



FORECAST FOR THE OCTOBER -NOVEMBER – DECEMBER 2026 SHORT G RAINS SEASONAL WEATHER
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1.0 Highlights of OND 2026 Short Rains Seasonal Weather Forecast

1.1 Outlook for October - November - December 2026

The OND 2026 Short Rains outlook indicates a high likelihood of above-average rainfall across much of Kajiado County. Given that the season contributes more than 40% of the county’s annual rainfall, the expected rains present significant opportunities for improved water availability, pasture regeneration, crop production and recharge of water sources.

However, above-average rainfall also presents potential risks, particularly from flash floods, soil erosion, waterlogging, infrastructure damage, transport disruptions and water- and vector-borne diseases. Rainfall is not expected to be continuous or evenly distributed, and isolated areas may experience intense rainfall over short periods.

I therefore urge farmers, pastoralists, county departments, development partners and the public to act early on this forecast. Communities should maximize water harvesting, prepare farms and livestock, inspect drainage systems and avoid crossing flooded rivers and roads.

The public should also continue following weekly, monthly and daily meteorological updates, since these provide more specific guidance for operational decisions.

The Kenya Meteorological Service Authority will continue monitoring ENSO, IOD, MJO and other weather systems and provide timely updates and advisories.

Our message is clear: let us harness the benefits of the expected rains while taking early action to minimize the associated risks. Preparedness today will determine whether the OND 2026 rains become a blessing or a disaster for Kajiado County.

1.2 Onset and Cessation

Sub counties	Onset	cessation	Distribution
All sub counties	3 rd to 4 th week of October 2026	Continues into January	Fair to good
North, Noth East, and North West sub county parts (Areas nearing Nairobi Metropolitan)	2 nd to 3 rd Week of October 2026	Continues into January	Fair to good

NB: Updates on the onset, distribution, and cessation of rainfall will be provided regularly through weekly, monthly forecasts as the season approaches. These updates will offer detailed insights into any changes and developments in rainfall patterns to keep stakeholders informed and support timely decision-making.

