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WEEKLY BIOMETEOROLOGICAL BULLETIN (7TH-13TH SEPTEMBER, 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 7TH -13TH SEPTEMBER, 2021

a) Rainfall

Rainfall more than 50mm is expected in parts of Laikipia, Samburu, Uasingishu (Eldoret) and Baringo, counties, during the forecast period (Tue 7th August to Mon 13th September, 2021).

b) High Temperature

Maximum Temperatures of more than 35°C are expected in parts of Turkana (Lodwar) and Mandera Counties, during the forecast period (Tue 7th September to Mon 13th September, 2021).

c) Low Temperature

Minimum Temperature of less than 10°C is expected in parts of Nyandarua (Nyahururu), Kajiado (Ngong), Narok and Laikipia Counties, during the forecast period (Tue 7th September to Mon 13th September, 2021).

d) Winds

Winds of more than 25 knots (12.9m/s) are expected over parts of Marsabit, Garissa, Wajir, Isiolo, Tanariver, Turkana(Lodwar), Kilifi (Malindi), Mombasa and Lamu Counties, during the forecast period (Tue 7th September to 13th September, 2021)

REVIEW FOR LAST WEEK (30TH AUGUST -5TH SEPTEMBER, 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 |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Kericho Met | 82.4mm |
| Eldoret Airport | 75.3mm |
| Eldoret Met | 54.7mm |

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 |
|-------------|------------------------|
| Mandera Met | Temperature 36.5°C |
| Lodwar Met | 35.6°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 | 9.2°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, Garissa and Voi 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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