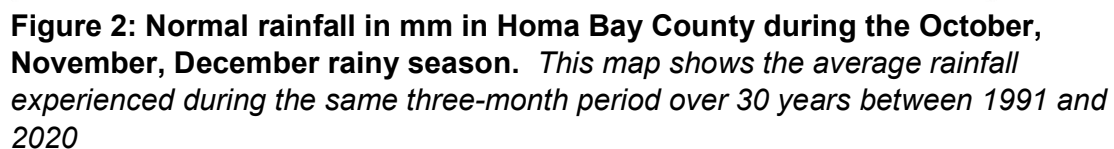


NB: There are intra-seasonal drivers of climate variability, such as tropical cyclones and the Madden-Julian Oscillation (an eastward moving tropical weather system that affects rainfall), that are only predictable at shorter lead times. It is therefore imperative to keep up to date with subsequent forecasts and updates.

The map below (**Figure 2**) shows normal rainfall in mm in each part of the county during the same October to December period.



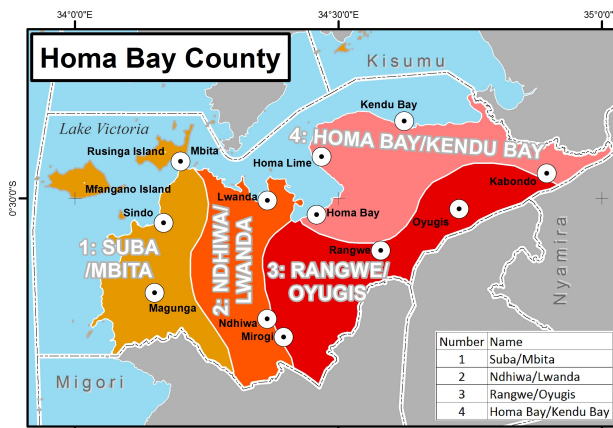


Figure 3. The main climatic zones of Homa Bay County

Seasonal Forecast for Homa Bay County by climatic zone

Forecast for Suba/Mbita, Ndhiwa/Lwanda, Rangwe/Oyugis and Homa Bay/ Kendu Bay climatic zones 1,2,3 and 4 (includes Mbita, Rusinga and Mfangano Islands, Nyandhiwa, Sindo, Ndhiwa, Nyarongi, Mirogi, Rangwe, Oyugis, Kabondo, Homa Bay Town, Kendu Bay, Karachuonyo etc.)

Start of rainy season (onset): Continues from September 2025

End of rainy season (cessation): Third to fourth week of December 2025

Probable volume of rainfall: 230 – 650 mm – Close to or lower than the average rainfall received in this season over the past 30 years (depressed rainfall).

Distribution of rainfall over time: Rainfall will be near-average to above-average (enhanced) with fair to good distribution both in time and space during the onset month of October 2025, while during the peak month of November 2025, and cessation month of December 2025, rainfall will be near-average to below-average (depressed) with fair to poor distribution both in time and space. Isolated incidents of heavy rainstorms will also occur especially during October and November 2025 which may cause flash floods.

Temperature Outlook: Homa Bay County will likely experience near to warmer than average temperatures during OND 2025 rainfall season. However, near-average temperatures are expected in the month of October, while warmer than average temperatures will prevail during the months of November and December 2025.

Commentary of County Director of Meteorological Services:

- There will likely be short dry spells of less than 5 days over the County during the month of October 2025, while during November and December 2025 long dry spells of more than 5 days will likely occur.

- Areas near Winam Gulf will receive less than 300 mm of rain, while regions in Gwasssi South and North, Kaksingiri West, Kanyamwa Kosewe and Kwabwai Wards are likely to receive more than 500 mm of rain.

Advice to farmers from County Department of Agriculture:

- Consult your local agricultural extension officer for advice on how to plan farming activities in the light of this forecast

Please use this seasonal forecast in conjunction with the weekly and monthly weather forecasts for Homa Bay County, issued by the County Director of Meteorological Services.

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