1.3. NATIONAL FORECAST

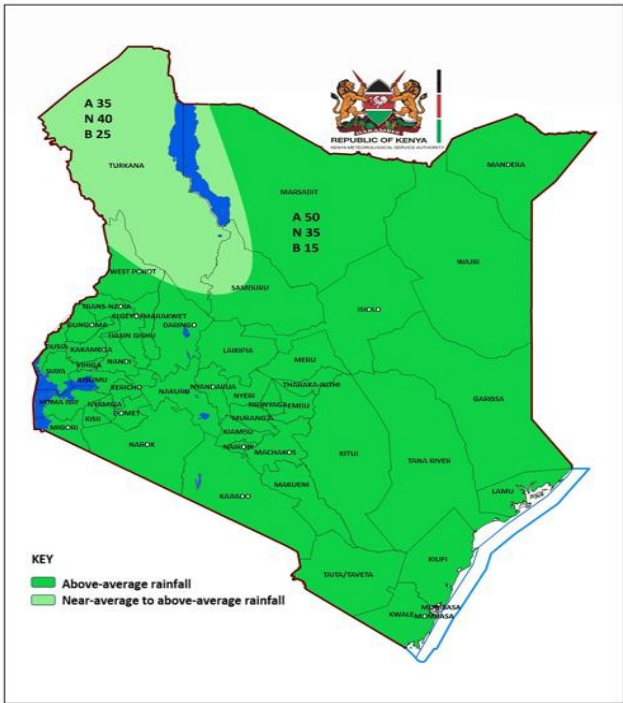


Fig. 1: National forecast OND 2026

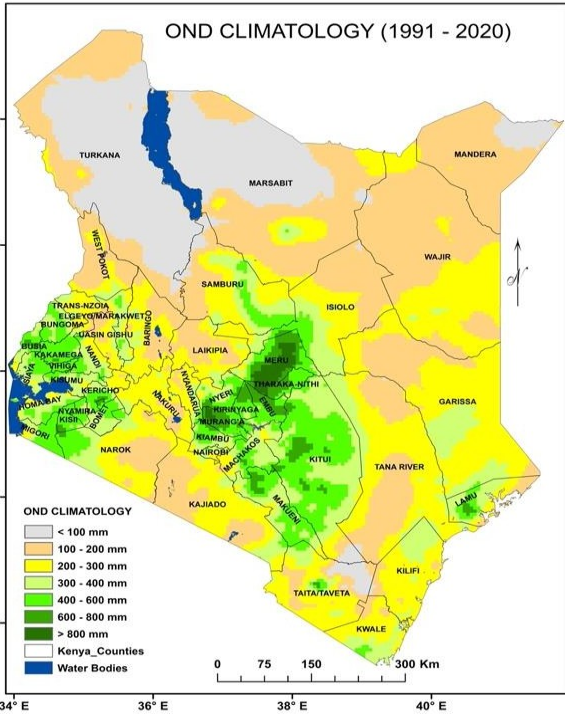


Figure 1a: October to December Rainfall Climatology

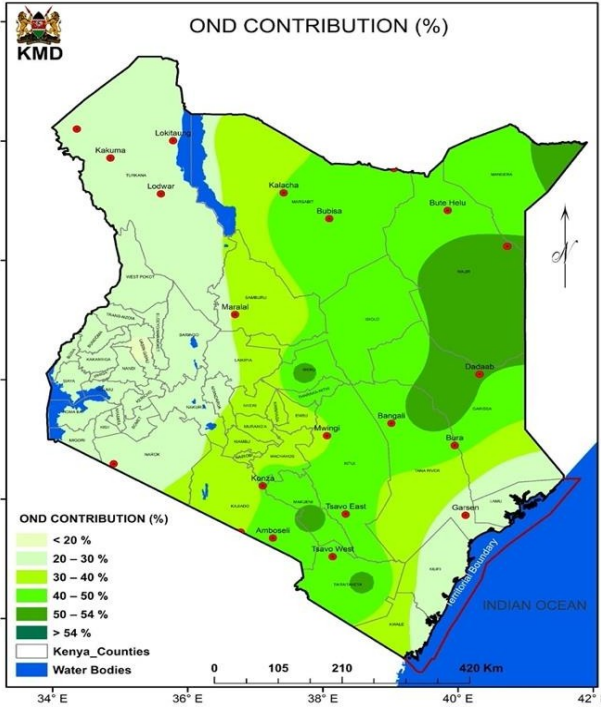
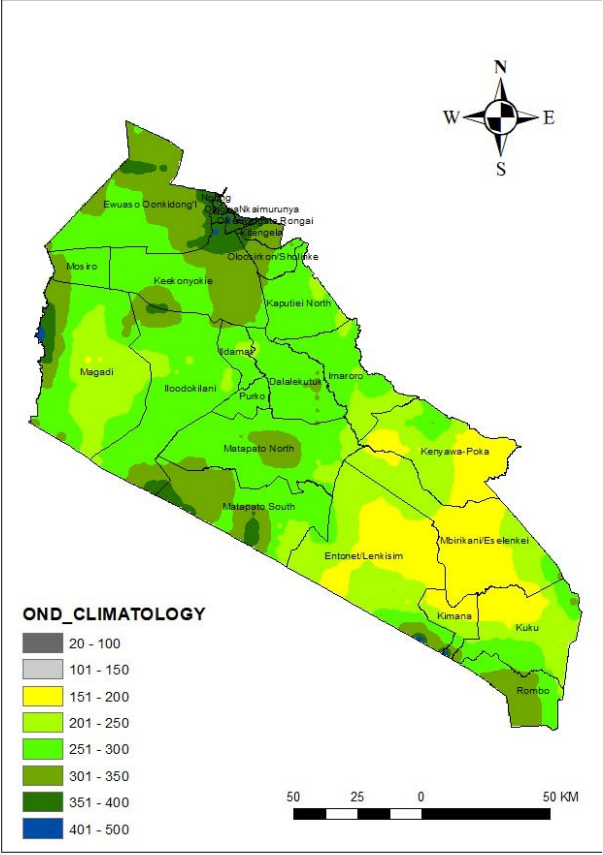


