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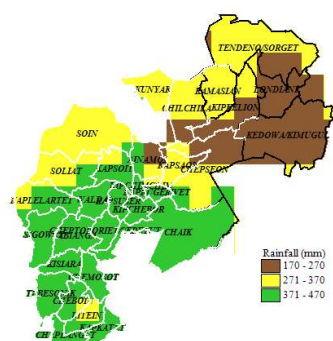
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**KERICHO COUNTY SEASONAL WEATHER FORECAST MARCH-
APRIL-MAY, 2026**

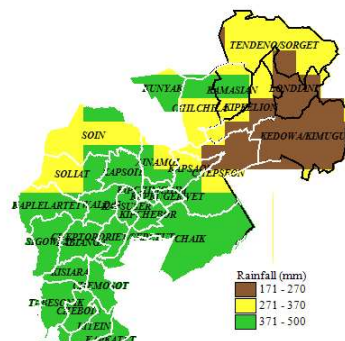
1.0 SUMMARY OF RAINFALL OUTLOOK FOR MARCH, APRIL-MAY 2026

Rainfall in *Kericho County* during *March, April and May, MAM, 2026* season is forecasted to be wetter i.e. **normal to above normal**. The amount of rainfall is expected to be above average (mean) during this rain season.

The map on page 1 (Fig 1) shows the long-term average and forecasted amount of rainfall in mm that is received and expected; respectively, in each ward in Kericho County during the MAM 2026 rain season.



Kericho MAM 2026 Rainfall Climatology (1991-2023)



Kericho MAM 2026 Rainfall forecast

Figure 1 a

Figure 1 b

Figure 1: Graphic presentation of spatial MAM long term mean, figure 1 a and the MAM 2026 seasonal forecasted, figure 1 b, rainfall in Kericho County

2.0 OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2025 RAINFALL PERFORMANCE

The analysis of the October to December 2025 rainfall season performance indicates that most parts of the County received below average rainfall i.e. 60% to 80% of long term mean. The start and cessation of rain was October and continued into January 2026 in high altitude areas; respectively, with marked dry days in between the season. Figure 1b indicates that the County is expected to receive rainfall amount ranging from 200mm in the lower altitude areas of Kedowa to over 500mm in the high

altitude areas of Chemosot, Cheboin. The rainfall is forecast to be above normal. The rainfall distribution in both time and space is also forecasted to be good.

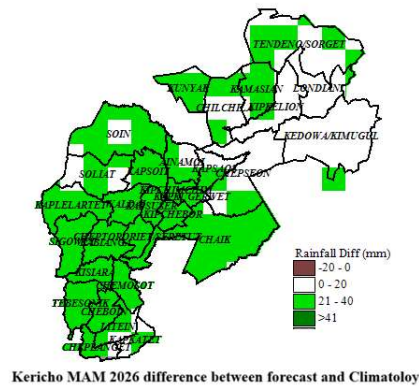
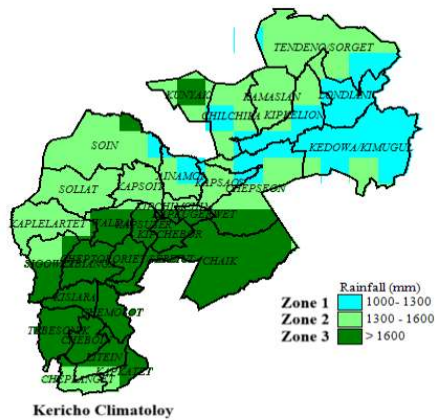


Figure 2 a

Figure 2 b

Figure 2: Graphical presentation of Kericho County Climatology and MAM 2026 difference between forecasted and long term mean.

From figure 2 b, most places show normal to above normal rainfall ranging from 0 to 40 mm difference between long term mean and forecasted rainfall.

3.0 Forecast by Wards

3.1 (Tendeno/Sorgei, Londian, Lower Kipkelion, Kedowa/Kimugul)

Start of rainy season (onset): (Continues from February, 2026)

End of the rain season (cessation): (25th to 30th May, 2026)

Probable amount of rainfall: (170mm to 270mm)

Distribution of rainfall over time: Dry days in between rain days are likely to be experienced during the season.

3.1.1 Commentary of County Meteorological Director:

- Continuous and intermittent rainfall is expected in the afternoon and night over the forecast period.

3.1.2 Advice to farmers from the Ministry of Agriculture:

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

3.2 Kunyak, Chilchil, Kapkatet, Chelengei, Soin

Start of the rainy season (onset): (Continues from February, 2026)

End of the rainy season (cessation): (Continues into June, 2026)

Probable amount of rainfall (270mm to 400 mm)

Distribution of rainfall over time: Most rain is likely to fall in April. Dry days in between rainy days are likely to be experienced during the season. This is likely to be more pronounced in the Month of March.

3.2.1 Commentary of County Meteorological Director:

- Occasionally expect heavy rain and strong winds during the season.
- Lightning strikes are highly probable and also landslides/mudslides in April.

3.2.2 Advice to farmers from Ministry of Agriculture:

Farmers are advised to liaise with the County and Sub-County Offices of Agriculture for advice on the appropriate seeds to be planted. The expected timely onset and rainfall amounts in these Wards is conducive for agriculture and livestock farming.

3.3 Soliat, Kapsoit, Ainamoi, Kipfelartei, Chaik, Kisiara, Chemosot, Cheboin)

Start of the rain season (onset): *(Continues from February, 2026)*

End of the rain season (cessation): *(Continues into June 2026)*

Probable amount of rainfall: above 400mm

Distribution of rainfall over time: Rainfall will be evenly distributed over the season with April recording the highest amount. Dry spells will be experienced in the season.

3.3.1 Commentary of County Meteorological Director:

- Occasionally expect heavy rain, strong winds, and hailstones during the season.
- Lightning strikes are highly probable and also landslides/mudslides in April during the peak rain season

3.3.2 Advice to farmers from the Ministry of Agriculture:

- Farmers are advised to liaise with the County and Sub-County Officers of Agriculture for advice on the appropriate farming activities. The continuous rain, expected rainfall

NB: Please use this seasonal forecast in conjunction with the monthly and weekly weather forecasts for Kericho County, issued by the County Director of Meteorology and daily weather forecasts issued by the Director Kenya Meteorological Department.

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