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1.0 RAINFALL OUTLOOK FOR THE OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

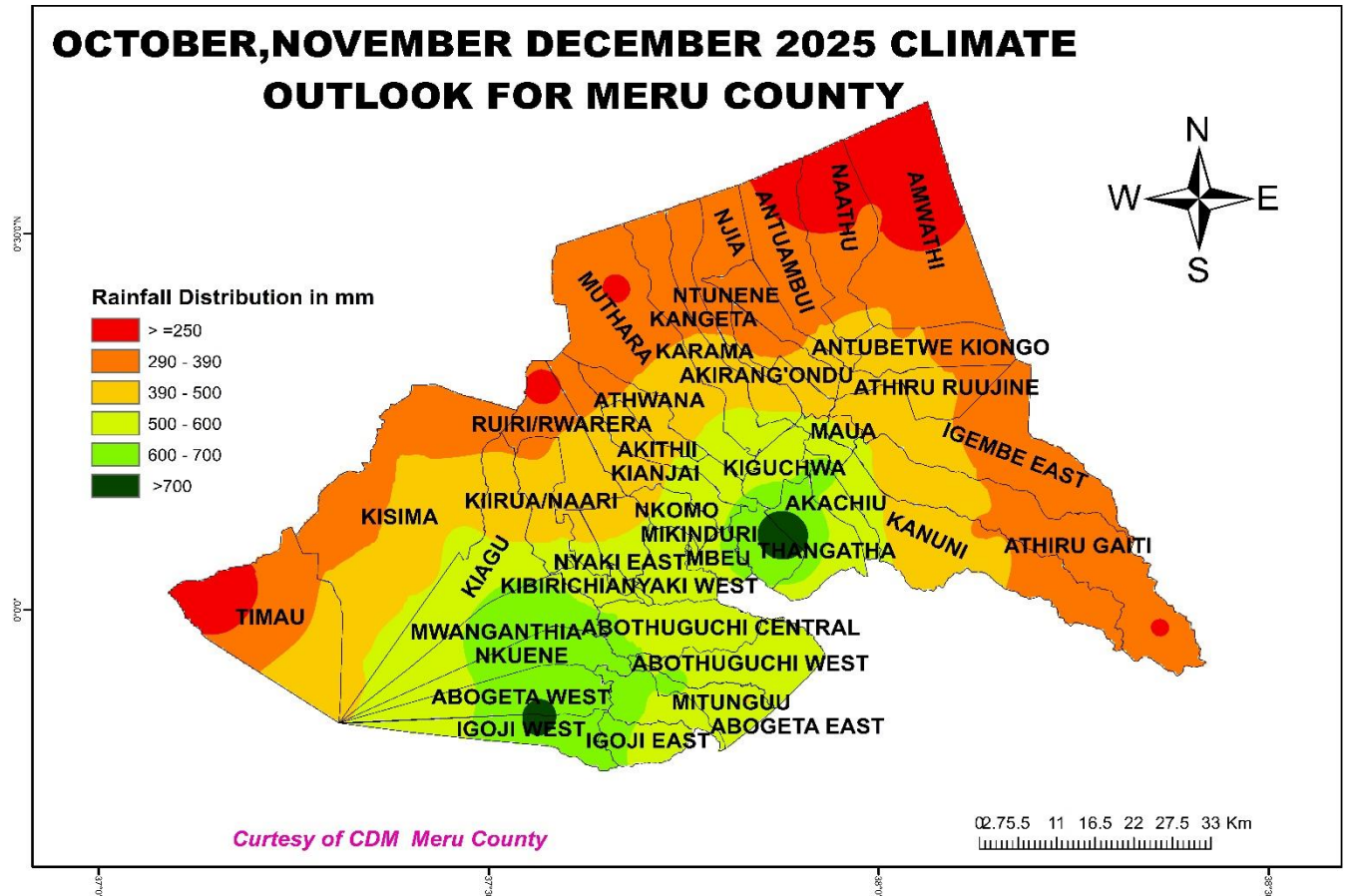
(OND) 2025 “SHORT RAINS”. The “Short Rains” October-November-December (OND) season constitutes an important rainfall season in Meru County . The Climate Outlook for the October–December 2025 “Short Rains” season indicates that areas in the Lower and Middle Zones are expected to receive below average rainfall. The areas in high zone are expected to receive near normal rainfall. The distribution of rainfall is expected to be poor, with prolonged dry spells and isolated storms in some areas. The onset is expected *to 3rd to 4th week of October and Cessation is expected on 3rd to 4th week of December 2025*

