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WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST FOR 5TH TO 11TH MAY 2026 & REVIEW FOR 27TH APRIL TO 3RD MAY 2026

SUMMARY

Weather Forecast for 5th to 11th May 2026

- *Rainfall is expected to continue in the Highlands East and West of the Rift Valley, the Lake Victoria Basin, the Rift Valley and some parts of the Coast, the Southeastern Lowlands, Northwestern and Northeastern Kenya.*
- *Heavy rainfall events may occur in some parts of Highlands East and West of the Rift Valley, the Lake Victoria Basin, the Rift Valley and the Coast.*

Weather Review for 27th April to 3rd May 2026

- *Rainfall was recorded in several parts of the country.*
- *The highest daytime (maximum) temperature was recorded in Northeastern Kenya.*
- *The lowest night-time (minimum) temperature was recorded in the Highlands East of the Rift Valley.*

1.0 WEATHER FORECAST FOR 5TH TO 11TH MAY 2026

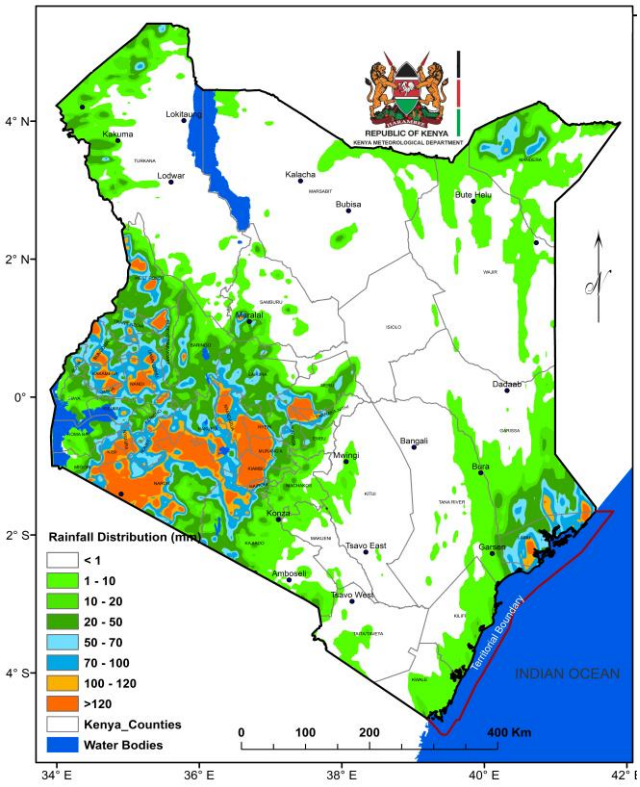

Figure 1: Forecasted Seven-Day Total Rainfall for 5th to 11th May 2026

Rainfall is expected to continue in the Highlands East and West of the Rift Valley, the Lake Victoria Basin, the Rift Valley and some parts of the Coast, the Southeastern Lowlands, Northwestern and Northeastern Kenya (Figure 1). Heavy rainfall events may occur in some parts of Highlands East and West of the Rift Valley, the Lake Victoria Basin, the Rift Valley and the Coast.

Daytime (maximum) average temperatures of more than 30°C are expected in the Coast, the Southeastern Lowlands, Northeastern and Northwestern Kenya (Figure 2).

Night-time (minimum) average temperatures are expected to be less than 10°C in some parts of the Highlands East of the Rift Valley, the Central Rift Valley and in the vicinity of Mt. Kilimanjaro (Figure 3).