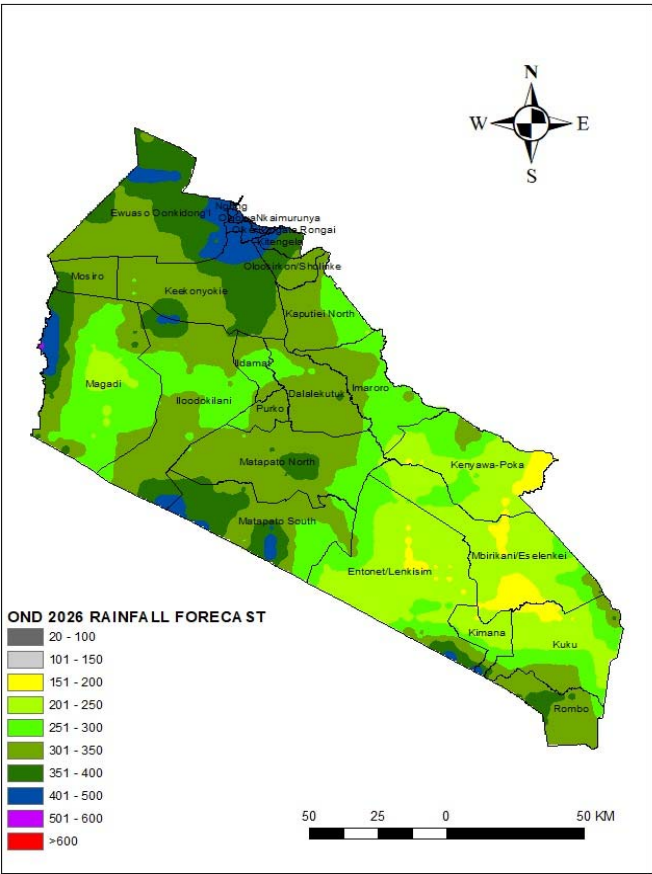
Figure 1b: OND contribution to Annual Rainfall