2.0 Meru County Geographical Zones

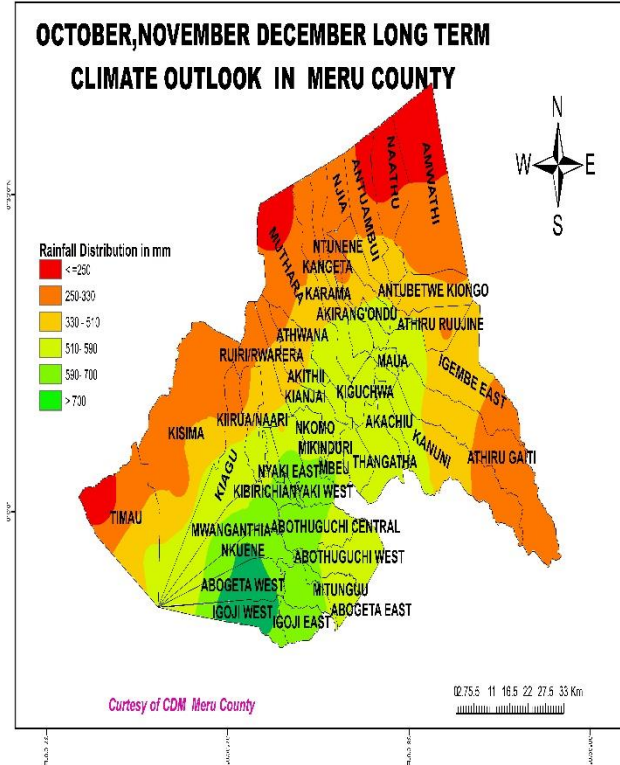
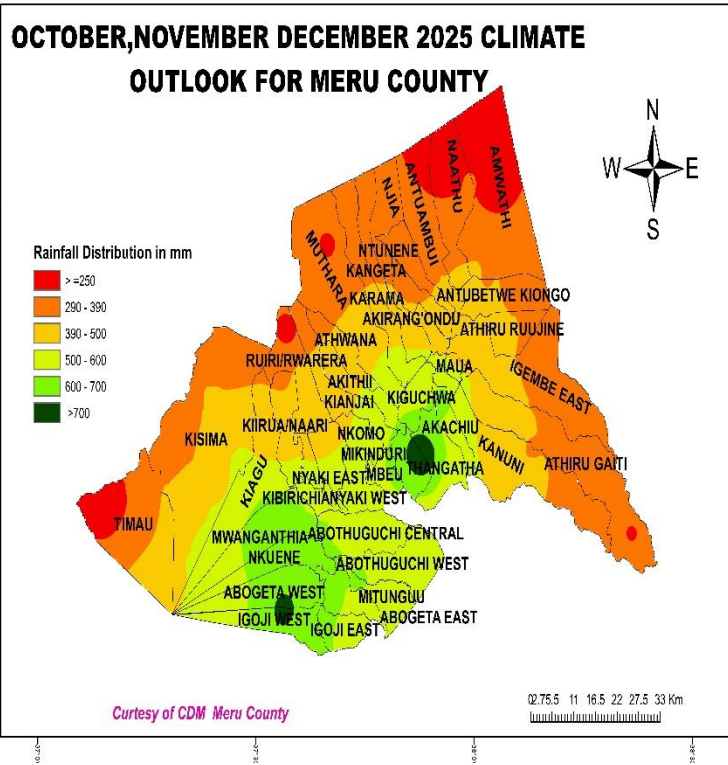
- (i) High Zone , OND near Normal Rainfall** *Municipality, Ntima East, Ntima West Abogeta East, Abogeta West, Igoji West, Igoji East, Nkuene, , Kianjai, Kiguchwa, Mikinduri, Thangatha Abothuguchi Central, Abothuguchi West, Nyaki East, Nyaki West, Kegoi Antobuchiu Maua)*
- (ii) Middle Zone , OND Below Normal rainfall** *(Kiagu, Mwanganthia, Mitunguu, Kiirua Naari, Timau, Kisima, Kibirichia, Ruiru Rwarera, Ntuene, Antubetwe Kiongo)*
- (iii) Lower Zone ,OND Below Normal Rainfall** *(Nkomo, Mbeu, Akiithi, Athwana, Muthara, Special, Karama, Kangeta, Njia, Igembe East, Akirang'ondou, Athiru Ruujine,Akachiu, Kanuni, Athiru Gaiti,Amwathi, Naathu, , Antuambui,)*