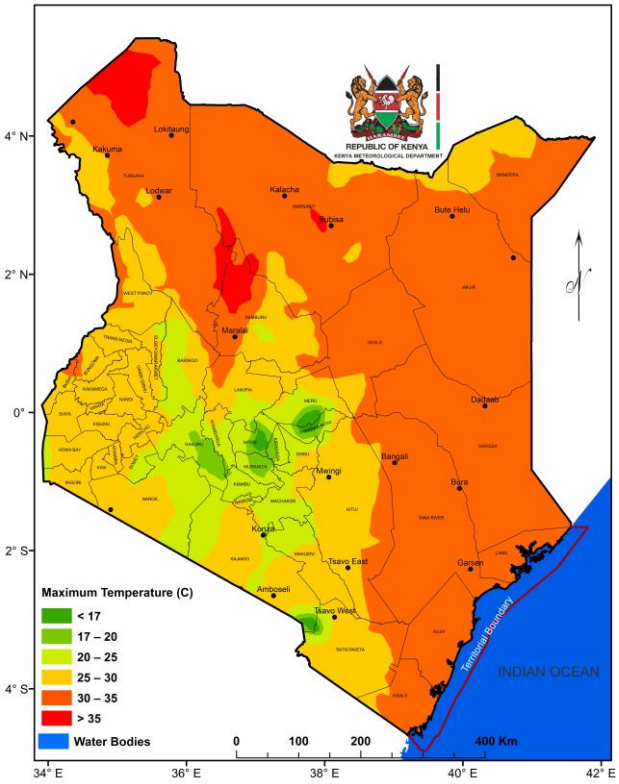

Figure 2: Forecasted Average Maximum Temperatures for 5th to 11th May 2026

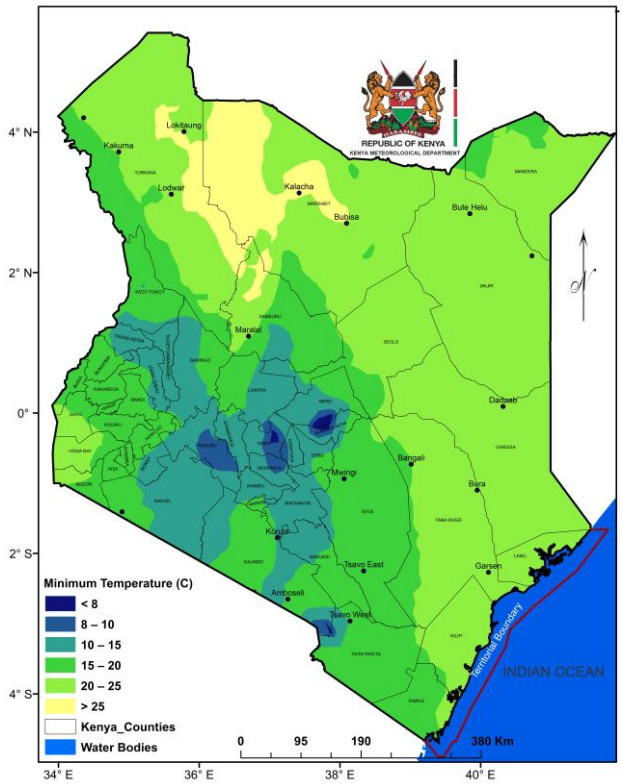

Figure 3: Forecasted Average Minimum Temperatures for 5th to 11th May 2026

1.1 DETAILED REGIONAL RAINFALL FORECAST FOR 5TH TO 11TH MAY 2026

1.1.1 *The Highlands West of the Rift Valley, the Lake Victoria Basin and the Rift Valley (Nandi, Kakamega, Vihiga, Bungoma, Siaya, Busia, Baringo, Nakuru, Trans-Nzoia, Uasin-Gishu, Elgeyo-Marakwet, West-Pokot, Kisii, Nyamira, Kericho, Bomet, Kisumu, Homabay, Migori and Narok Counties):*

Sunny intervals are expected in the mornings though rains may occur over few places. Afternoon and night showers and thunderstorms are expected over few places occasionally spreading to several places.

1.1.2 *North-western Kenya (Turkana and Samburu Counties):*

Sunny intervals are expected during the day, with partly cloudy conditions at night. However, morning rains as well as afternoon and night showers may occur over few places.

1.1.3 *The Highlands East of the Rift Valley (Nyandarua, Laikipia, Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Murang'a, Kiambu, Meru, Embu, Tharaka-Nithi and Nairobi Counties):*

Mornings are likely to be cloudy, with occasional rains over few places, giving way to sunny intervals. Afternoon and night showers and thunderstorms are expected over few places occasionally spreading to several places.

