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CLIMATE OUTLOOK FOR NOVEMBER 2025 AND CLIMATE REVIEW OF OCTOBER 2025

1 HIGHLIGHTS

1.1 The Outlook for November 2025

November is typically the peak month for the October-November-December (OND) "short rains" season. The outlook for November 2025 indicates that the county is likely to experience below-average rainfall. Rainfall distribution is expected to be poor, with isolated storms and dry spells over the county.

The temperature is expected to be warmer than usual over the county.

1.2 Rainfall Review for October 2025

Dry weather conditions prevailed over the county in October, with some rainfall towards the end of the month. Parts of Wajir North sub county cumulatively received near-average rainfall, while the rest of the county recorded below-average rainfall.

The onset of the rain has not been realized, and a dry spell is likely to follow. Maximum and minimum temperatures were warmer than average over the County.

2. Climate Outlook for November 2025

The November 2025 climate outlook is based primarily on empirical statistical models that account for the expected evolution of global sea surface temperature (SST) anomalies and the Southern Oscillation Index (SOI). Current projections indicate that La Niña conditions are likely to persist through December 2025 to February 2026, with a transition to ENSO-neutral conditions expected during January to March 2026 (55% probability). The latest weekly Niño 3.4 SST index (week ending 26 October 2025) is -0.86°C . Values have fluctuated around the La Niña threshold since mid-to-late September. Index readings between -0.8°C and $+0.8^{\circ}\text{C}$ are classified as ENSO-

neutral, while sustained readings below -0.8°C for at least three months are indicative of La Niña conditions. The negative Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) remains active, with the latest index at -1.61°C for the week ending 26 October. Both La Niña and a negative IOD are typically associated with below-average rainfall. These climate drivers are being closely monitored by the Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD), which will continue to provide regular updates.

2.1 Rainfall Forecast for November 2025

The outlook for November 2025 indicates that the County is likely to experience below the long-term average amounts for November.

Occasional flash floods are also likely to occur as the seasonal rain peaks in the county.

2.2. Potential Impacts

The following are the likely impacts during the month of November 2025,

2.2.1 Agriculture and Food Security

The expected below average rainfall in the county may affect pasture regeneration which may in turn lead to reduced livestock production.

2.2.2 Water Resources Management

The water needs of communities and livestock over the eastern half of the country may not be sufficiently met due to the depressed rainfall expected. The public is therefore encouraged to practice rain water harvesting to boost their water needs.

2.2.3 Health

The county is likely to be susceptible to dust storms which may lead to an increase in respiratory tract diseases.

3. CLIMATE REVIEW FOR OCTOBER 2025

3.1. Rainfall Review

The month of October marks the onset of the October–November–December (OND) short-rains season in Wajir County. In 2025, the seasonal rain began during the last five days of October. However, two areas in Wajir North sub-county received significant rainfall during the last week of October, followed by a prolonged dry spell due to tropical cyclone Chenge. This resulted in the onset criteria not being met during this period.

Dry weather conditions dominated most of the county throughout October. A few areas in Wajir North sub-county experienced near normal rainfall during the last week of the month. The rainfall received in Gurar and Bute was near the October Long-Term Mean (LTM), while other areas like Buna, Arbajahan, Eldas, Tarbaj, Griftu, and Diff recorded below-average rainfall.

An analysis of rainfall performance up to 31st October 2025 shows that the highest percentage of the Wajir town October LTM was recorded at Bute police station with 89.8%, followed by Gurar Police Station (84.0%), Buna Police Station (42.4%), and Tarbaj (16.6%). Eldas, Diff, Griftu, and Arbajahan recorded less than 10%. Wajir Airport, Wajir town, and Hadado reported no rainfall at all throughout the month. The rainfall distribution was poor both in time and space

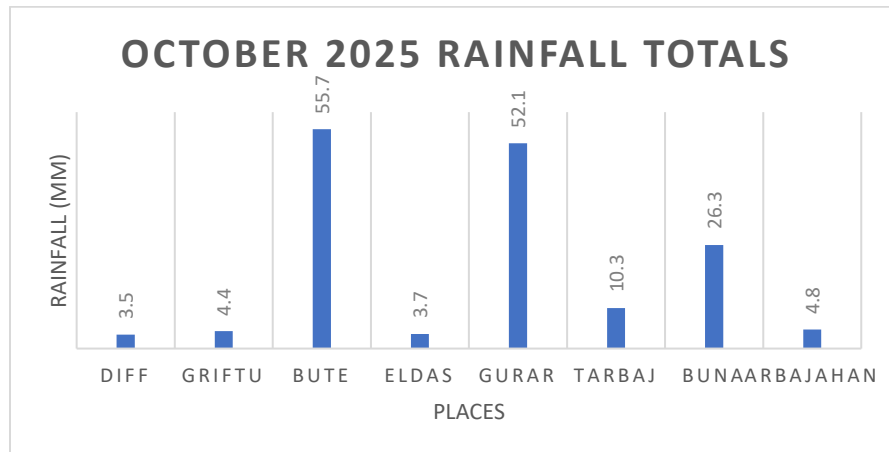


Figure 1: October 2025 Rainfall Performance in Wajir County

3.2 Temperature Review

Maximum and Minimum temperatures were warmer than average over the County. The maximum temperatures of 37.6°C was recorded at Hadado on 25th October 2025 with a minimum temperature of 20.2°C recorded at Bute on 20th October 2025.

NB: This outlook should be used with the 24-hour, 7-day, special forecasts, and regular updates/advisories issued by this Department.

Daniel Wanjuhi,

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