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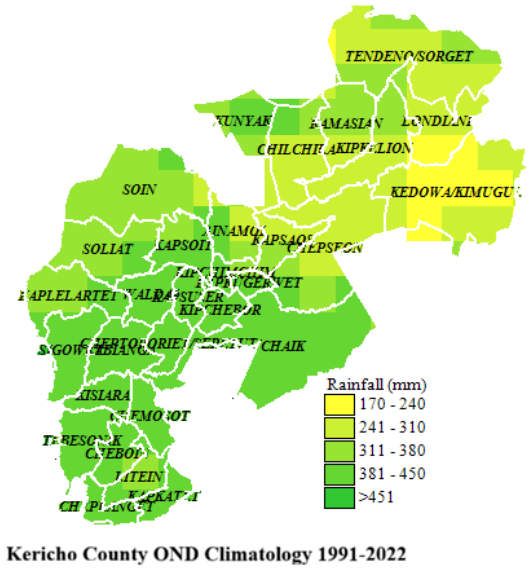
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KERICHO COUNTY SEASONAL WEATHER FORECAST OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER, 2026

1.0 SUMMARY OF RAINFALL OUTLOOK FOR MARCH, APRIL-MAY 2026

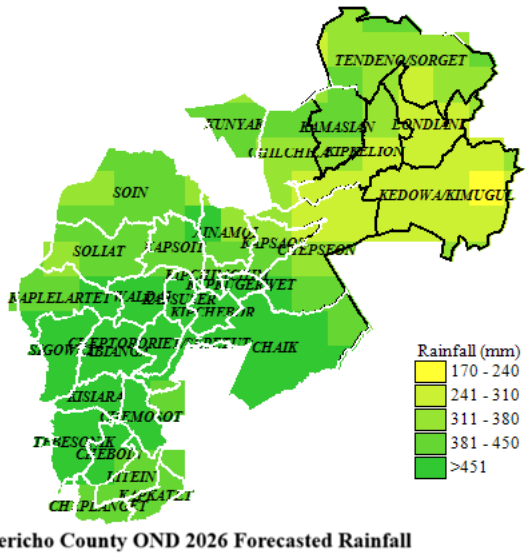
Rainfall in **Kericho *County*** during **October, November *and December, OND, 2026*** season is forecasted to be wetter i.e. ***above normal***. The amount of rainfall is expected to be above long term average (mean) during this rain season.

The maps on page 1 (Fig 1) show the long-term average and forecasted amount of rainfall in mm that is received and expected; respectively, in each ward in Kericho County during the OND 2026 rain season.



Kericho County OND Climatology 1991-2022

Figure 1 a



Kericho County OND 2026 Forecasted Rainfall

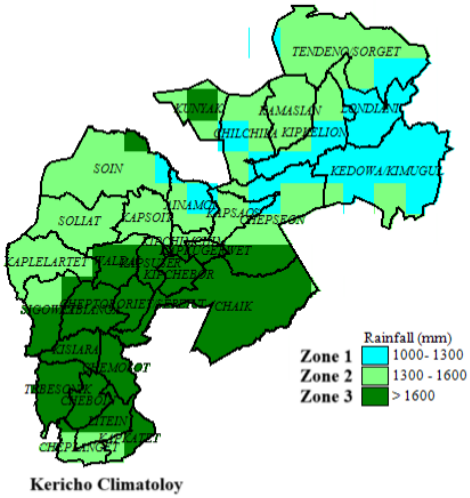
Figure 1 b

Figure 1: Graphic presentation of spatial OND long term mean, figure 1 a and the OND 2026 seasonal forecasted, figure 1 b, rainfall in Kericho County by ward.