1.1.4 *North-eastern Kenya (Marsabit, Mandera, Wajir, Garissa and Isiolo Counties):*

Sunny intervals are expected during the day, with partly cloudy conditions at night. However, morning rains as well as afternoon and night showers may occur over few places.

1.1.5 *The South-eastern lowlands (Machakos, Kitui, Makueni, Kajiado and Taita-Taveta Counties as well as the inland parts of Tana-River County):*

Sunny intervals are expected during the day, with partly cloudy conditions at night. However, morning rains as well as afternoon and night showers may occur over few places.

1.1.6 *The Coast (Mombasa, Kilifi, Lamu and Kwale Counties as well as the Tana Delta):*

Morning, afternoon and night showers are likely to occur over few places.

1.2 DETAILED TEMPERATURE FORECAST FOR 5TH TO 11TH MAY 2026

Expected maximum and minimum temperatures for selected cities and towns are shown in Table 1.

TABLE 1: FORECASTED MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TEMPERATURES FOR SELECTED CITIES AND TOWNS

CITY/TOWN	MAX (°C)	MIN (°C)	CITY/TOWN	MAX (°C)	MIN (°C)	CITY/TOWN	MAX (°C)	MIN (°C)
LODWAR	37.0	25.0	KISUMU	29.0	18.0	THIKA	28.0	16.0
MARSABIT	26.0	18.0	SUBA	29.0	19.0	MACHAKOS	26.0	14.0
MOYALE	28.0	19.0	NAKURU	26.0	14.0	MAKINDU	30.0	18.0
GARISSA	36.0	24.0	NAROK	25.0	14.0	KITUI	28.0	18.0
WAJIR	35.0	24.0	LAIKIPIA	26.0	11.0	VOI	34.0	22.0
MANDERA	36.0	24.0	NYAHURURU	23.0	09.0	LAMU	34.0	25.0
KITALE	27.0	14.0	KANGEMA	26.0	15.0	MALINDI	32.0	24.0
KAKAMEGA	29.0	16.0	NYERI	26.0	14.0	MSABAHA	32.0	25.0
ELDORET	24.0	14.0	EMBU	27.0	16.0	MTWAPA	32.0	24.0
KERICHO	25.0	12.0	MERU	25.0	15.0	MOMBASA	33.0	23.0
KISII	26.0	16.0	NAIROBI	26.0	14.0			

