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MARCH-APRIL-MAY 2026 'LONG RAINS' SEASONAL WEATHER OUTLOOK:

1.0 Seasonal Rainfall outlook for March-April-May (MAM), 2026

March-April-May rains constitute an important season for crop farmers and livestock keepers who depends very much on rain-fed agriculture and animals respectively. Majority of farmers grow different varieties of crops and pastures for their livestock's during this season. Therefore, this season is important across all livelihoods and thus it means its performance will determine the food security in the county.

The county is likely to receive *Near average to above average rainfall (Enhanced Rainfall)* distributed over several places and occasional heavy rainfall events are likely to occur in the said season (*March-April-May 2026*). The lowlands (*Semi-arid zones*) of this county may experience dry spells and delayed onsets, unlike in the highlands where onsets are likely to continue from February 2026.

Find below March to May 2026, seasonal weather forecast, climatology and the difference.

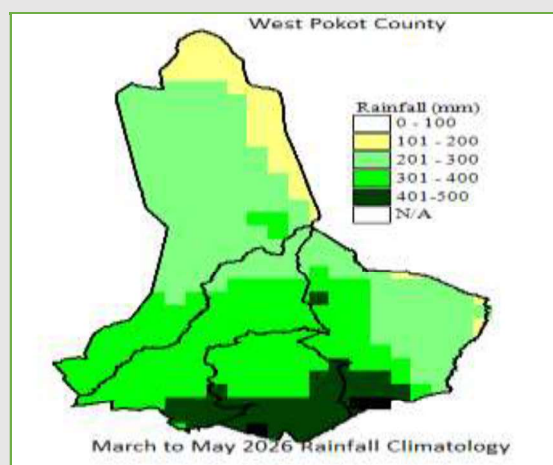


Figure 1a: March to May 2026 rainfall LTM.

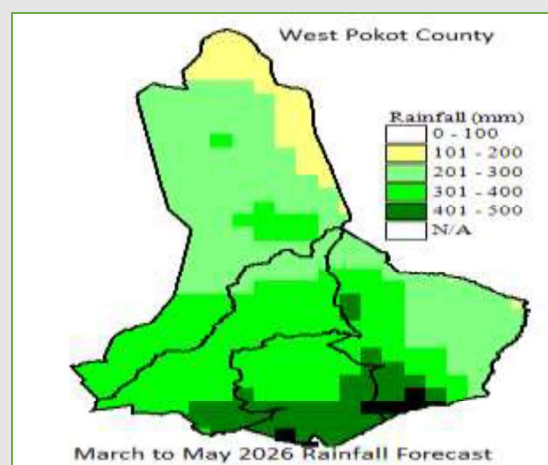
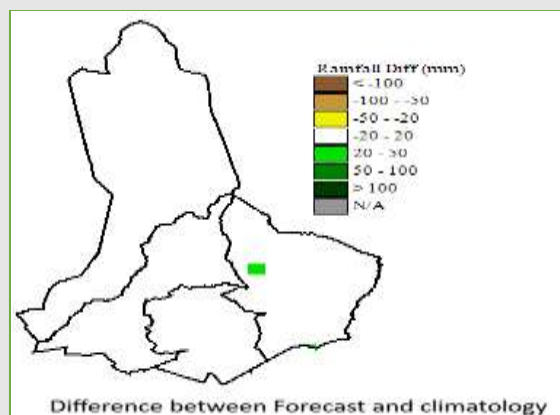


Figure 1b: March to May 2026 Seasonal Rainfall Forecast

Analysis of MAM 2026 Forecast as per the above figures (specific areas):

Region(wards)	Rainfall Regime expected
Siyoi, Lelan, Batei, Tapach, upper Chepareria, upper Sekerr, Kapenguria, Mnagei, upper Riwo, upper Lomut and upper Weiwei-Above its LTM-Enhanced Rainfall	300-500mm (Potential areas mixed farming-Reliable rainfall)
Lower Riwo, Suam, lower Chepareria, Lower Lomut, Lower Wei-wei, Masol, lower Sekerr, Endugh, Kodich, Southern Alale, Kapchok-Above its long term average-Enhanced rainfall	101-300mm (potential in pastoral and Agro-pastoral livelihood's)

**Figure 1c: The difference between climatology and forecast for MAM 2026**

Analysis: Most places of the county is indicating a normal rainfall in the range -20mm-20mm though in a negative trend.

1.2 Onset, Distributions and Cessations

Lowlands may experience late onsets especially our borders with Turkana and highlands all indicated below rains to continue till June 2026.