1.4. KAJIADO COUNTY DOWNSCALLED FORECREAT FOR OND 2026

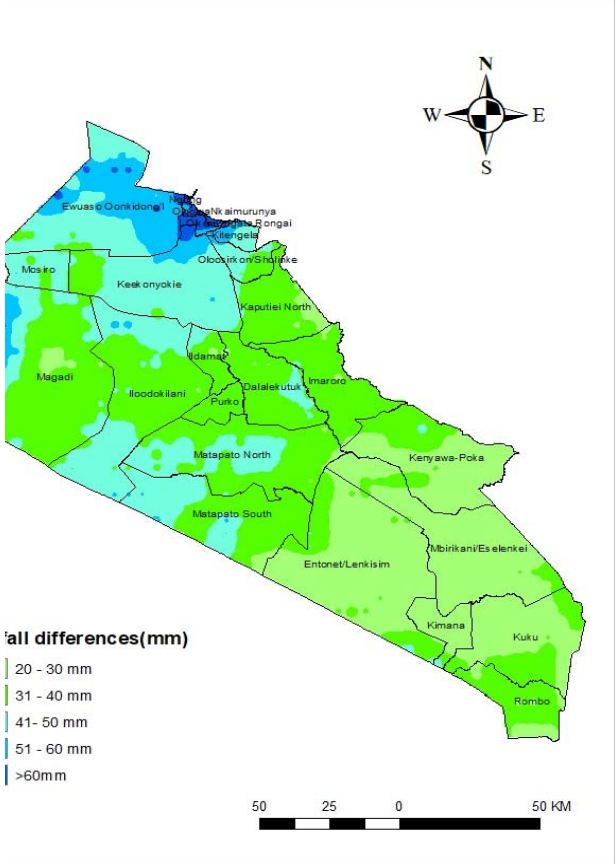
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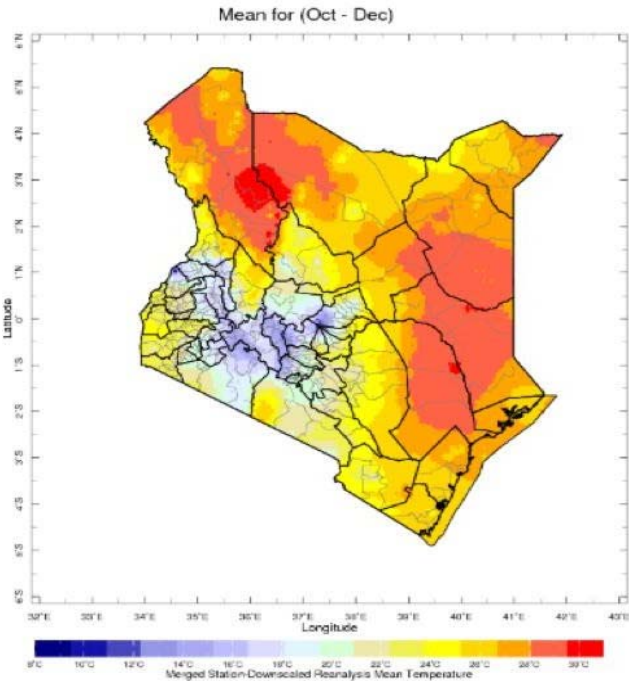
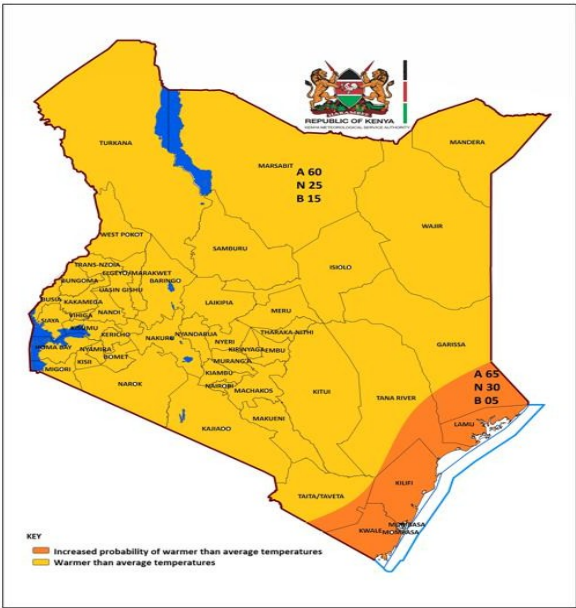


RAINFALL FCST DIFFERENCES



Probabilities of occurrences is as follows: Above average 50 %, Near Average 35% and below Average 15 %

1.2 Temperature Forecast



Temperature Forecast:

