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ISIOLO COUNTY WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

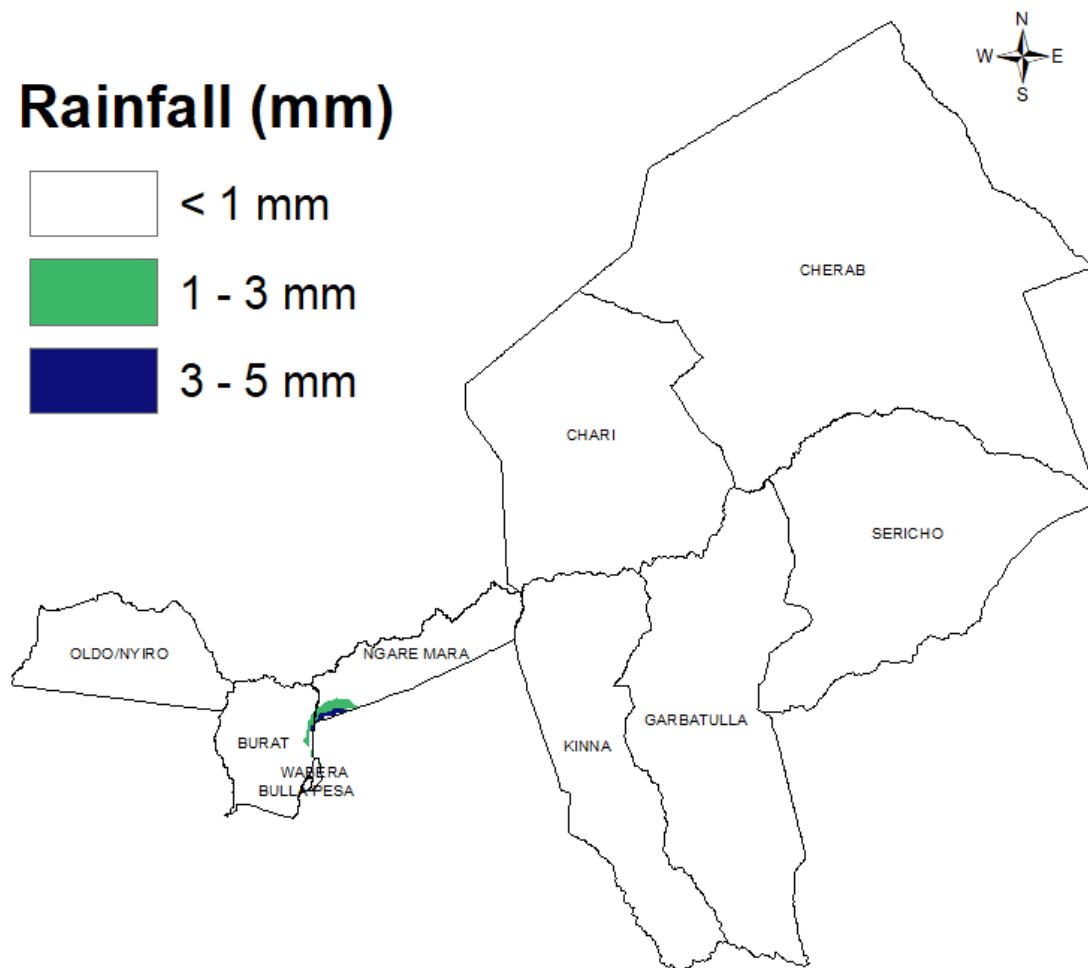
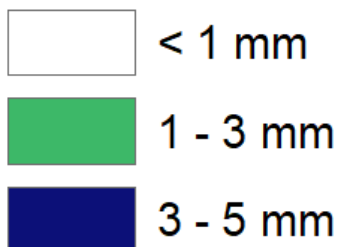
VALID: 12th to 18th May 2026.

Date of issue: Monday 11th May 2026

WEEKLY ACCUMULATED RAINFALL AMOUNT FORECAST

VALID 12 - 18 MAY 2026

Rainfall (mm)



0 5 10 20 30 40 Miles

Isiolo County Weather Outlook by Sub-County (12th – 18th May 2026)

Based on the rainfall forecast map, most parts of Isiolo County are expected to remain generally dry during the forecast period, with rainfall amounts largely below 5 mm. Only isolated areas around western Isiolo, particularly near Wabera, Bulapesa, and parts of Ngaremara, are likely to receive light showers.

