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WEEKLY BIOMETEOROLOGICAL BULLETIN (6TH DECEMBER- 12TH DECEMBER, 2022)

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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. We have a mandate to provide timely early warning weather and climate information for safety of life, protection of property and conservation of the natural environment.

2 FORECAST FOR 6TH DECEMBER – 12TH DECEMBER, 2022

a) Rainfall

Rainfall more than 50mm is expected over parts of Kisumu, Meru and Kakamega Counties (Tuesday 6th December, 2022 to Monday 12th December, 2022).

b) High Temperature

Maximum Temperatures of more than 35°C are expected over parts of Turkana and Mandera Counties during the forecast period (Tuesday 6th December, 2022 to Monday 12th December, 2022).

c) Low Temperature

Minimum temperature of less than 10°C is expected over parts of Nyandarua and Kericho Counties, during the forecast period (Tuesday 6th December, 2022 to Monday 12th December, 2022).

d) Winds

Winds of more than 25 knots (12.9m/s) are expected over parts of Marsabit, Turkana, Eldoret, Nyahururu and Lamu Counties, during the forecast period (Tuesday 6th December, 2022 to Monday 12th December, 2022)

REVIEW FOR LAST WEEK (28TH NOVEMBER –4TH DECEMBER, 2022)

2.1 High Rainfall

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

Table 1:

Station	total weekly rainfall
Makindu Met	70.5mm

2.2 High Temperatures

This section lists stations that recorded average temperatures exceeding 35°C in the last 7 days. This is shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2:

Station	Average weekly maximum temperature
Lodwar Met	36.1°C
Mandera Met	35.0°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 3 below.

Table 3:

Station	Average weekly minimum temperature
Nyahururu Met	7.7°C
Kericho Met	9.9°C

2.4 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 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. Residents are advised to be on the lookout for such diseases and take necessary action.

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

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