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OCTOBER-NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2026 SEASONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK, & POTENTIAL IMPACTS:

1.0 Seasonal Rainfall Outlook for Oct-Nov-Dec (OND) 'Short Rains' 2026

This is an important season for farmers, pastoralists, households and institutions of learning, since its performance determines the availability of water sources, pastures/browse and food security to be utilized during the dry season next year 2027.

The Rainfall outlook for the short rains of Oct-Nov-Dec 2026 indicates that the Lowlands of this county is likely to receive **Near to above Average Rainfall** and **Above Average Rainfall** in the highlands (**Enhanced Rainfall**).

Detailed Forecast:

A. **LOWLANDS AREAS**:

Sub County, Wards or Areas of:

Pokot North and Kacheliba Sub Counties: Suam, Kodich, Kapchok, Kasei, Kiwawa and Alale

Pokot West Sub County: Lower Riwo, Endugh, Sook

Pokot South: Lower Cheparerai and lower Batei

Pokot Central: Lower Sekerr, Masol, lower Wei-wei and lower Lomut

- ***These wards and areas are likely to receive Near to Above Average rainfall over several places.***

B. HIGHLANDS AREAS

Sub County, Wards and Areas of:

Pokot West Sub County: Mnagei, Kapenguria and Siyoi

Pokot South Sub County: Lelan, Tapach, upper Chepareria and upper Batei

Pokot Central Sub County: Upper Wei-wei, upper Lomut, upper Sekerr

▶ **These wards and areas are likely to receive Above Average rainfall (Enhanced Rainfall)**

Find below OCT-NOV-DEC 2026 Rainfall Forecast and Climatology.

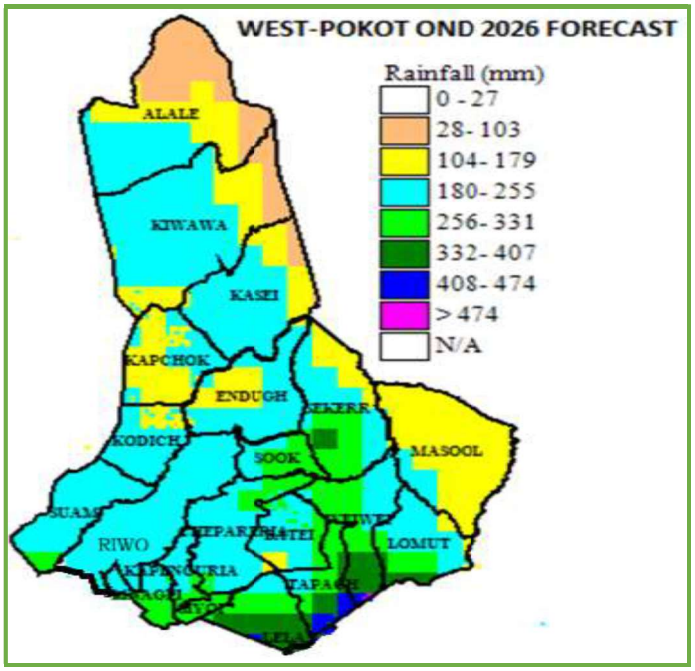


Fig. 1a: Oct-Nov-Dec. 2026 Rainfall Forecast

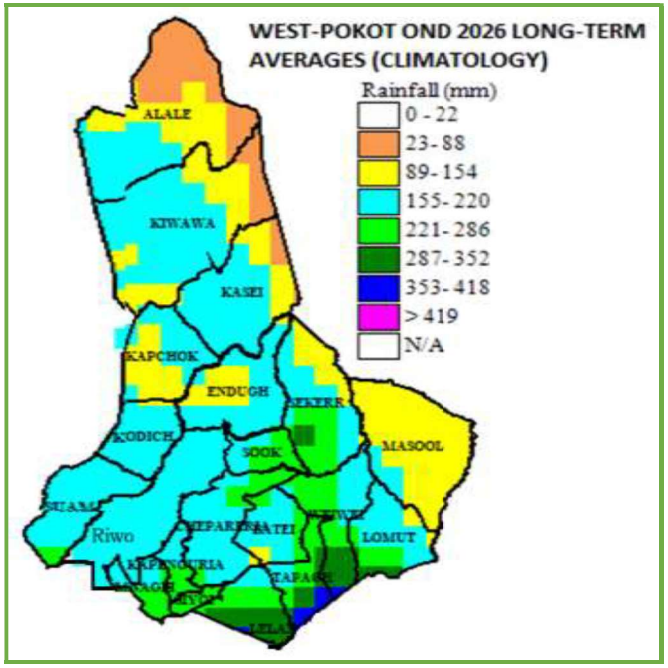


Fig. 1b: Oct-Nov-Dec. 2025 Rainfall Climatology

Analysis of October to December 2026 Rainfall Forecast (specific areas):

