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VIHIGA COUNTY
WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

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Forecast validity: Tuesday, 11th August 2026 to Monday, 17th August 2026

General Weather Outlook.

- Vihiga County is expected to experience **cool mornings, warm afternoons** and **mild to cool nights** during the period.
- The weather is likely to remain **partly cloudy to sunny in the mornings**, with **localized afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms** developing on some days, particularly over the elevated areas.
- Conditions may vary considerably from ward to another.

Key Weather Highlights			
S/No	Sub-County	Wards	Weather conditions
1	Hamisi East	• Shamakhokho; • Muhudu; • Shiru.	Morning: Cool with mist/fog particularly over hills and valleys. Afternoon: Warm, increasing likelihood of localized showers and thunderstorms from <i>Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday</i> . Night: Cool to mild and partly cloudy, with isolated showers possible.
2	Hamisi West	• Banja; • Tambua; • Jepkoyai; • Gisambai.	
3	Sabatia	• Lyaduywa/Izava; • West Sabatia; • Chavakali; • North Maragoli; • Wodanga; • Busali	Morning: Cool with occasional mist and partly cloudy conditions. Afternoon: Warm with sunny intervals and localized showers, particularly toward <i>Saturday, Sunday and Monday</i> . Night: Cool and partly cloudy.

4	Vihiga	- Lugaga-Wamuluma; - South Maragoli; - Central Maragoli; - Mungoma.	Morning: Cool to mild with partly cloudy skies. Afternoon: Warm with longer sunny intervals; isolated showers possible. Night: Mild to cool and generally partly cloudy.
5	Emuhaya	- North East Bunyore; - North Bunyore; - West Bunyore; - South Bunyore; - Central Bunyore.	Morning: Cool with occasional cloudiness. Afternoon: Warm with isolated showers and thunderstorms, especially towards <i>Saturday, Sunday and Monday</i> . Night: Mild to cool and partly cloudy.
6	Luanda	- Luanda Township; - Wemilabi; - Mwibona; - Luanda South; - Emabungo.	Morning: Mild and partly cloudy. Afternoon: Warmest conditions, generally with sunny intervals; isolated showers possible later in the week. Night: Mild and partly cloudy.

Weekly Weather Forecast							
Sub-Counties (Hamisi East, Hamisi West, Sabatia, Vihiga, Emuhaya and Luanda)							
Day/Date	Tuesday 11 August 2026	Wednesday 12 August 2026	Thursday 13 August 2026	Friday 14 August 2026	Saturday 15 August 2026	Sunday 16 August 2026	Monday 17 August 2026
Morning	 Cool, partly cloudy with localized mist	 Cool and cloudy	 Cool with patches of mist, sunny	 Cool, partly cloudy	 Cool, cloudy with occasional mist	 Cool, partly cloudy	 Cool, cloudy with patches of mist
Afternoon	 Isolated showers and thunderstorms	 Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms	 Isolated Showers	 Showers and thunderstorms	 Scattered showers and thunderstorms	 Isolated Showers and thunderstorms	 Scattered showers and thunderstorms
Night	 Mild, partly cloudy	 Cool, cloudy with isolated showers	 Cool, partly cloudy	 Mild, cloudy	 Cool, cloudy with isolated showers	 Mild, partly cloudy	 Cool, partly cloudy with isolated showers

Rainfall Distribution	Several places	Several places	Several places	Several places	Several places	Several places	Several places
Max. Temp.	31°C	30°C	31°C	30°C	31°C	29°C	29°C
Min. Temp.	18°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	19°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.
- Use the relatively dry morning periods for farm activities, harvesting and crop drying.
- Farmers should monitor rapidly developing afternoon clouds and secure harvested produce before showers.
- Avoid spraying pesticides immediately before or during rainfall.

2) Livestock

- Ensure adequate drinking water during warm afternoons.
- Provide secure shelter for livestock during afternoon thunderstorms and heavy showers.
- Avoid allowing livestock to remain in exposed fields during lightning activity.

3) Transport & Infrastructure

- Morning mist may occasionally reduce visibility, particularly in elevated areas.
- During thunderstorm, motorists should reduce speed because of poor visibility, slippery roads and possible strong winds.

4) Health & Safety

- Keep warm during cool mornings and nights.
- Stay hydrated during warm afternoons.
- During thunderstorms, seek shelter in a substantial building or enclosed vehicle and avoid isolated trees, open fields and exposed high ground.

5) Disaster Risk Reduction

- The main weather-related concern is **localized thunderstorms with lightning, heavy downpours and gusty winds.**
- Avoid sheltering under isolated trees or near exposed structures during thunderstorms.
- Clear drainage channels before the onset of heavy rainfall.

Weekly Summary

The period 11-17 August 2026 is expected to be characterized by **cool mornings, warm afternoons and mild to cool nights**, with **localized afternoon and evening showers and thunderstorms** across Vihiga County. Rainfall is likely to be **spatially variable**, with some wards remaining dry while neighboring areas receive brief heavy showers. The public and farmers should therefore take advantage of morning dry periods while remaining alert to afternoon thunderstorm development.

SMS version of the weekly forecast

Vihiga Weekly 11th - 17th August 2026: Tue, Thu, Fri, Sun; mo rain many pm 1, 2, 3; Wed, Sat, Mon; he 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.

