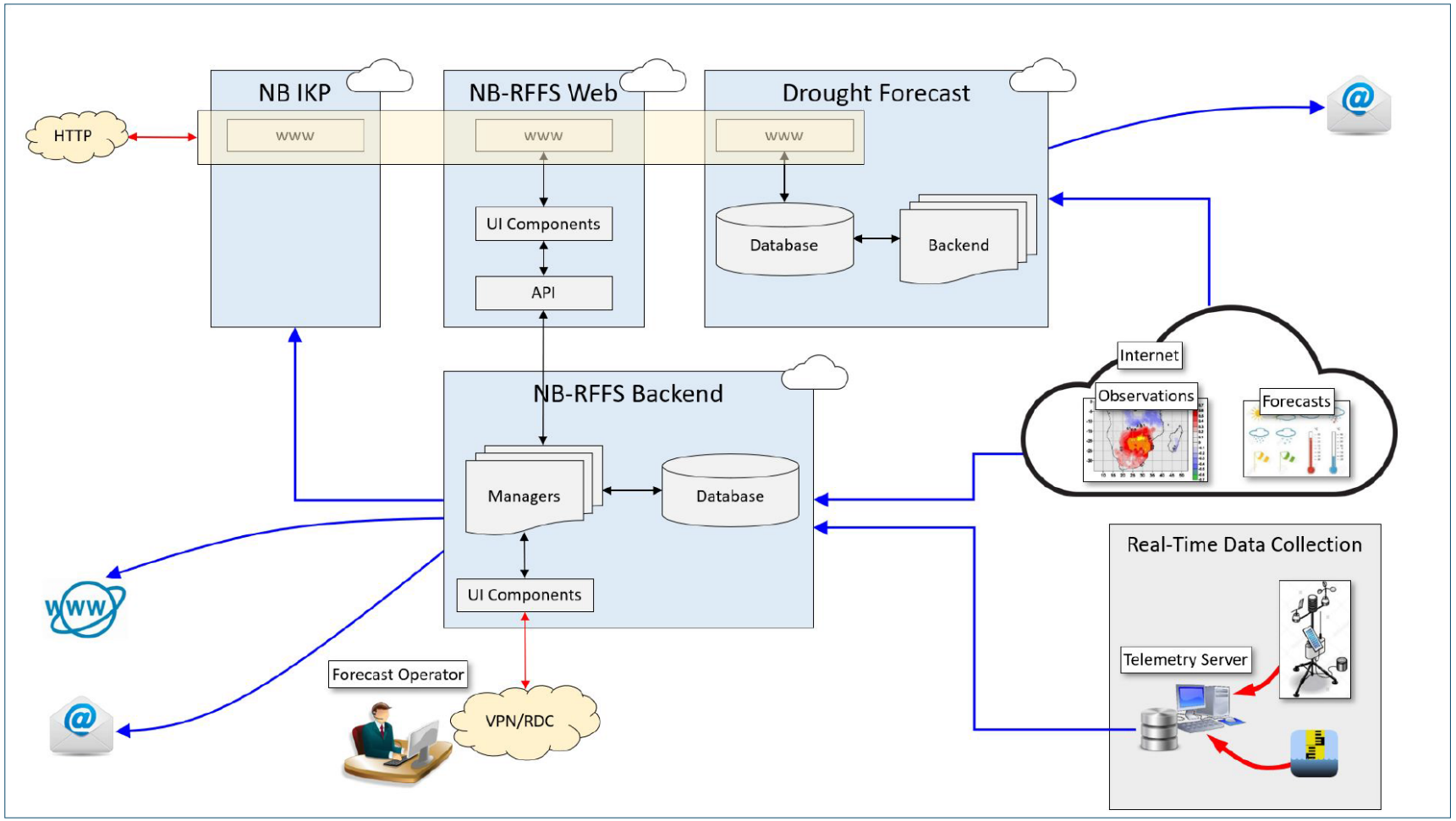

