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VIHIGA COUNTY
WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Date of issue: *Monday 20th June 2026*
Forecast validity: *Tuesday, 21st July 2026 to Monday, 27th July 2026*

General Outlook/Summary.

- The county is expected to experience **cool mornings, warm afternoons** and **cool nights** throughout the forecast period.
- The greatest likelihood of **isolated afternoon showers** is over elevated areas of *Gisambai, Shamakhokho, Chavakali* and *West Sabatia* on **Wednesday, Saturday** and **Monday**.
- Early morning *fog* and *mist* are expected in valleys and on hilltops.

Key Weather Highlights			
S/No	**Sub-County**	**Wards**	**Weather conditions**
1	**Hamisi East**	• Shamakhokho; • Muhudu; • Shiru.	**Morning:** Cool with fog and mist over hills and valleys. **Afternoon:** Isolated showers are most likely on *Wednesday, Saturday and Monday*, especially in *Gisambai* and *Shamakhokho* areas. **Night:** Cool with partly cloudy skies.
2	**Hamisi West**	• Banja; • Tambua; • Jepkoyai; • Gisambai.	
3	**Sabatia**	• Lyaduywa/Izava; • West Sabatia; • Chavakali; • North Maragoli; • Wodanga; • Busali	**Morning:** Cool with occasional mist. **Afternoon:** Warm with isolated showers possible on *Wednesday* and *Monday*. **Night:** Cool and partly cloudy.

4	**Vihiga**	• Lugaga-Wamuluma; • South Maragoli; • Central Maragoli; • Mungoma.	**Morning:** Cool and mostly clear. **Afternoon**: Warm with prolonged sunny intervals. **Night**: Mild to cool and generally dry.
5	**Emuhaya**	• North East Bunyore; • North Bunyore; • West Bunyore; • South Bunyore; • Central Bunyore.	**Morning**: Cool with occasional mist patches. **Afternoon**: Warm and predominantly dry. **Night:** Cool and calm.
6	**Luanda**	• Luanda Township; • Wemilabi; • Mwibona; • Luanda South; • Emabungo.	**Morning:** Cool and sunny. **Afternoon**: Warmest conditions in the county, with predominantly dry weather. **Night**: Mild and partly cloudy.

Weekly Weather Forecast							
Sub-Counties (Hamisi East, Hamisi West, Sabatia, Vihiga, Emuhaya and Luanda)							
Day/Date	**Tuesday** 21 July 2026	**Wednesday** 22 July 2026	**Thursday** 23 July 2026	**Friday** 24 July 2026	**Saturday** 25 July 2026	**Sunday** 26 July 2026	**Monday** 27 July 2026
Morning	 *Cool with patches of mist and fog, sunny*	 *Cool and partly cloudy*	 *Cool and sunny*	 *Cool with localised mist, sunny*	 *Cool and partly cloudy*	 *Cool and sunny*	 *Cool with patches of mist, sunny*
Afternoon	 *Warm with sunny intervals, mainly dry*	 *Warm with isolated showers in a few areas*	 *Warm, sunny and generally dry*	 *Warm, sunny intervals*	 *Warm with isolated showers over elevated areas*	 *Warm, sunny and mostly dry*	 *Warm with increasing cloudness and isolated showers*
Night	 *Cool and partly cloudy*	 *Cool with cloudy intervals*	*Clear skies and cool*	 *Cool and partly cloudy*	 *Mild and partly cloudy*	*Clea skies and cool*	 *Cool and partly cloudy*

Rainfall Distribution	*Nil*	*Few places*	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Several places*	*Nil*	*Several places*
Max. Temp.	27^{0}C	28^{0}C	28^{0}C	27^{0}C	27^{0}C	27^{0}C	26^{0}C
Min. Temp.	16^{0}C	18^{0}C	16^{0}C	16^{0}C	16^{0}C	16^{0}C	16^{0}C
Hazard							

Colour Coding on Weather Conditions		
S/No	**Colour**	**Description**
1		No severe weather expected.
2		Severe weather conditions are likely to occur that may pose a threat to life and damage property.
3		Dangerous and potentially life threatening weather conditions are expected. Take appropriate action immediately to ensure your safety and the safety of your family and neighbours.

Advisories by sector.

1) Agriculture

- Farmers are encouraged to engage agricultural officers on proper utilization of this forecast.
- Continue harvesting and post-harvest drying during the predominantly dry weather.
- Maintain soil moisture conservation practices.
- Farmers in elevated areas should plan field activities around the possibility of isolated afternoon showers.

2) Livestock

- Ensure livestock have adequate drinking water during the warm afternoons.
- Provide shelter for young and vulnerable animals during cool mornings and nights.

3) Transport & Infrastructure

- Early morning fog may reduce visibility on roads, especially in hilly and valley areas.
- Motorists should reduce speed during foggy conditions and remain cautious where isolated showers occur.

4) Health

- Dress warmly during cool mornings and nights.
- Stay hydrated during warmer afternoons.
- People with respiratory conditions should minimize prolonged exposure to cold morning air.

5) Disaster Risk Reduction

- Although rainfall is expected to be light and localized, avoid sheltering under isolated trees during thunderstorms.
- Keep drainage channels clear to minimize localized flooding from brief heavy showers.

SMS version of the weekly forecast

Vihiga Weekly 21st - 27th July 2026: Wed; li rain few pm 1, 2, 3; Sat, Mon; mo rain many pm 1, 2, 3.

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APPENDIX I: INTERPRETATION OF TERMS

S/No	Term	Rainfall Amount (24 hrs)	Description
1	Light	< 5mm	Gentle rain, drizzle.
2	Moderate/Lingering	5 - 20 mm	Steady, noticeable rain.
3	Heavy	21 - 50 mm	Intense rain, possible thunder.
4	Very heavy	> 50 mm	Prolonged rain, high intensity.

S/No	Term	Area Affected	Description
1	Few places	< 33%	Rain in a small portion of the region.
2	Several places	33% - 66%	Rain in multiple but not in most parts of the region.
3	Most places	> 66%	Rain in nearly all parts of the region.

S/No	Term	Area Affected	Description
1	Isolated	Less than 25%	Very few places affected.
2	Scattered	25% - 50%	Several, but not most, areas affected.
3	Numerous	51% - 70%	Many areas affected.
4	Widespread	Over 70%	Almost all areas affected.

S/No	Term	Time Coverage (%)	Meaning
1	Occasional	Less than 25%	Happens rarely or a few times.
2	Intermittent	25% - 50%	Starts and stops, comes and goes.
3	Frequent	51% - 75%	Occurs regularly.
4	Very frequent/Common	Over 75%	Happens almost all the time.

S/No	Term	Probability of Occurrence	Description
1	Possible	10% - 30%	There is low confidence.
2	Chance of/May	31% - 50%	There is moderate confidence.
3	Likely	51% - 75%	There event is more probable than not.
4	Expected	76% - 90%	There is high confidence.
5	Very likely	91% - 99%	There is very high confidence. Almost certain.
6	Certain	100%	The event is guaranteed to occur.

APPENDIX II: VIHIGA COUNTY CLIMATOLOGICAL ZONES

