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**October November December (OND) 2025_Short
Rains Outlook for Laikipia County**

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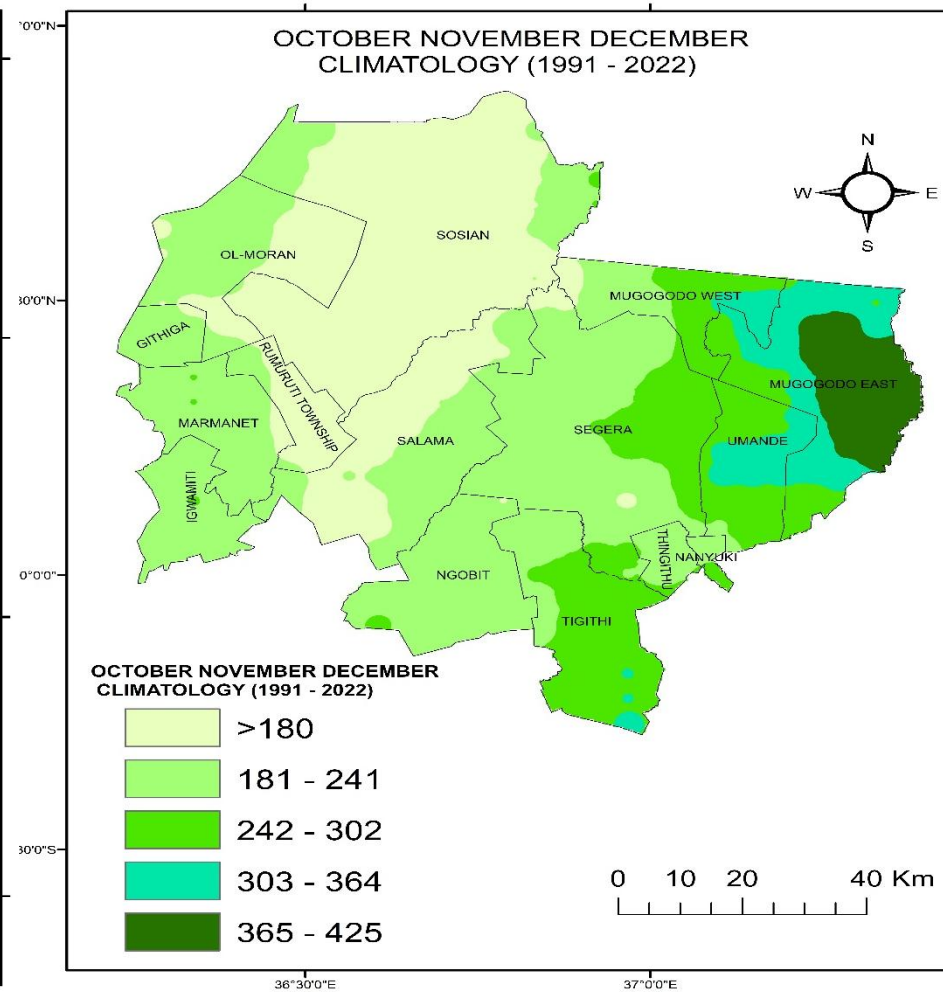
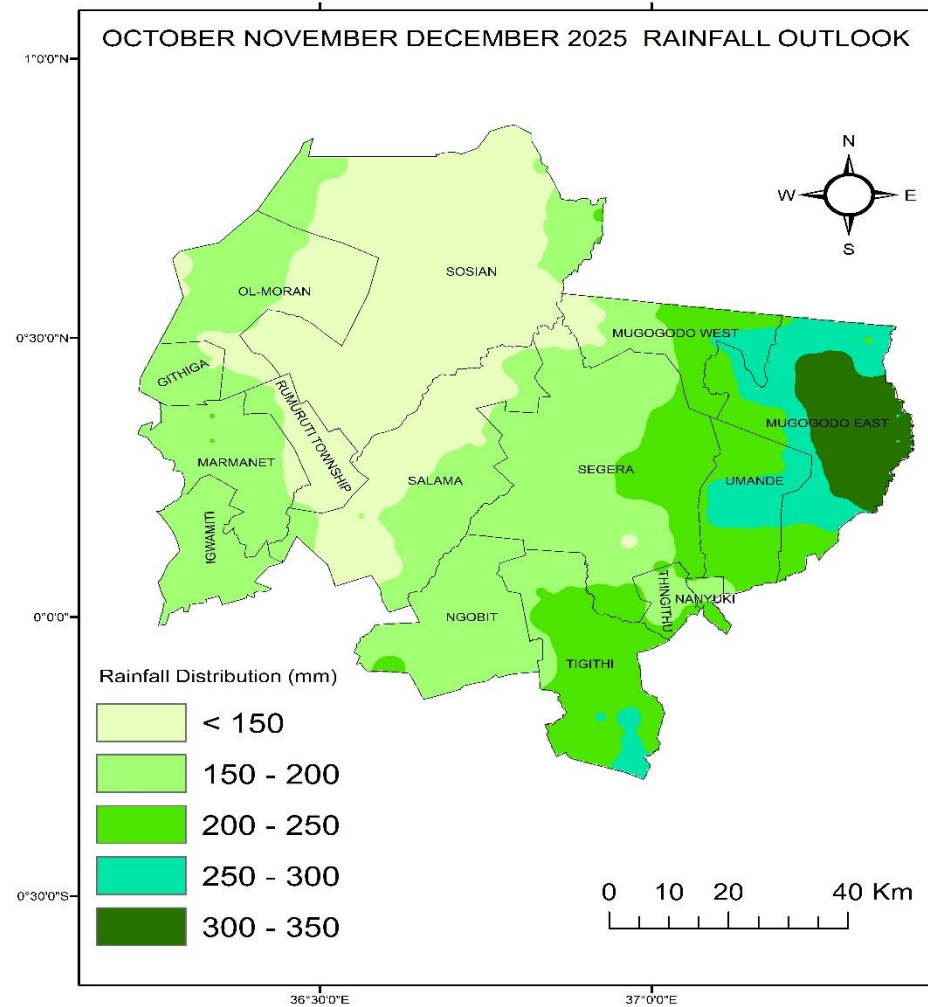
Introduction