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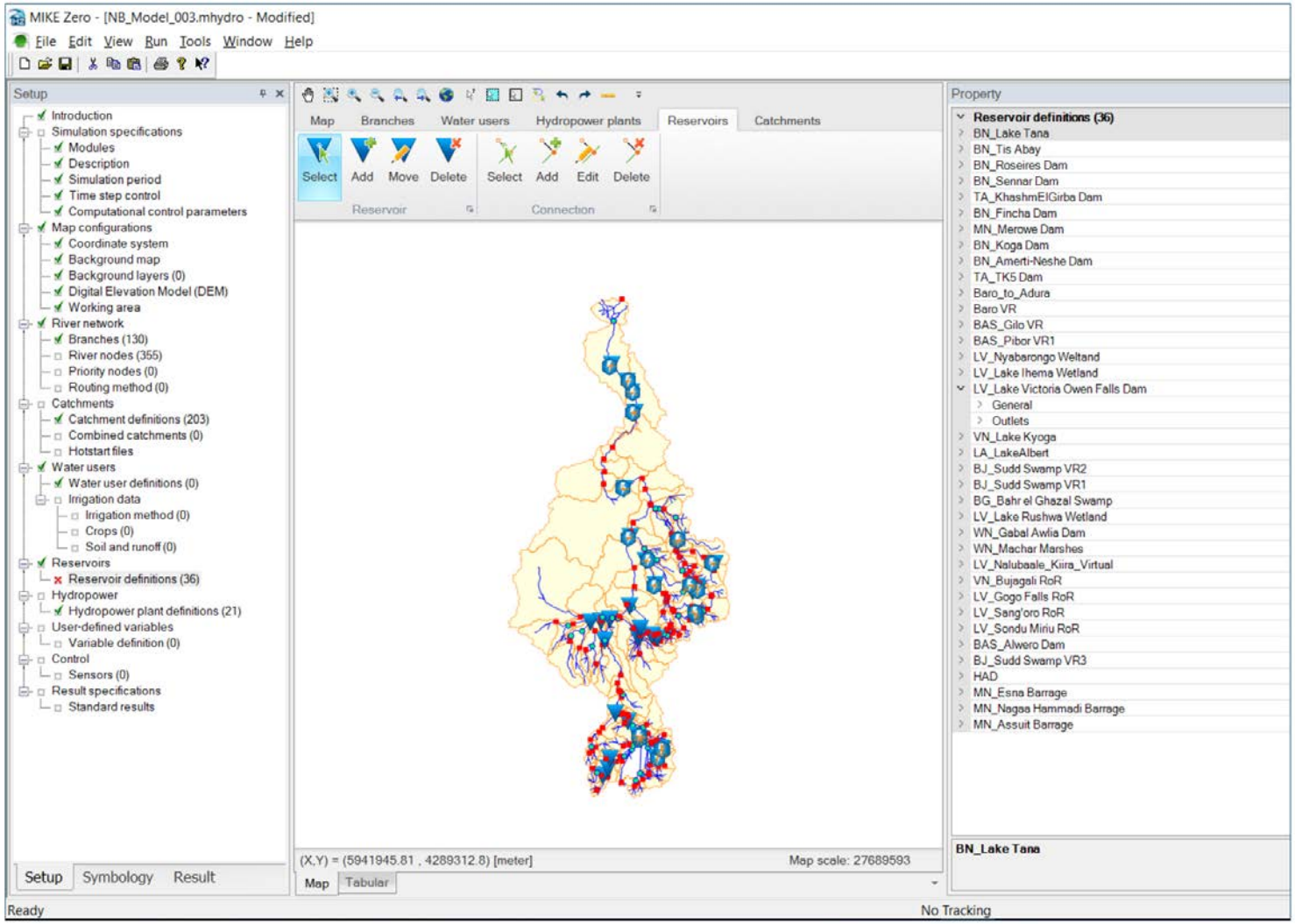