- *Potential areas of Kapenguria, Siyoi, Mnagei, Lelan, Tapach, upper Sook, upper Endugh, upper Wei-wei, upper Sekerr and upper Lomut may receive cumulative rainfall of between 256mm to about 407mm during the season.*
- *Lowland areas may receive rainfall of up to 255mm there about and still above its long term average.*

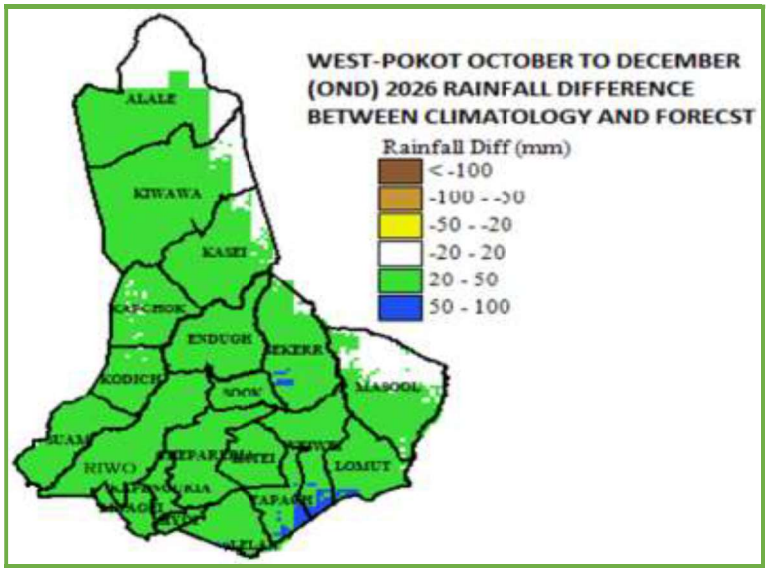


Fig. 1c: The difference between climatology and Forecast

Analysis: Is indicating a positive increase of 20-100mm over most places

2.0 Onset, Cessation and Distribution

Region	Onset Dates	Cessation Dates	Distributions
West Pokot County	Rainfall is likely to continue from September 2026.	Rainfall to continue into January 2027	Rainfall distributions (both temporal & spatial) are likely to be fair in October, Good in November and fair in December 2026.

Table 1: Oct-Nov-Dec, 2026 predicted Onsets' Cessations and Distributions

3.0: POTENTIAL IMPACTS

3.1 Agriculture, Food Security and Livestock Sectors

Farmers in the high potential areas in Pokot South, Kapenguria environs and transitional zones, where rainfall is anticipated to be Above Average, are advised to use modern technologies to increase farm yields and seek more advisories from the experts on seed systems and other agricultural practices. Livestock farmers to increase pasture establishments and rains water harvesting for use in the next dry season. Lowlands farmers to go for short, fast and drought tolerant seeds and possibly grow them this month of September 2026.

3.2 Disaster Management Unit

Enhanced Rainfall and likelihood of heavy storms may trigger landslides, floods and lightning strikes. Citizens in the hot spots areas are advised to be vigilante and take the necessary steps to avert any negative effects and stay resilient. Residing in a possible flood path and steeply escarpments is too dangerous not only before, during and after the season, but also during this era of changing climate and variability.

3.4 Transport and Public Safety

The anticipated Above-average rainfall may lead to foggy weather conditions in upper Pokot South and Kapenguria environs rendering transport systems impassable. So, road users are advised to be cautious while using our roads. Boda-boda riders are advised to negotiate corners in a low speed gears and more so during rainy periods when friction is low as a result of slippery conditions.

3.5 Water Resources Management Sector

Water recharge in all water sources is likely to improve in all areas and households are advised to harvest water to boost domestic water supply and livestock keeping. Boil water before use.

3.6 Health Sector

Cases of respiratory diseases such as asthma attacks, pneumonia, flu and common colds are expected to increase over the highlands. Citizens in these zones are advised to keep warm, and avoid using charcoal *Jikos* in poorly ventilated houses, has these produce carbon monoxide gas, which is lethal when inhaled. Malaria cases can emerge and the public is advised to use mosquito nets accordingly. Seek for more advisories from the experts.

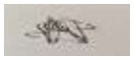
3.7 Environment

The Department of Environment and Forestry are encouraged to continue in the campaigns of increasing tree-cover especially in areas where rainfall is reliable. Farmers too are encouraged to grow fruit trees and indigenous as well until early October.

3.8. Energy

The Turkwel Hydro-power catchments areas are expected to experience near-average rainfall in the catchment areas and thus significant water inflow into the dam.

N/B: This outlook should be used with 24-hours, 5-day, 7-day, monthly forecasts, and regular updates issued by this department.



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