1. Isiolo Central (Isiolo Town, Burat, Oldonyiro)

Rainfall is expected to remain generally low, ranging from less than 1 mm to about 5 mm in isolated areas. Most parts of Isiolo Town, Burat, and Oldonyiro are likely to experience mainly dry conditions with occasional light showers, particularly around the western sections bordering Ngaremara and the foothills.

Sunny and warm conditions are expected to dominate for much of the week, though brief afternoon cloud build-up and isolated light rainfall may occur in a few areas. The limited rainfall may only provide minimal improvement to pasture and surface water recharge.

Wind

Forecast:

Moderate to occasionally fresh winds of about 15–25 knots are expected across most areas, with stronger gusts possible during isolated thunderstorms and over open plains.

2. Garbatulla Sub-County (Garbatulla, Kinna, Sericho)

Rainfall across Garbatulla Sub-County is expected to remain very low, generally below 1 mm in most areas.

Garbatulla, Kinna, and Sericho are likely to experience predominantly dry, hot, and sunny weather conditions throughout the week. Only isolated light showers may occur in a few localized areas, but no significant rainfall is expected. Pasture and browse conditions are therefore likely to remain stressed in several areas.

Wind

Forecast:

Fresh winds ranging between 18–28 knots are expected, particularly across the drier eastern areas. Occasional dusty conditions and stronger gusts may occur during afternoon hours.

3. Merti Sub-County (Merti, Bulesa, Kom)

Rainfall is expected to remain minimal, with most areas likely receiving less than 1 mm during the forecast period.

Dry weather conditions are expected to dominate across Merti, Bulesa, and surrounding areas. Skies are likely to remain mostly sunny with occasional cloud cover. The forecast rainfall amounts are insufficient for meaningful pasture regeneration or surface water recharge.

Wind

Forecast:

Moderate to fresh winds of about 18–30 knots are expected across much of the sub-county, especially over exposed dry plains. Stronger gusts may accompany isolated thunderstorms.

4. Oldonyiro & Ngaremara Areas

These areas are expected to receive the relatively highest rainfall amounts within the county, though totals are still expected to remain low overall, ranging between about 1 mm and 5 mm in isolated sections.

Ngaremara and nearby western areas may experience scattered light showers during the week, while Oldonyiro is expected to remain largely dry with only isolated rainfall events. The rainfall may slightly support localized pasture improvement and temporary replenishment of small water pans.

Wind

Forecast:

Moderate winds of around 15–25 knots are expected, with occasional stronger gusts during isolated thunderstorms.

5. Kinna & Ewaso Nyiro Belt

Rainfall is expected to remain generally below 1 mm across much of the Ewaso Nyiro belt.

Mostly dry conditions are expected to prevail, although isolated light showers may occasionally develop along parts of the riverine corridor. Water availability along permanent river sections is expected to remain stable, but no major rainfall-driven recharge is anticipated during the week.

Wind

Forecast:

Fresh winds ranging between 18–28 knots are expected along the riverine belt and adjacent open areas, with stronger gusts possible during isolated storms.

6. Sericho & Cherab Areas

Sericho, Cherab, and the eastern parts of the county are expected to remain largely dry, with rainfall amounts below 1 mm throughout most of the forecast period.

Hot daytime temperatures and dry conditions are expected to dominate. Vegetation and pasture conditions are therefore likely to continue deteriorating gradually in some areas, and communities are encouraged to conserve available water resources.

Wind

Forecast:

Fresh to strong winds of around 20–30 knots are expected, especially during afternoons. Blowing dust and reduced visibility may occasionally occur in exposed dry areas.