Increased probabilities of warmer than average temperatures

Fig. 4. Temperature probabilities

2.0 OND 2026 Seasonal Forecasts by Ward/ Sub county

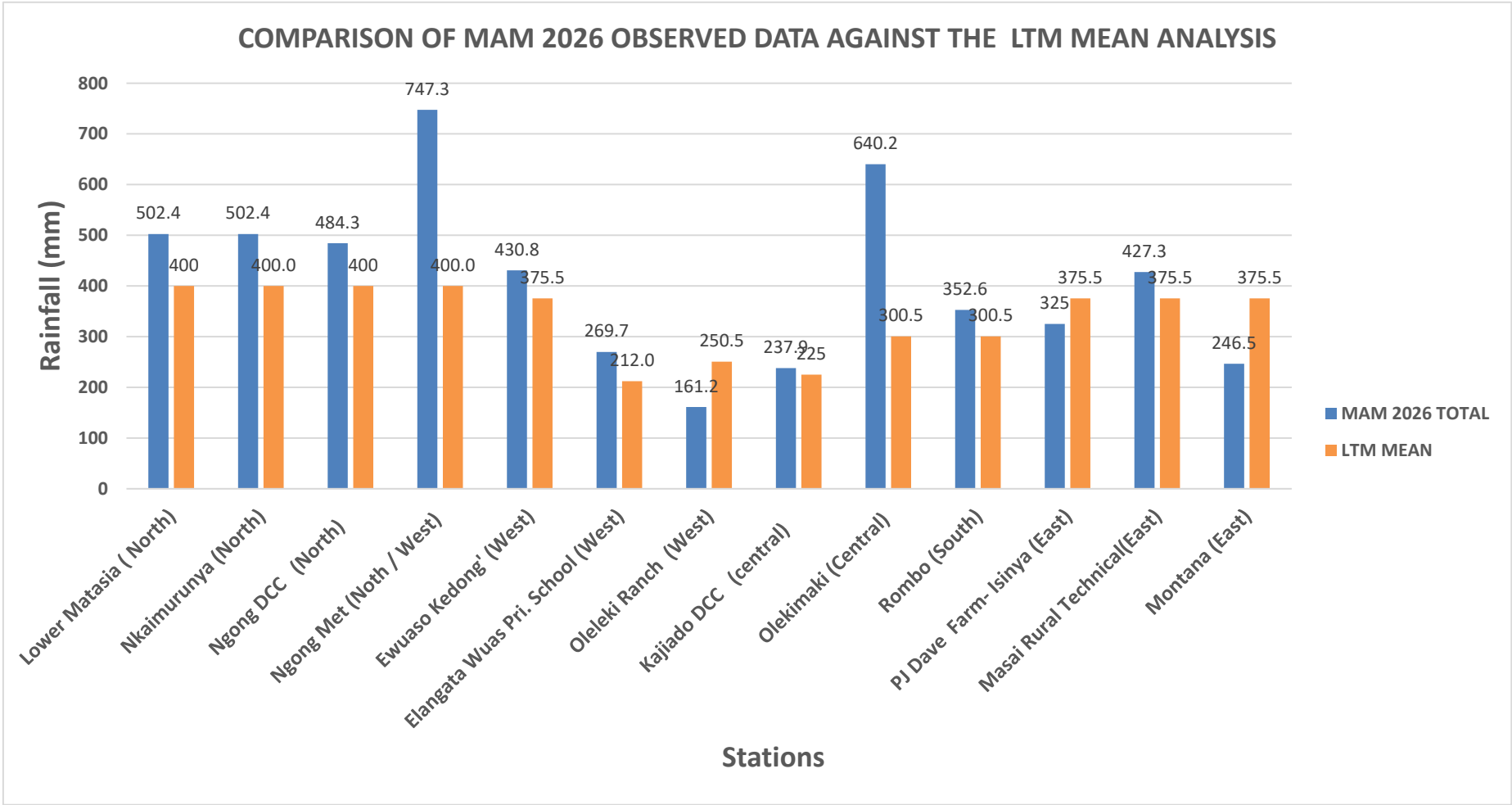
Kajiado County comprise of three homogeneous zone categorized as High, Medium and Lower zones based on topography as indicated below:

Sub-County	Wards	Topography	Seasonal Amount in mm	
			Normal (Long term average 1991-2020)	Forecast for OND 2026
Kajiado Central	Dalalekutuk	Medium	251 – 300	251 – 300 / 301 – 350
	Ildamat	Medium	251 – 300	251 – 300 / 301 – 350
	Purko	Medium	251 – 300	251 – 300 / 301 – 350
	Matapato North	High/medium	251 – 300 / 301 – 350	301 – 350 / 351 – 400
	Matapato South	High/medium	251 – 300 / 301 – 350 / 351 - 400	301 – 350 / 351 – 400 / 401 - 500
Kajiado West	Keekonyoike	Medium	251 – 300 / 301 – 350 / 351 – 400	301 – 350 / 351 – 400
	Mosiro	Medium	251 – 300 / 301 – 350	301 – 350 / 351 – 400
	Ewuaso Nkidong'	Medium	251 – 300 / 301 – 350	301 – 350 / 351 – 400/ 401 – 500
	Iloodokilani	Medium	251 – 300	251 – 300 / 301 – 350
	Magadi	low	201 – 250 / 251 – 300	251-300 / 301 - 350
Kajiado East	Kaputiei North	Medium	151 – 300	251 – 300 / 301 – 350
	Kitengela	Medium	301 – 350	351 – 400 / 401 – 500
	Oloorsirkon/Sholinke	high	251 – 300 / 301 – 350	351 – 400 / 402 – 500
	Kenyawa Poka	low	151 – 200 / 201 – 250 / 251 – 300	201 – 250 / 251 – 300

