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**Biometeorological Services Division** 

# WEEKLY BIOMETEOROLOGICAL BULLETIN (17<sup>TH</sup> -23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2021)

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#### 1 PREAMBLE

Biometeorology is an interdisciplinary science of interactions between atmospheric processes and living organisms - plants, animals and humans. The Bio Meteorological Section collects, analyzes, interprets meteorological data and issues the human health related forecast in partnership with the health sector.

# 2 FORECAST FOR 17<sup>TH</sup> -23<sup>RD</sup> AUGUST, 2021

## a) Rainfall

Rainfall less than 50mm is expected in most parts of Country, during the forecast period (Tue 17<sup>th</sup> August to Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021).

#### b) High Temperature

Maximum Temperatures of more than 35°C are expected in parts of Turkana (Lodwar) County, during the forecast period (Tue 17<sup>th</sup> August to Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021).

## c) Low Temperature

Minimum Temperature of less than 10°C is expected in parts of Nyandarua (Nyahururu), Laikipia, Kericho, Kajiado (Ngong), Machakos, Eldoret and Narok Counties, during the forecast period (Tue 17<sup>th</sup> August to Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021).

## d) Winds

Winds of more than 25 knots (12.9m/s) are expected over parts of Marsabit, Garissa, Wajir, Isiolo, Tanariver, Wajir, Voi ,Kilifi (Malindi),Mombasa and Lamu Counties, during the forecast period (Tue 17<sup>th</sup> August to Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2021)

## 2.1 High Rainfall

This section lists stations recorded more than 50 mm total rainfall in the last 7 days. This is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1:

Station	Total weekly Rainfall
Eldoret A/Port	96.3mm
Kisii Met	67.9mm
Eldoret Met	65.5mm
Kisumu Met	57.8mm

## 2.2 High Temperatures

This section lists stations that recorded Average Temperatures exceeding 35°C in the last 7 days. All Met stations recorded weekly average Temperatures below 35°C.

# 2.3 Low Temperatures

This section lists stations that recorded Average Temperatures below 10°C in the last 7 days. This is shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2:

Station	Average weekly Minimum Temperature
Nyahururu Met	9.3°C

# 2.3 High Winds

This section list stations that recorded winds with speeds of more than 25knots (12.9 metres per sec) in the last 7 days. This was recorded in Marsabit, Malindi, Voi and Garissa Met stations.

## 3 Advisory

The areas expected to receive more than 50 mm of weekly total rainfall have a high risk of waterborne (e.g. diarrhea) and Vector borne (e.g. Malaria) diseases especially in areas with poor drainage. Residents are advised to be on the lookout for such diseases and take necessary action.

The areas expected to experience more than 35°C therefore high likelihood of skin diseases e.g. skin rush.

The areas expected to experience less than 10°C have a high likelihood of cold weather diseases. e.g. Asthma, pneumonia, common cold and flu. Residents are advised to be on the lookout for such diseases and take necessary action.

Winds of more than 25 knots (12.9m/s) have a high likelihood of cold and flu diseases due to blown dust especially during dry season.

N.B: This forecast is to be used together with the daily (24-hour) forecast issued by this Department.

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