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**APRIL OUTLOOK, REVIEW OF MARCH AND OUTLOOK FOR THE
NEXT THREE MONTHS (APRIL-MAY-JUNE) 2026 FOR THARAKA
NITHI COUNTY**

1. Highlights

1.1 Outlook for April 2026

The outlook for April 2026 indicates that Near-to below-average rainfall is expected over Tharaka Nithi County. The rainfall is expected to be slightly depressed during the first half of the month but likely to be enhanced towards the end of the month. April marks the peak of the MAM season, which climatologically, is characterized by heavy rainfall. During this period, heavy rainfall events may occur.

Mean temperatures are likely to be warmer than average.

1.2 March 2026 Review

The month of March marks the onset of March-April-May (MAM) “Long Rain” season in the county. However, this year, the county received its onset in the second week of February where off-season rains influenced by Madden-Julian-Oscillation (MJO) occurred.

Above average rainfall was recorded in the month of March.

Maximum temperatures were cooler than average while minimum temperatures were warmer than average.

1.3 Outlook for the Next Three Months (April-May-June)

Dry spells will likely be expected in the first week of April, after which rains are expected for the remaining part of the month.

Isolated heavy rainfall events may occur during this forecast period.

Cessation for the MAM 2026 rainfall season over Tharaka Nithi County is expected to be in late May.

Mean temperatures are likely to be warmer than average.

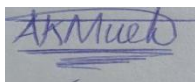
Key of scientific terms used

Term	Rainfall Amount (24 hrs)	Description
Light	< 5 mm	Gentle rain, drizzle
Moderate	5-20 mm	Steady, noticeable rain
Heavy	21-50 mm	Intense rain, possible thunder
Very heavy	> 50 mm	Prolonged rain.

Commentary of County Weather Forecaster:

This forecast should be used in conjunction with the daily (24-hour), Five day, Seven day, monthly forecasts, regular updates and advisories issued by Kenya Meteorological Department.

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