S/NO	Region (Parts of the ward and wards)	Onset dates	Distributions	Cessations
1	Parts: Upper Endough, upper Sekerr, upper Wei-wei; Wards: Lelan,, Batei, Tapach, Siyoi, Kapenguria, Mnagei, Riwo, Chepareria, Sook, Suam, Kodich and Kapchok (300-500mm)	Normal onsets-Rains to continue from February with occasional breaks (dry spells)	Fair to good as the season progresses.	Rainfall likely continue into June, 2025
2	Parts: Lower Wei-wei, lower Endugh, lower Sekerr, Wards: Lomut, Masol, Kasei, Kiwawa and Alale (101-300mm)	Occasional rainfall in March and onsets in 04 th week of March to 01 st week of April.	Fair to good	Rainfall likely to continue into June, 2025

Table1: Onsets, Cessations and Distributions of March-April-May 2026

2.0 Potential Impacts and Advisories for the season March to May 2026

2.1 Agriculture, Food Security and Livestock Sectors___Positive Impacts and Advisories

Enhanced rainfall anticipated in the potential areas (highlands and transitional zones) of this county may lead to good agricultural activities and therefore farmers are advised to maximize and practice climate smart agriculture.

- i. Prepare your crops fields (farms) now and start dry planting
- ii. The good rains may lead to good pasture and fodder growth and therefore farmers are advised to establish pastures and fodder. For pastoralists, establish traditional enclosures using the huge chunks of free land they own.
- iii. For livestock keepers distill traditional water pans for the incoming rains.
- iv. My advisories to crop farmers are;
 - a. Farmers are advised to seek advisories from agricultural experts on the right varieties of seeds and practice crop diversifications.
 - b. Farmers on the potential areas where rainfall is likely to be 300mm above to ensure to purchase high rainfall seeds for maximum productions.
 - c. Farmers in the low lying areas where rainfall is below 300mm to grow drought tolerant seeds and fast maturing.

➤ *Seek advice from the experts to sustain your livelihoods throughout the season.*

2.2 Disaster Management Unit___Negative Impacts and Advisories

Episodes of heavy rains/storms may lead to climate risks such as lightning strikes, floods and flash-floods, landslides, mudslides/rock fall. Hazards and hotspots areas are;

- a. Episodes of **Flash Floods/floods**; (*Kongelai, Konyao, Kanganyangar basin, Sigor, Ortum, Lomut, chepareria and Sebit environs*).
- b. **Landslides, Rock falls and lightning strikes**; (*Cheptulel, Chesesgon, Muino, Tapach, Sekerr, Ortum environs, Lelan-imonpoghet and upper Chepareria*)

Advisories;

- *Take caution and don't cross swollen rivers or walk in swampy areas.*
- *Those residing in the hot spots areas (associated hot spots) are encouraged to be vigilant or relocate to safer grounds if possible.*
- *Stakeholders to enhance sensitizations and awareness creation.*
- *Enhance county preparedness/response in case of disasters.*

2.3 Transport and Public Safety___Negative impacts and Advisories

- a. *Episodes of heavy storms may destroy bridges/roads that may lead to transport challenges and therefore departments and citizens are advised to cautious and take best practices to ensure smooth flow of good and services to markets.*

- b. *Slippery roads may pose danger to motorists and pedestrians and therefore drive safely or travel safely.*

2.4 Water Resources Management Sector__Positive impacts and Advisories

- a. *Water recharge in all water sources are likely to improve and therefore roof water harvesting and small water pans are highly encouraged so that water is available both for domestic use and livestock.*
- b. *Boil water before use.*

2.5 Health Sector__Negative Impacts and Advisories

- a. *Malaria cases are likely to emerge due to stagnant pools of rainy waters as breeding grounds, therefore sleep within the confines of mosquitos nets.*
- b. *Malnutrition cases are likely to increase where depressed rainfall are anticipated. Health authorities are advised to equip hospitals with necessary drugs to be able to deal with situations as they arise on various opportunistic diseases.*

2.6 Environment__Positive/Negative Impacts and Advisories

The Department of Environment, Climate Change and Forestry should encourage residents to put in place soil conservation measures to minimize environmental degradation due to soil erosion and poor farming practices. People should also be encouraged to continue growing more indigenous and fruit trees in order to increase forest cover (15 billion trees in order to achieve presidential target by 2032) and take conservation measures seriously.

2.7. Energy__Positive Impacts

The Turkwel Hydro-power catchments areas are expected to experience significant rainfall and thus significant water inflows through tributaries and distributaries to the dam.

NB: *This forecast shall be used with other weather updates such as weekly and monthly weather outlooks.*



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