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OUTLOOK FOR APRIL, AND REVIEW OF MARCH 2026

1. HIGHLIGHTS

1.1. Outlook for April 2026

Parts of the County are likely to receive above-average rainfall. Rainfall is likely to be slightly depressed during the first half of the month but enhanced towards the end.
Mean temperatures are predicted to be warmer than average.

1.2. March 2026 Rainfall Review

The month of March marks the onset of the March-April-May (MAM) "Long rains" season in the county. Most parts of the county received their onset in the third week of March. Above-average rainfall was recorded over most parts of the county. AM county remained generally dry. Maximum temperatures were cooler than average, while minimum temperatures were warmer than average in the county.

2. The Rainfall Outlook for April 2026

2.1. The Rainfall Forecast for April 2026

The outlook for April 2026 indicates above-average rainfall across parts of the county. However, several parts of the county are likely to receive near- to below-average rainfall. Rainfall is likely to be slightly depressed during the first half of the month over much of the county, but it's likely to be enhanced towards the end of the month. Occasional storms are also likely.

2.2 The Temperature Outlook for April 2026

Mean temperatures are predicted to be warmer than average over the County. Predicted maximum temperature

ranges from 30°C to 36°C and minimum temperature ranges from 22°C to 26°C for the county.

3.0 POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF APRIL 2026 RAINS

3.1 Water Resource

Expected above-average rainfall in parts of the county, enhanced aquifer recharge may occur, but with heightened flash-flood danger.

3.2 Health

In parts of the county expecting above-normal rainfall, renewed flooding could disrupt access to health facilities and drug supply; the county health department should stockpile essential medicines and prepare contingency plans to access cut-off communities.

3.3 Disaster Management and Humanitarian Response

There is a risk of renewed emergencies in areas expected to receive above-average rainfall. Local administrations should monitor dry-lagga channels and enforce restrictions on settlement or grazing within 100 meters of flood paths. County disaster committees should pre-deploy emergency supplies and coordinate closely with KMD for real-time alerts.

4. RAINFALL REVIEW MARCH 2026

4.1. Review of March 2026 Rainfall Performance

Most parts of the county experienced above-average rainfall. It was more in the Western parts of the county than in the Eastern. The county received rainfall in the third and fourth weeks of March. The rainfall was above the Wajir town March Long Term Means (LTMs) of 22.0mm.

Figure 1 below shows the total amount of rainfall recorded in March 2026

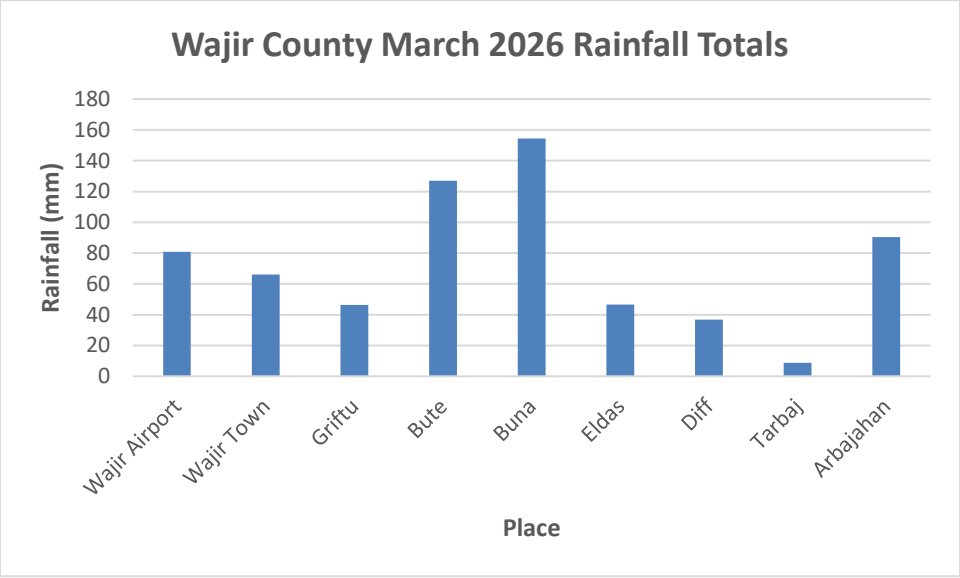

Figure 1: March 2026 Wajir County Total Rainfall

An analysis up to 31st March showed that Buna police station recorded the highest rainfall (154.5 mm), followed by Bute police station (127.0mm). Other places recorded rainfall amounts less than 100mm. The highest rainfall recorded in 24 hours was 64mm at Arbajahan police station, followed by Buna police station with 55.0mm in the fourth week of March.

4.2 Temperature Review – March 2026

4.2.1 Maximum Temperature

Maximum (daytime) temperatures were cooler than average across the entire county during the month.

4.2.2 Minimum Temperature

Minimum (night-time) temperatures were warmer than average over the county, while the mean temperatures were cooler than average.

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

KEY OF SCIENTIFIC WORDS USED

Rainfall performance is generally categorized as follows:

- Below 75% of the LTM – Below Normal (Depressed) rainfall
- Between 75% and 125% of the LTM - Near normal rainfall
- Above 125% of the LTM – Above Normal (Enhanced) rainfall

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