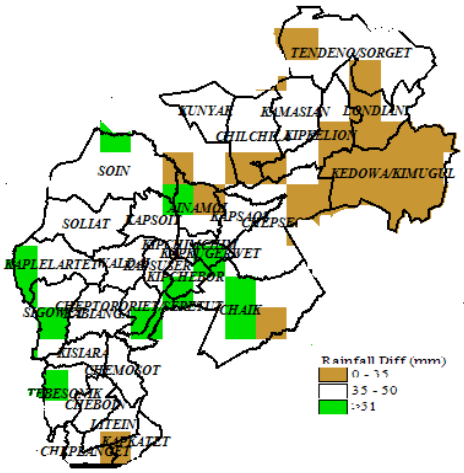
2.0 MARCH APRIL AND MAY 2026 RAINFALL PERFORMANCE

The analysis of the March to April 2026 rainfall season performance indicates that few parts of the County received normal, average rainfall i.e. 80% to 90% of long term mean. The rest of the parts received below normal rainfall. The start and cessation of rain was February and stopped in the first week of May 2026, with

marked dry days in between the season. Figure 1b indicates that the County is expected to receive rainfall amount ranging from 180mm in the lower altitude areas of Kedowa to over 450mm in the high altitude areas of Chemosot, Cheboin. The rainfall is forecast to be above normal. The rainfall distribution in both time and space is also forecasted to be good characterized by heavy storms and dry spell in between the season.



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Difference between forecasted and Climatology OND 2026

Figure 2 a *Figure 2 b*

Figure 2: Graphical presentation of Kericho County Climatology and OND 2026 difference between forecasted and long term mean.

From figure 2 b, most places show above normal rainfall with difference ranging from 35 to over 50 mm between long term mean and forecasted rainfall.

3.0 Forecast by Wards

3.1 (Tendeno/Sorgei, Londian, Lower Kipkelion, Kedowa/Kimugul)

Start of rainy season (onset): *(1st to 2nd week of October 2026)*

End of the rain season (cessation): *(Continues into January, 2027*)

Probable amount of rainfall: *(170mm to 250mm)*

Distribution of rainfall over time: Dry days in between rain days are likely to be experienced during the season.

3.1.1 Commentary of County Meteorological Director:

- Continuous and intermittent rainfall is expected in the afternoon and night over the forecast period.

3.1.2 Advice to farmers from the Ministry of Agriculture:

- Consult your local agricultural extension Officers for advice on how to plan farming activities in the light of this forecast.

3.2 Kunyak, Chilchil, Kapkatet, Chelengei, Soin

Start of the rainy season (onset): *(Continues from September 2026)*

End of the rainy season (cessation): *(Continues into January, 2027*)

Probable amount of rainfall *(250mm to 430 mm)*

Distribution of rainfall over time: Most rain is likely to fall in November and December. Dry days in between rainy days are likely to be experienced during the season. This is likely to be more pronounced in the Month of October.

3.2.1 Commentary of County Meteorological Director:

- Occasionally expect heavy rain and strong winds during the season.
- Lightning strikes are highly probable and also landslides/mudslides in November and December.

3.2.2 Advice to farmers from Ministry of Agriculture:

Farmers are advised to liaise with the County and Sub-County Offices of Agriculture for advice on the appropriate seeds to be planted. The expected timely onset and rainfall amounts in these Wards is conducive for agriculture and livestock farming.

3.3 Soliat, Kapsoit, Ainamoi, Kiplelartei, Chaik, Kisiara, Chemosot, Cheboin)
Start of the rain season (onset): *(continues from September, 2026)*

End of the rain season (cessation): *(Continues into January, 2027*)

Probable amount of rainfall: above **430***mm*

Distribution of rainfall over time: Rainfall will be evenly distributed over the season with December recording the highest amount. Dry spells will be experienced in the season.

3.3.1Commentary of County Meteorological Director:

- Occasionally expect heavy rain, strong winds, and hailstones during the season.
- Lightning strikes are highly probable and also landslides/mudslides from November during the peak rain season

3.3.2 Advice to farmers from the Ministry of Agriculture:

- Farmers are advised to liaise with the County and Sub-County Officers of Agriculture for advice on the appropriate farming activities. The continuous rain, expected rainfall

  NB: Please use this seasonal forecast in conjunction with the monthly and weekly weather forecasts for Kericho County, issued by the County Director of Meteorology and daily weather forecasts issued by the Director Kenya Meteorological Department.

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