3.0 THE MAIN DRIVER OF THIS OUTLOOK is the developing negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), which is expected to persist from September to November 2025 before returning to neutral conditions in December. A negative IOD typically brings drier than normal conditions over East Africa, potentially suppressing rainfall during the short rains. According to the most recent update issued on 2nd September 2025 by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), there is about a 55% chance of La Niña developing during September–November 2025, rising to 60% in October–December 2025. The Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) will continue to closely monitor ENSO conditions. All correspondence should be addressed to the County Director of Meteorological Services Meru County .

4.0 EXPECTED OND SPARTIAL DISTRIBUTION IN MERU COUNTY



5.0 OND 2025 FORECASTED VS LTM RAINFALL OVER MERU COUNTY



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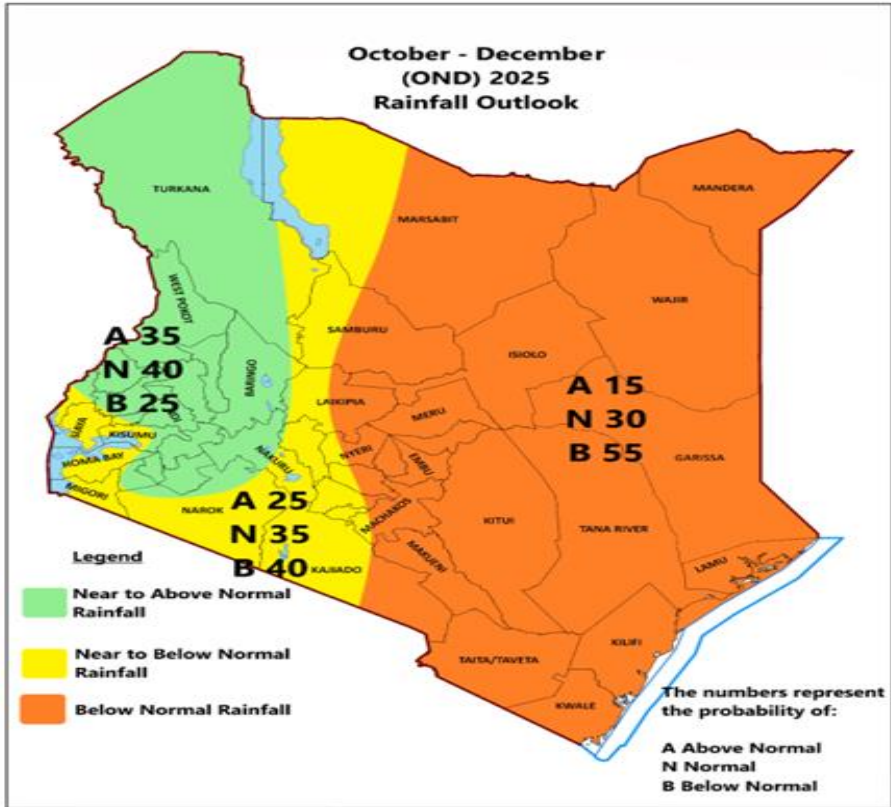


Figure 2: OND 2025 Rainfall Outlook

7.0 POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE OND 2025 RAINS

during the months of October to December rains season is expected to have both negative and positive impacts across various sectors. The most likely impacts on various sectors will be highlighted by the sector leads during PSP.

This outlook should be used together with the 24-hour, 5-day, 7day, monthly, special forecasts and regular updates/advisories issued by this Department as well as Weekly and Monthly County forecasts developed and availed by County Meteorological Office

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