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OUTLOOK FOR JULY 2026 AND REVIEW OF JUNE 2026 – ISIOLO COUNTY

1. HIGHLIGHTS

1.1 Outlook for July 2026

Most parts of Isiolo County are expected to remain predominantly dry during July 2026 as the county continues to experience the cool and dry season following the cessation of the March–April–May (MAM) Long Rains.

No significant rainfall is expected across most areas. However, isolated light drizzles or brief showers may occasionally occur over a few localized areas around Oldonyiro, Kinna, and the western highland-influenced zones bordering Laikipia and Samburu Counties.

The month is expected to be characterized by cool mornings, occasional cloudy conditions, and moderate to strong easterly winds. Morning fog and mist may occur over elevated areas and along sections of the Ewaso Nyiro basin.

Temperatures are expected to remain near normal for the season, with cool nights and mornings and relatively warm afternoons.

1.2 Weather Outlook for July 2026

July is climatologically one of the driest months in Isiolo County, and conditions are expected to remain largely dry throughout the month.

Most parts of:

Isiolo Central, Garbatulla, Merti, Sericho, Malkagalla, Ngaremara, Cherab, Chari and Burat are expected to experience sunny and dry conditions for most days.

Occasional light showers or drizzle may occur over:

Oldonyiro, Kinna and Western areas bordering Laikipia and Samburu Counties

Cloudy mornings followed by sunny afternoons are expected on several days, particularly during the first half of the month.

Pasture, browse, and water resources remain generally favorable due to the above-average performance of the 2026 Long Rains season. However, gradual depletion of water sources and drying of vegetation are expected as the dry season progresses.

1.3 Temperature Outlook for July 2026

- Daytime temperatures are expected to range between 26°C and 33°C across most parts of the county.
- Cooler daytime temperatures of 23°C to 27°C may occur in areas experiencing persistent cloud cover.
- Night-time temperatures are expected to range between 13°C and 20°C.
- Cool early morning conditions are likely across much of the county, particularly near the Ewaso Nyiro basin and elevated areas such as Oldonyiro.

1.4 Wind Conditions for July 2026

Moderate to occasionally strong easterly and southeasterly winds are expected across much of the county.

As dry conditions persist:

- Dust levels are likely to increase in Merti, Sericho, Malkagalla, and surrounding lowland areas.
 - Reduced visibility due to blowing dust may occasionally occur during windy afternoons.
 - Increased evapotranspiration may accelerate drying of pasture and water sources.
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2. REVIEW OF JUNE 2026

2.1 Rainfall Performance

June 2026 was generally dry across Isiolo County, marking the full transition into the cool dry season following the cessation of the Long Rains.

Most parts of the County experienced predominantly dry weather conditions throughout the month of June except Oldonyiro that recorded 8.8mm on 27th June 2026.

2.2 Effects of the Weather Conditions

The generally dry conditions experienced during June resulted in:

- Continued availability of pasture and browse due to moisture retained from the Long Rains season.
- Gradual decline in water levels within water pans and seasonal streams.
- Reduced surface runoff and river recharge.
- Favorable livestock body conditions across most livelihood zones.
- Increased drying of grass and vegetation, particularly in eastern and northern parts of the county.

2.3 Temperature Conditions

- June experienced generally cool mornings and mild daytime temperatures across most parts of Isiolo County.
- Morning temperatures were below average in some locations due to cloud cover and cool easterly winds.
- Daytime temperatures remained close to seasonal averages.
- Cold nights and early mornings were experienced in elevated areas, especially around Oldonyiro and the western parts of the county.

Advisory for July 2026 – Isiolo County

July 2026 is expected to remain largely dry across Isiolo County. Water levels along the Ewaso Nyiro River are likely to continue declining, while water pans and seasonal streams are expected to experience reduced recharge. Communities are encouraged to strengthen water conservation measures, manage grazing resources sustainably, and monitor drought early warning information.

Water Resources and Ewaso Nyiro River

- The Ewaso Nyiro River is expected to continue experiencing reduced flows as dry conditions persist across the basin.
- Water users should practice prudent water utilization and avoid wastage.
- Water Resource Users Associations (WRUAs) and water management committees should closely monitor river flows, water abstraction activities, and water infrastructure.
- Communities should prioritize maintenance of boreholes and strategic water sources ahead of the peak dry season.

Livestock and Pasture

- Pasture and browse conditions remain generally fair to good but are expected to gradually deteriorate as the dry season advances.
- Livestock owners should monitor animal health and body condition regularly.
- Controlled grazing and pasture conservation measures are encouraged to sustain forage resources.
- Livestock migration patterns should be monitored to reduce conflicts over grazing and water resources.

Agriculture

- Rain-fed agricultural activities are not recommended in most areas due to the anticipated dry conditions.
- Farmers relying on irrigation should adopt efficient water-use technologies and scheduling.
- Existing crops under irrigation should be monitored closely for water stress.

Health and Environment

- Residents should prepare for dusty conditions, particularly in Merti, Sericho, Malkagalla, and surrounding lowland areas.
- Dust may increase respiratory, eye, and allergy-related health concerns.
- Adequate hydration is encouraged during warm afternoons.
- Communities should ensure safe storage and treatment of drinking water.

Transport and Infrastructure

Motorists should exercise caution during periods of reduced visibility caused by blowing dust. County authorities should monitor critical water supply infrastructure and ensure functionality of strategic boreholes.

Water trucking contingency plans should be reviewed for vulnerable areas.

Disaster Risk Management

- County and ward-level disaster management teams should continue monitoring:
 - Water availability
 - Livestock migration trends
 - Pasture conditions
 - Emerging drought indicators

- Early warning information should continue to be disseminated to support preparedness and timely response actions.

Key Message

July 2026 is expected to remain predominantly dry across Isiolo County, with only isolated light showers possible in a few western and highland-influenced areas. Water levels along the Ewaso Nyiro River and other surface water sources are expected to continue declining.

Communities are advised to conserve water, manage grazing resources prudently, and remain attentive to drought early warning information as the dry season intensifies.

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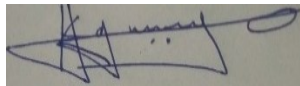
This outlook should be used together with:

- ✓ 24-hour weather forecasts
- ✓ 7-day weather forecasts
- ✓ Monthly climate updates
- ✓ Special advisories and regular updates issued by the Kenya Meteorological Department.

KEY OF SCIENTIFIC TERMS

- Rainfall performance is categorized as:
- Below 75% of Long-Term Mean (LTM) – Below Normal (Depressed)
- 75% – 125% of LTM – Near Normal
- Above 125% of LTM – Above Normal (Enhanced)

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



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