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VIHIGA COUNTY
WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Date of issue: *Monday 24th August 2026*
Forecast validity: *Tuesday, 25th August 2026 to Monday, 31st August 2026*

General Weather Outlook.

- Vihiga County is expected to experience **a generally warm and increasingly dry pattern**, particularly on **Wednesday, Thursday** and **Friday**, with afternoon temperatures potentially reaching 30^{C} - 33^{C} in warmer parts such as Luanda.
- Some locations may still experience localized cloud build-up or showers, so ward-level rainfall remains less certain.

Key Weather Highlights			
S/No	**Sub-County**	**Wards**	**Weather conditions**
1	**Hamisi East**	• Shamakhokho; • Muhudu; • Shiru.	**Morning:** Cool with occasional mist/fog. **Afternoon:** Sunny with localized showers possible on *Tuesday, Saturday* and *Sunday*. **Night:** Cool to mild, partly cloudy.
2	**Hamisi West**	• Banja; • Tambua; • Jepkoyai; • Gisambai.	
3	**Sabatia**	• Lyaduywa/Izava; • West Sabatia; • Chavakali; • North Maragoli; • Wodanga; • Busali	**Morning:** Cool, occasionally cloudy or misty. **Afternoon:** Sunny. Mostly dry but isolated showers remain possible. **Night:** Mild and partly cloudy.

4	**Vihiga**	• Lugaga-Wamuluma; • South Maragoli; • Central Maragoli; • Mungoma.	**Morning:** Cool to mild. **Afternoon**: Sunny. Low likelihood of rainfall activities although isolated showers may develop on *Saturday, Sunday* and *Monday*. **Night**: Mild to cool.
5	**Emuhaya**	• North East Bunyore; • North Bunyore; • West Bunyore; • South Bunyore; • Central Bunyore.	**Morning**: Cool and partly cloudy. **Afternoon**: Sunny with occasional cloud build-up. Isolated showers possible, especially towards *Saturday, Sunday* and *Monday*. **Night:** Mild and partly cloudy.
6	**Luanda**	• Luanda Township; • Wemilabi; • Mwibona; • Luanda South; • Emabungo.	**Morning:** Mild. **Afternoon**: The highest temperatures of **30°C - 33°C** is expected. Mostly dry, with isolated showers possible. **Night**: Mild.

Weekly Weather Forecast							
Sub-Counties (Hamisi East, Hamisi West, Sabatia, Vihiga, Emuhaya and Luanda)							
Day/Date	**Tuesday** 25 August 2026	**Wednesday** 26 August 2026	**Thursday** 27 August 2026	**Friday** 28 August 2026	**Saturday** 29 August 2026	**Sunday** 30 August 2026	**Monday** 31 August 2026
Morning	 *Cool with ocassional mist, sunny*	 *Cool and partly cloudy*	 *Cool with patches of mist, sunny*	 *Cool, partly cloudy*	 *Cool and partly cloudy*	 *Cool with ocassional mist, sunny*	 *Cool and partly cloudy*
Afternoon	 *Warm with sunny intervals; isolated showers possible*	 *Isolated showers and thunderstorms*	 *Scattered showers*	 *Warm with sunny intervals; localized showers possible*	 *Isolated showers and thunderstorms*	 *Scattered showers and thunderstorms possible*	 *Warm with increasing cloudiness and isolated showers*
Night	 *Cool to mild, partly cloudy*	 *Mild with increasing cloudiness*	 *Cool, isolated showers*	 *Mild and partly cloudy*	 *Cool to mild; isolated showers*	 *Mild, partly cloudy*	 *Cool and partly cloudy*

Rainfall Distribution	*Few places*	*Few places*	*Few places*	*Several places*	*Several places*	*Few places*	*Few places*
Max. Temp.	28^{0}C	29^{0}C	30^{0}C	30^{0}C	29^{0}C	29^{0}C	29^{0}C
Min. Temp.	17^{0}C	16^{0}C	16^{0}C	15^{0}C	16^{0}C	15^{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.
- Utilize sunny mornings and early-afternoon periods for harvesting, drying and other field activities.
- Protect harvested crops from sudden afternoon showers.
- Avoid pesticides application when rainfall is imminent.
- Maintain farm drainage in areas vulnerable to waterlogging.

2) Livestock

- Provide adequate drinking water during warm afternoons.
- Ensure livestock have secure shelter before thunderstorms.
- Provide shade during the warmer afternoon hours.

3) Transport & Infrastructure

- Exercise caution during early-morning mist and fog.
- During heavy showers, reduce speed because of slippery roads and reduced visibility.

4) Disaster Risk Reduction

- Avoid isolated trees, open fields and exposed high ground during thunderstorms.
- Seek shelter in substantial buildings or enclosed vehicles when lightning is observed.
- Secure loose materials during periods of strong winds.

Weekly Summary

The period **25-31 August 2026**, Vihiga County is expected to experience **cool mornings, warm-to-hot afternoons and cool-to-mild nights,** with **variable cloudiness and localized afternoon/evening showers or thunderstorms**. Rainfall should generally be localized and highly intermittent, with the greatest uncertainty around afternoon showers and towards the end of the week. The warmest conditions are likely around *Thursday to Sunday*, particularly in Luanda and lower parts of Vihiga and Emuhaya.

SMS version of the weekly forecast

Vihiga Weekly 25th - 31st August 2026: Tue, Wed, Thu, Sun, Mon; li rain few pm 1, 2, 3; Fri, Sat; 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