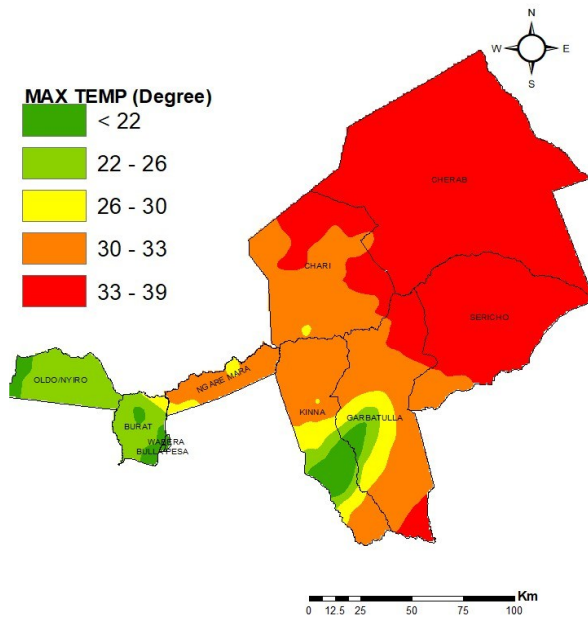
Temperature Summary (12th – 18th May 2026)

Isiolo County is expected to experience generally warm to hot weather conditions during the period 12th – 18th May 2026, with daytime temperatures ranging between approximately 24°C and 38°C and nighttime temperatures between 12°C and 26°C.

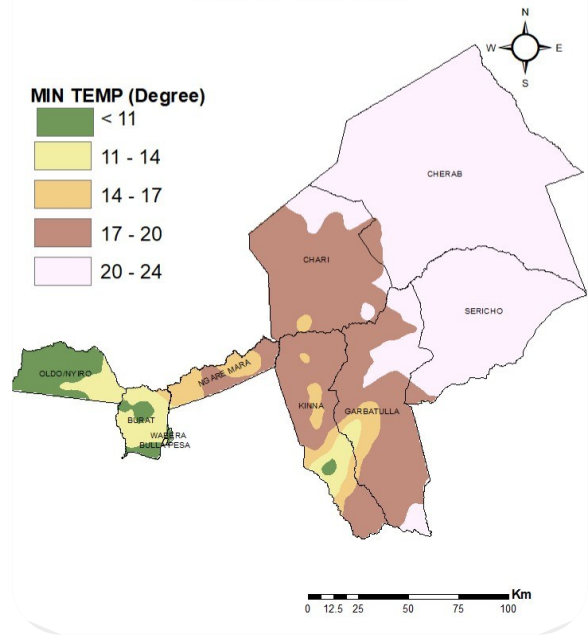
The hottest conditions are likely over the lowland eastern and northeastern areas including Sericho, Cherab, Garbatulla, and parts of Merti, while relatively cooler temperatures are expected around Oldonyiro, Ngaremara, and nearby elevated areas influenced by the Mt. Kenya and Nyambene highlands.

Most parts of Isiolo Central, Kinna, and Burat are expected to remain moderately hot, while cooler nights will mainly occur in the western highland-influenced areas and warmer nights persist across the dry eastern lowlands.

**WEEKLY MAXIMUM TEMPERATURE FORECAST
VALID 12 - 18 MAY 2026**



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VALID 12 - 18 MAY 2026**



ADVISORY

Residents of Isiolo County are advised that the forecast period is expected to remain generally dry, with most areas receiving little or no rainfall (below 5 mm). Only isolated parts of western Isiolo, particularly Ngaremara, Wabera, Bulapesa, and nearby foothill zones, may experience brief light showers.

The prevailing conditions will be warm to hot across most of the county, with daytime temperatures ranging from 24°C to 38°C and warmer conditions concentrated in Sericho, Cherab, Garbatulla, and other eastern lowland areas. Communities are advised to prepare for dry conditions, conserve water, and manage livestock carefully as pasture conditions may continue to decline in the drier zones.

Strong and occasionally gusty winds of 15–30 knots are expected across most sub-counties, with higher speeds and dusty conditions likely in Garbatulla, Merti, Sericho, and open plains. While Oldonyiro and Ngaremara may benefit slightly from occasional light showers, overall rainfall will not be sufficient for significant pasture regeneration or water recharge.

Residents are urged to secure loose materials, exercise caution during windy afternoons, and take necessary precautions against heat stress, especially in the hotter eastern lowlands. Livestock keepers should ensure access to shade and water, while communities near seasonal rivers should remain alert for localized runoff in the event of brief thunderstorms.

Location-specific forecasts for Isiolo County are available from the County Director of Meteorological Services at the Isiolo Meteorological Office.

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