2.0 WEATHER REVIEW FOR 27TH APRIL TO 3RD MAY 2026

2.1 Rainfall Review

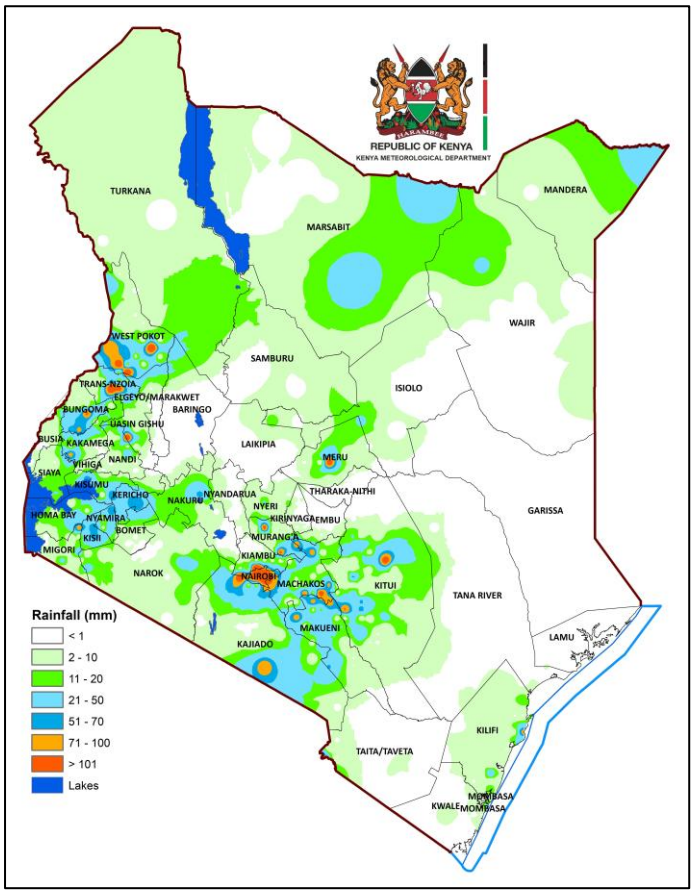

Figure 4: Observed Seven-Day Total Rainfall for 27th April to 3rd May 2026

Rainfall was recorded in several parts of the country (Figures 4 and 5). Heavy rainfall events occurred in a number of counties including Machakos, Nairobi, Kitui, Kajiado and West Pokot.

The highest seven-day rainfall total (225.9 mm) was recorded at Dagoretti Meteorological Station.

Kibauni Rainfall Station in Machakos County recorded the highest amount of rainfall within 24-hours: 107.2mm on 28th April 2026.

Comparing the 20th to 26th April and the 27th April to 3rd May 2026 review periods, it is noted that there was an increase in rainfall amounts across the country.

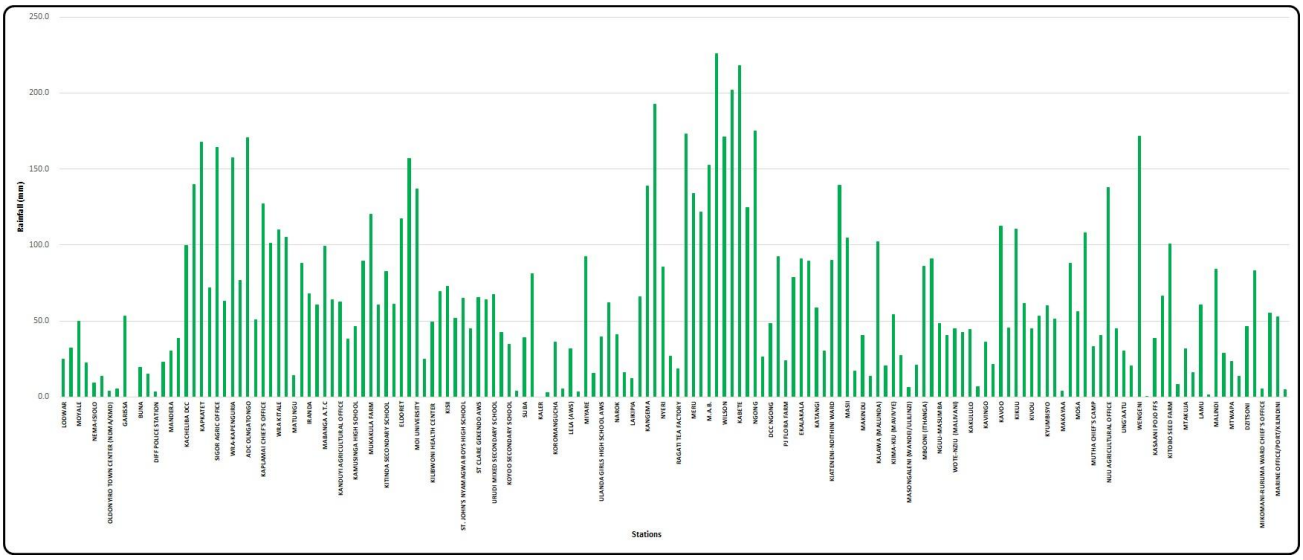

Figure 5: Observed Seven-Day Total Rainfall (per Station) for 27th April to 3rd May 2026

2.2 Temperature Review

Comparing the 20th to 26th April and the 27th April to 3rd May 2026 review periods, it is noted that daytime (maximum) temperatures increased in several stations including Voi, Lamu and Msabaha and decreased in Lodwar, Suba and Kakamega among others. Night-time (minimum) temperatures increased in a number of stations such as Nyahururu, Nakuru and Kericho and decreased in others like Lodwar, Thika and Kangema.