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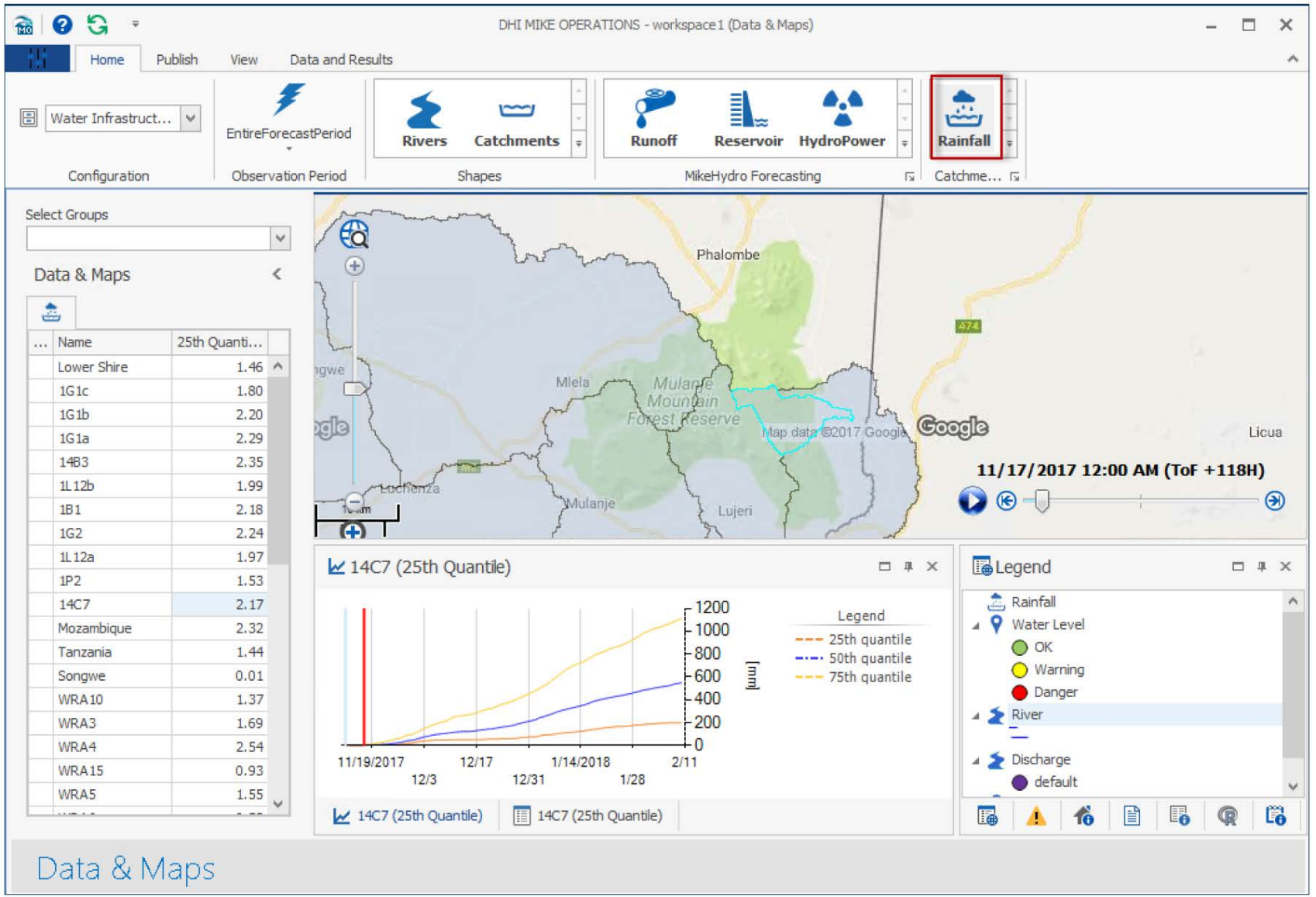
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Flood and Drought Portal

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  - Monthly mean (TRMM)
  - SPI 1 month
  - SPI 3 month
  - SPI 6 month
  - Rainfall deviation 30-day (TRMM)
  - Effective drought Index (EDI)

Tool

- Time series
- Column chart
- Raster file

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- White Nile 5
- Lake Victoria
- Nile 1
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SPI 1 month
Ext. dry
Very dry.
Mod. dry
Normal

Chart

1m | 6m | 1y | All | Zoom: click-drag | Pan: shift-click-drag | + Add to favorites