	Imaroro	Medium	201 – 250 / 251 – 300	251 – 300 / 301 – 350
Kajiado South	Rombo	High/ Medium	251 – 300 / 301 – 350	301 – 350 / 351 – 400
	Kimana	High/ Medium	151 – 200 / 201 – 250	251 – 300 / 301 – 350
	Kuku	High/ Medium	151 – 200 / 201 – 250 / 251 - 300	251 – 300 / 301 – 350
	Imbirikani/ Eselenkei	Low	151 – 200 / 201 – 250/ 251 – 300	151 – 200 / 201 – 250
	Entonet/ Lenkism	Low	151 – 200 / 201 – 250 / 251 - 300	151 – 200 / 201 – 250 / 251 - 300
Kajiado North	Ngong	High	351-400	401 - 500
	Oloolua	High	351-400	401 - 500
	Olkeri	high	351-400	401 - 500
	Ongata Rongai	Medium	351-400	401 - 500
	Nkaimurunya	high	351-400	401 - 500

3.0 REVIEW OF MARCH – APRIL – MAY (MAM 2026) LONG RAINS SEASONAL FORECAST

- The forecast indicated that the MAM 2026 season would be characterized by **near-normal to above-normal rainfall** over the northern and upper western parts of Kajiado County, while the eastern, central, southern and lower western areas were expected to receive **near-normal to below-normal rainfall**.
- The season was also forecast to have an **early onset**, average seasonal rainfall totals, **uneven temporal distribution**, intermittent dry spells, and warmer-than-average temperatures.
- Cessation was expected during the third to fourth week of May.
- *The season generally followed the forecast, although rainfall distribution varied considerably across the county.*
- *Early onset: Significant rainfall was experienced from late February into early March, allowing an earlier-than-normal start of the season.*
- *March: Most parts of the county received good rainfall, supporting timely land preparation, pasture regeneration and crop planting.*
- *April: Rainfall remained favourable over many areas, although its distribution became increasingly variable.*
- *May: Rainfall declined rapidly, with prolonged dry spells developing across many locations, resulting in an earlier end to the rainy season than expected in some areas.*
- *Overall, rainfall totals were close to normal in many locations, but the poor temporal distribution and prolonged dry spells reduced the effectiveness of the season for agriculture and water recharge.*



4.0 Commentary of County Weather forecaster:

1. Rainfall is expected to be above average in all sub counties
2. The distribution is likely to be fair to good both in time and space with intermittent dry spells
3. The temperature probabilities are likely to be warmer than average as shown the Fig.4
4. This forecast presents significant opportunities and risks that require proactive measures.

“ We therefore encourage farmers, pastoralists, water managers, county departments and the public to take advantage of the expected rains while putting in place appropriate measures to minimize the risks associated with heavy rainfall and possible flooding. The Kenya Meteorological Service will continue to monitor the evolving weather situation and provide regular updates to support timely and climate-informed decision-making.

”Stay safe and Thank you”.

KEY SCIENTIFIC TERMS

<i>Rainfall coverage</i>	
<i>Term</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
Above Normal (Average)	Higher rainfall than the normal / average amount received during the same rainy season over the last 30 years (> 125 %)
Normal (Average)	The normal / average amount rainfall received in the same rainy season over the last 30 years (75 – 125 %)
Below Normal (Average)	Lower rainfall than the normal / average amount received during the same rainy season over the last 30 years (< 75%)
Onset	The date of the first Significant rainfall at the start of the season
Cessation	The date of the last significant rainfall at the end of the rainy season

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NB: This outlook should be used together with the weekly, monthly, special forecasts and regular updates/advisories issued by County Meteorological Office.

You can also find more information about the climate and weather outlook in Kenya on the KMD website <http://www.meteo.go.ke>