

(c) ERA-Interim



(e) NCEP-CFSR

(f) PERSIANN-CCS



(g) SM2RAIN-ASCAT



Figure S1: For a selection of the evaluated non-gauge-corrected *P* datasets, temporal correlations between 3-day mean gauge- and dataset-based *P* time series ($R_{3 day}$). Each data point represents a gauge.



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Figure S2: For a selection of the evaluated non-gauge-corrected P datasets, temporal correlations between monthly mean gauge- and dataset-based P time series ($R_{monthly}$). Each data point represents a gauge.



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Figure S3: For a selection of the evaluated non-gauge-corrected P datasets, temporal correlations between gauge- and dataset-based SPI-6 time series (R_{SPI-6}). Each data point represents a gauge.



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Figure S4: For a selection of the evaluated non-gauge-corrected P datasets, the MAE calculated between monthly mean gauge- and dataset-based P time series. Each data point represents a gauge.



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Figure S5: For a selection of the evaluated non-gauge-corrected *P* datasets, the error between gauge- and and dataset-based mean annual *P* trends (% yr^{-1}). Each data point represents a gauge.



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Figure S6: Bias values for a selection of the evaluated non-gauge-corrected *P* datasets. The bias was calculated as $[\overline{s} - \overline{o}] / [\overline{s} + \overline{o}]$, where \overline{s} and \overline{o} represent the dataset- and gauge-based long-term means, respectively. Each data point represents a gauge.



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Figure S7: For a selection of the evaluated non-gauge-corrected P datasets, the error in the annual number of dry days. Each data point represents a gauge.



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Figure S8: For a selection of the evaluated non-gauge-corrected *P* datasets, the error in the 99th percentile daily *P* magnitude (mm d⁻¹). Each data point represents a gauge.



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Figure S9: For a selection of the evaluated non-gauge-corrected *P* datasets, the error in the 99.9th percentile daily *P* magnitude (mm d^{-1}). Each data point represents a gauge.