SPI 1 month - Subareas - White Nile 6

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Ext. wet
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Mod. dry
Very dry.
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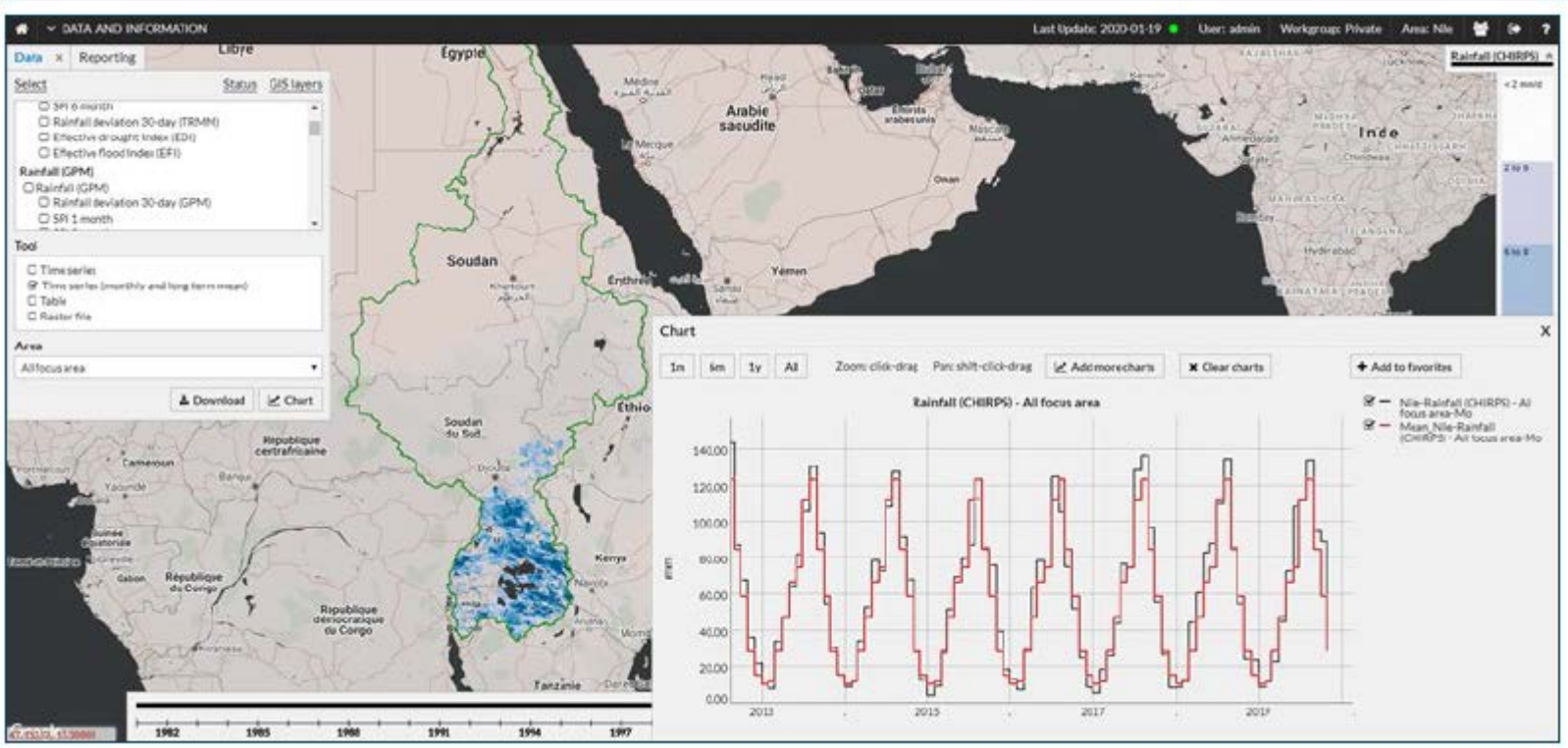

