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| Level | Drought Category | SPEI values |
| 0 | Non drought | 0 ≤ index |
| 1 | Mild drought | -1.0 < index < 0 |
| 2 | Moderate drought | -1.5 < Index ≤ -1.0 |
| 3 | Severe drought | -2.0 < Index ≤ -1.5 |
| 4 | Extreme drought | Index ≤ -2.0 |