Mandera Meteorological Station recorded the highest daily maximum temperature: 36.2°C on 3rd May 2026 while Nyahururu Meteorological Station recorded the lowest daily minimum temperature: 8.6°C on 30th April 2026. The same stations recorded the highest seven-day average maximum temperature and the lowest seven-day average minimum temperature: 35.3°C and 11.6°C respectively (Figure 6).

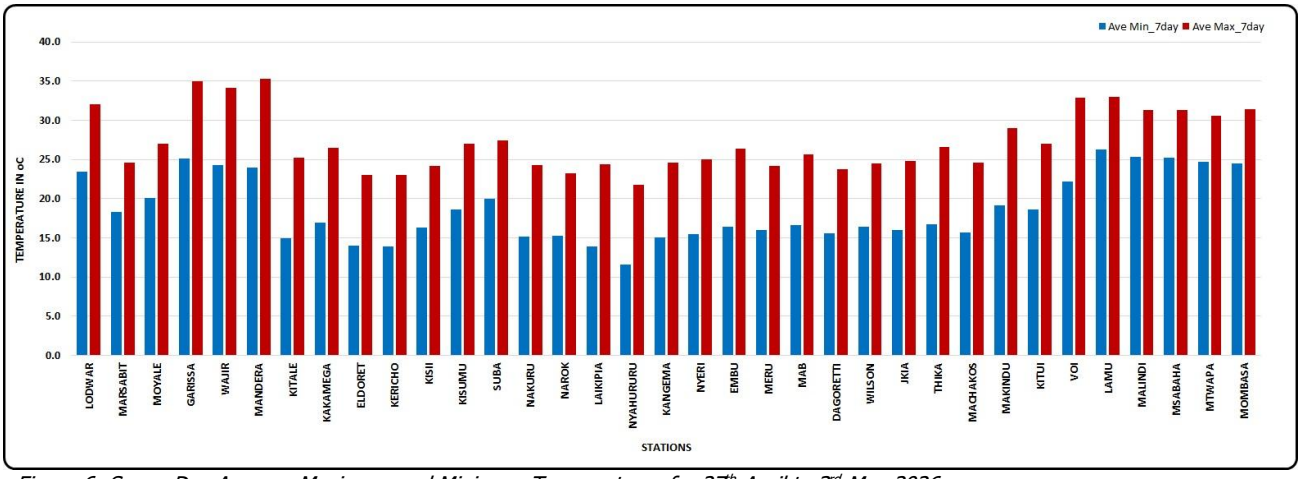

Figure 6: Seven-Day Average Maximum and Minimum Temperatures for 27th April to 3rd May 2026

N.B: This forecast should be used in conjunction with the daily (24-hour) and five-day forecasts issued by this Department. County specific forecasts are available from the offices of respective County Directors of Meteorological Services.

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APPENDIX I: INTERPRETATION OF 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, high intensity.

Term	Area Affected	Description
Few places	< 33%	Rain in a small portion of the region.
Several places	33% to 66%	Rain in multiple but not most parts of the region.
Most places	> 66%	Rain in nearly all parts of the region.

Term	Area Affected	Description
Isolated	Less than 25%	Very few areas affected.
Scattered	25–50%	Several, but not most, areas affected.
Numerous	51–70%	Many areas affected.
Widespread	Over 70%	Almost all areas affected.

Term	Time Coverage (%)	Meaning
Occasional	Less than 25%	Happens rarely or a few times.
Intermittent	25% – 50%	Starts and stops, comes and goes.
Frequent	51% – 75%	Occurs regularly.
Very Frequent / Common	More than 75%	Happens almost all the time.

Term	Probability of Occurrence	Description
Possible	10–30%	There is low confidence.
Chance of/ May	31–50%	There is moderate confidence.
Likely	51–75%	The event is more probable than not.
Expected	76–90%	There is high confidence.
Very Likely	91–99%	There is very high confidence. Almost certain.
Certain	100%	The event is guaranteed to occur.