- The climate outlook for the OND2025 'Short Rains' season indicates that Laikipia County is expected to receive **Below Normal to Near Normal rainfall** compared to the **long-term mean (LTM)** for the OND season
- The **distribution** of the OND2025 rains is likely to be fair to poor characterized with prolonged dry spells and episodes of isolated heavy storms
- Assessment of the past seasons -, MAM2025 & the JJA2025 rains indicates that most locations achieved **below to normal rainfall amounts**
- The spatial and temporal distribution patterns were **fair** over parts of Laikipia West but poor over several places in Laikipia North and Laikipia East
- The prediction of the OND2025 rains will be influenced by the evolving **Negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD)** largely associated with **drier than normal** conditions in the short rains season over the Eastern Africa region

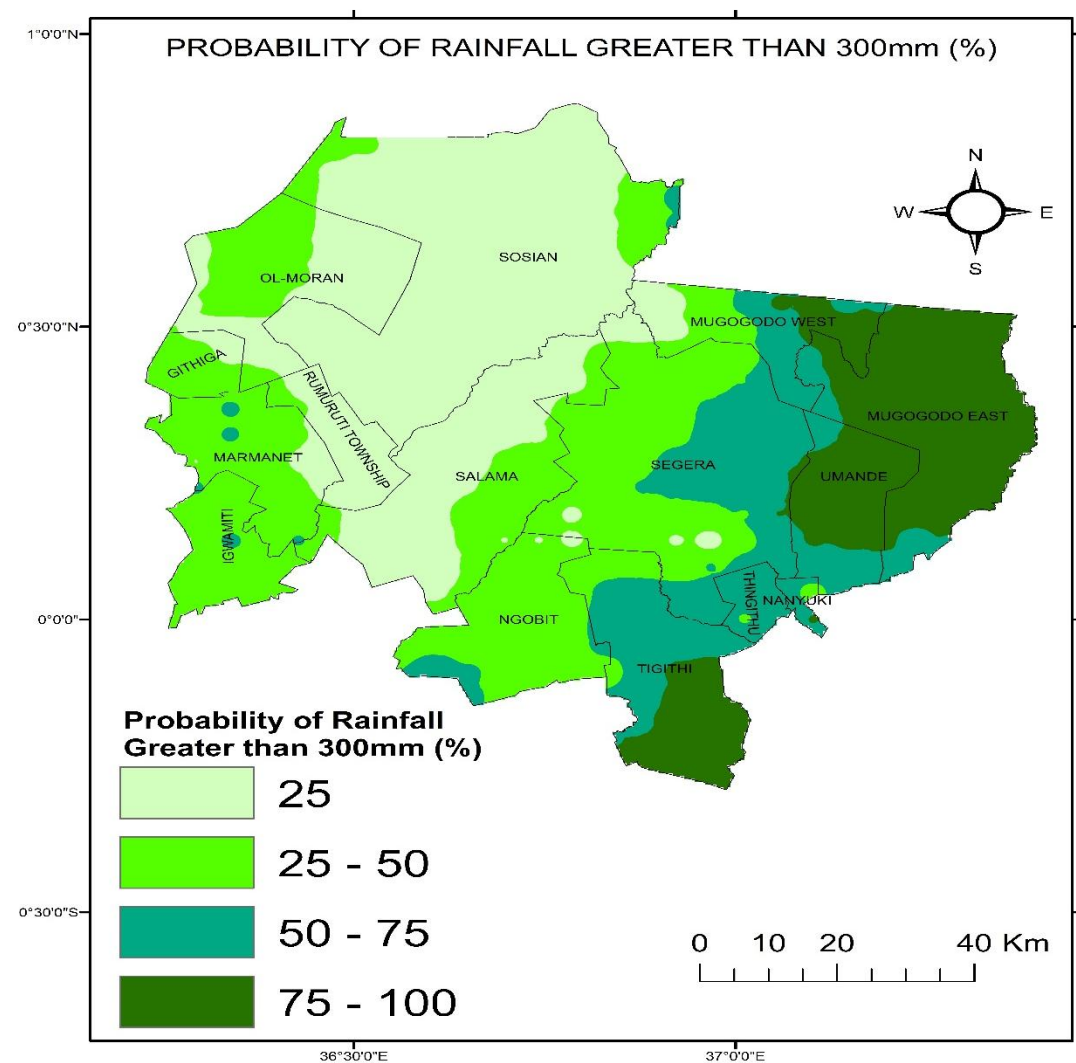
Specific Outlook for the OND2025 Rains

- ❑ The forecasting model depicted the chances or probability of;
 - 25% of Above Normal (**AN**),
 - 35% Near Normal (**NN**)
 - 40% Below Normal (**BN**) rainfall over Laikipia West.
- ❑ At the same time the forecasting model indicates the probability of achieving;
 - 15% **AN**
 - 30% **NN**
 - 55% **BN**, scenarios for the North and Eastern parts of Laikipia

OND2025 Seasonal Rainfall Forecast and the LTM



Probability of Exceedance (Greater Than _GT_300mm); Onsets , Cessation and the Distribution of the OND2025 Rains



REGION	Expected ONSETS	Predicted CESSATION	Distribution
Laikipia West	Rainfall to continue from September. Major onsets from 3 rd to 4 th Week of October, 2025	Rainfall likely to continue to the 3 rd to 4 th week of December 2025	Poor to Fair
Laikipia North & East	Mainly in the 3 rd to 4 th week of October, 2025	Rainfall is likely to continue 3 rd – 4 th week of December 2025	Poor to Fair

Advisory

- Analysis of the rainfall performance for the past seasons of the March, April, May (MAM)2025 and the June, July, August (JJA)2025 indicates that most parts of Laikipia experienced Below Normal to Normal rainfall conditions
- The forecasted Near normal (NN) rainfall during the 'short rains' 2025 is likely to sustain the gains achieved from the JJA rainfall performance
- The OND 2025 rains as predicted, may result to both negative and positive impacts across the various sectors
- Therefore, it is advised to all stakeholders to plan and take advantage of the expected rains and also prepare to adopt/mitigate any associated risks
- Decision on seasonal activities/advisories will be guided by the respective sectoral technical experts

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