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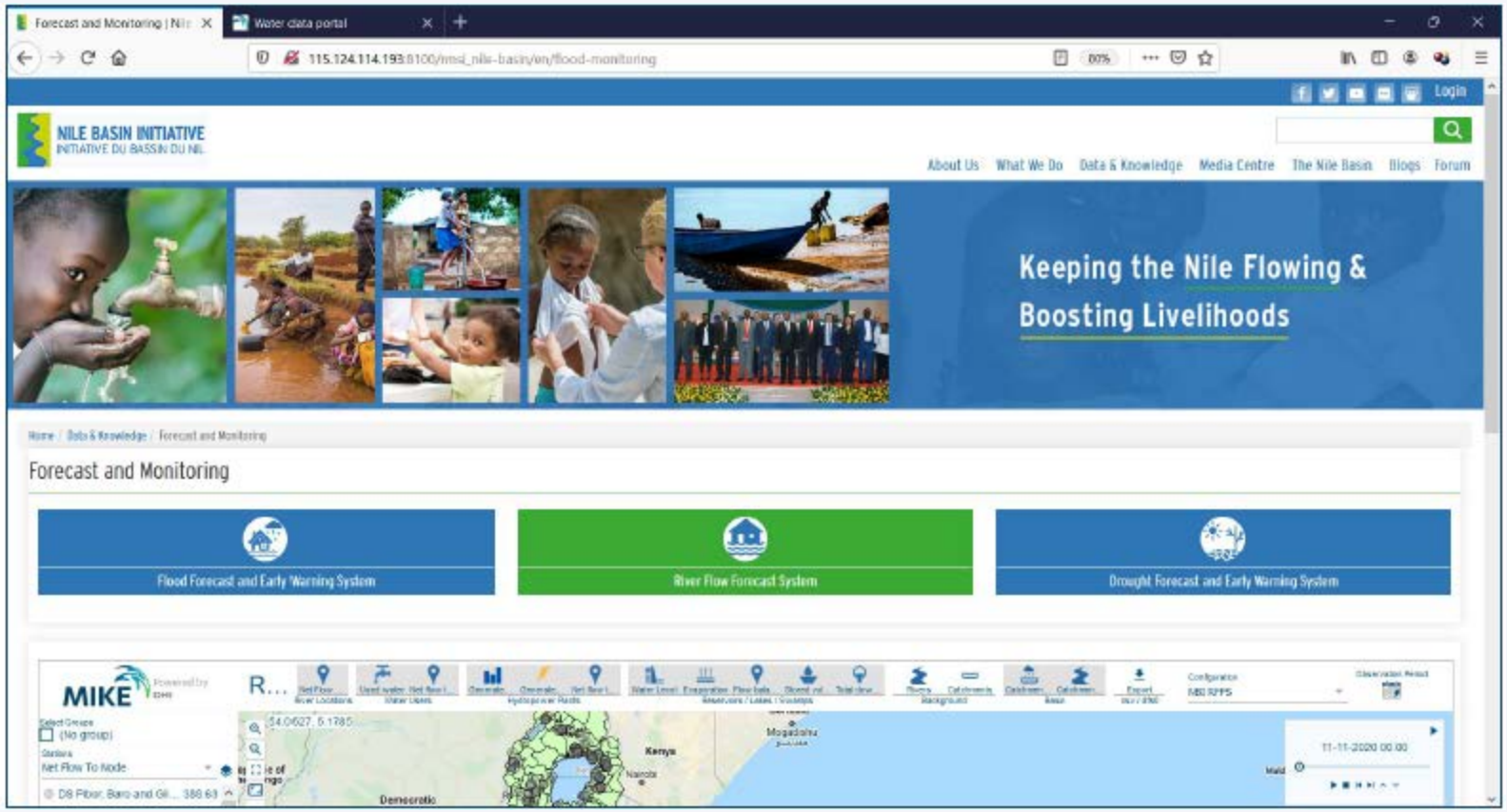

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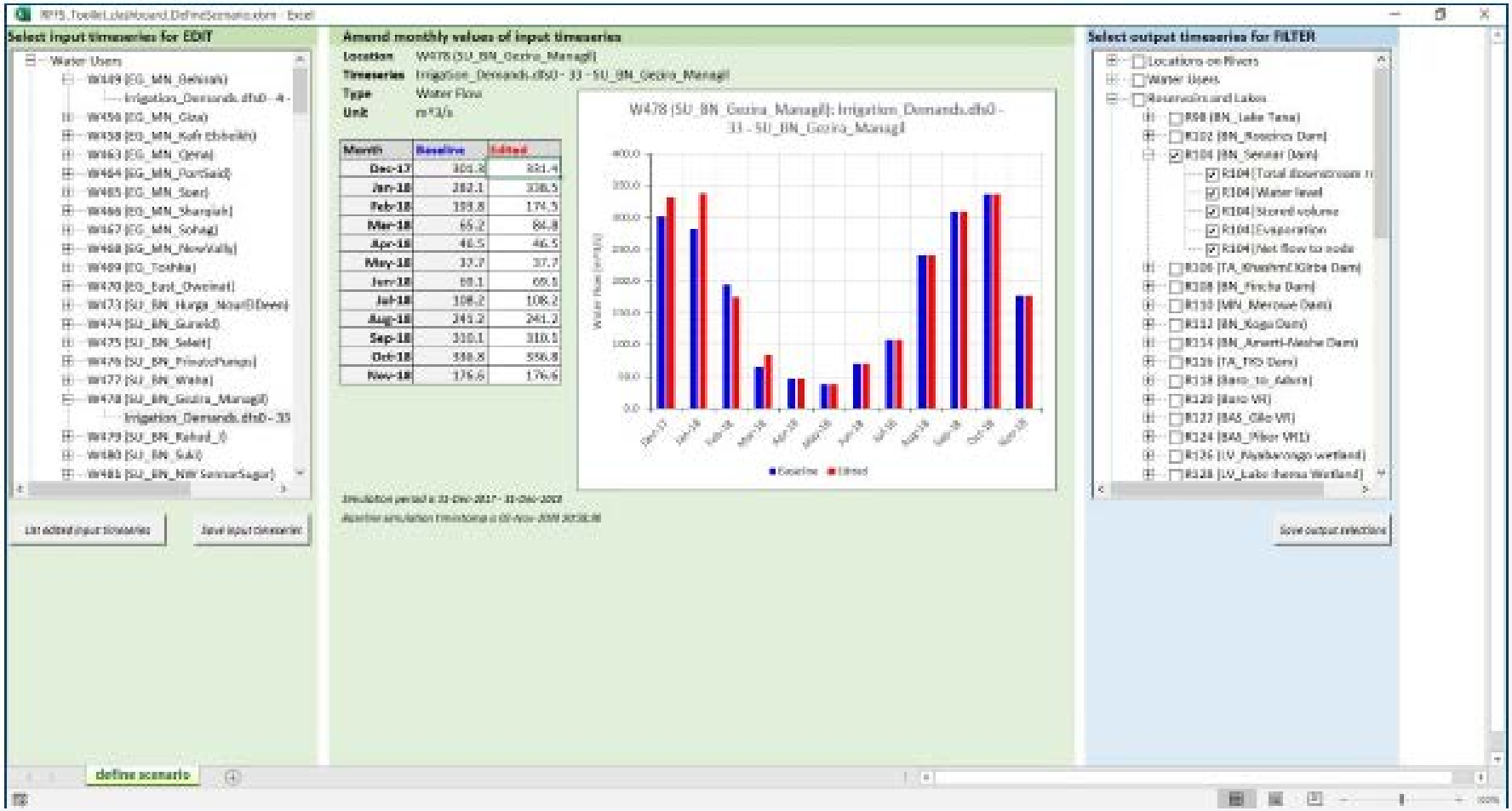
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Available application(s)

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River Flow Forecasting

Access to 9-months forecasts of river flows and other basin states (such as reservoir volumes) at 206 forecast locations in the entire Nile basin. The forecasts are updated daily.

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Drought Monitoring and Forecasting

Access to near-real-time data, drought indicators, climate forecasts and climate change data. The satellite-based datasets are updated daily.

NB-RFFS v2 staging

This is the stable version of MIKE Operations Web 2.0. This app visualizes the NBI river flow forecasting system.

About Nile Basin Forecasting System

The Nile Basin Forecast System is an integrated real-time multi-functional forecasting system that supports the Nile Basin Initiative and its stakeholders in (1) river flow forecasting providing short-term to seasonal river flow forecasts, and (2) seasonal drought forecasting providing seasonal hydrological and meteorological drought forecasts for the entire Nile basin. Furthermore, it supports investigating the consequences of alternative infrastructure operation rules for dams and key water users using the flow forecasts generated. The components of the system are the following:

1. Nile Basin River Flow Forecasting System (NB-RFFS): Flow forecasts are produced based on a river basin model developed with MIKE Hydro Basin. The model's rainfall-runoff model covers the entire Nile basin with 203 catchments. All main river reaches and water uses are also modelled. Furthermore, the model contains 42 reservoirs including lakes and wetlands, and 21 hydropower plants. Every day, forecasts are made for 8 different types of state variables, such as water flows or water volumes. In total 462 state variables are forecasted at 206 forecast locations. The key inputs into the rainfall-runoff model component of the system are rainfall forecasts automatically retrieved from CFSv2 (NOAA's coupled forecast system model version 2) and GEFS (NOAA's Global Ensemble Forecast System) for a forecast period of 9 months. The model's simulation time step is daily.

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