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KILIFI COUNTY OCTOBER-NOVEMBER-DECEMBER (OND] 2026 SEASONAL FORECAST.

1. Highlights.

Kilifi County is expected to experience **above-average (Above-Normal) rainfall** during the **October–November–December (OND) 2026 rainy season**. The onset of the rains is anticipated during the **second to third week of October 2026**, while cessation is expected during the **first to second week of December 2026**. Rainfall is generally expected to have **fair to good distribution in both space and time** across the county. However, **occasional isolated storms and prolonged wet spells** may occur in several parts of the county during the season.

Temperatures are expected to be higher than normal for the season.

Note: Updates on onset, distribution, and cessation of rainfall will be provided regularly through weekly and 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.

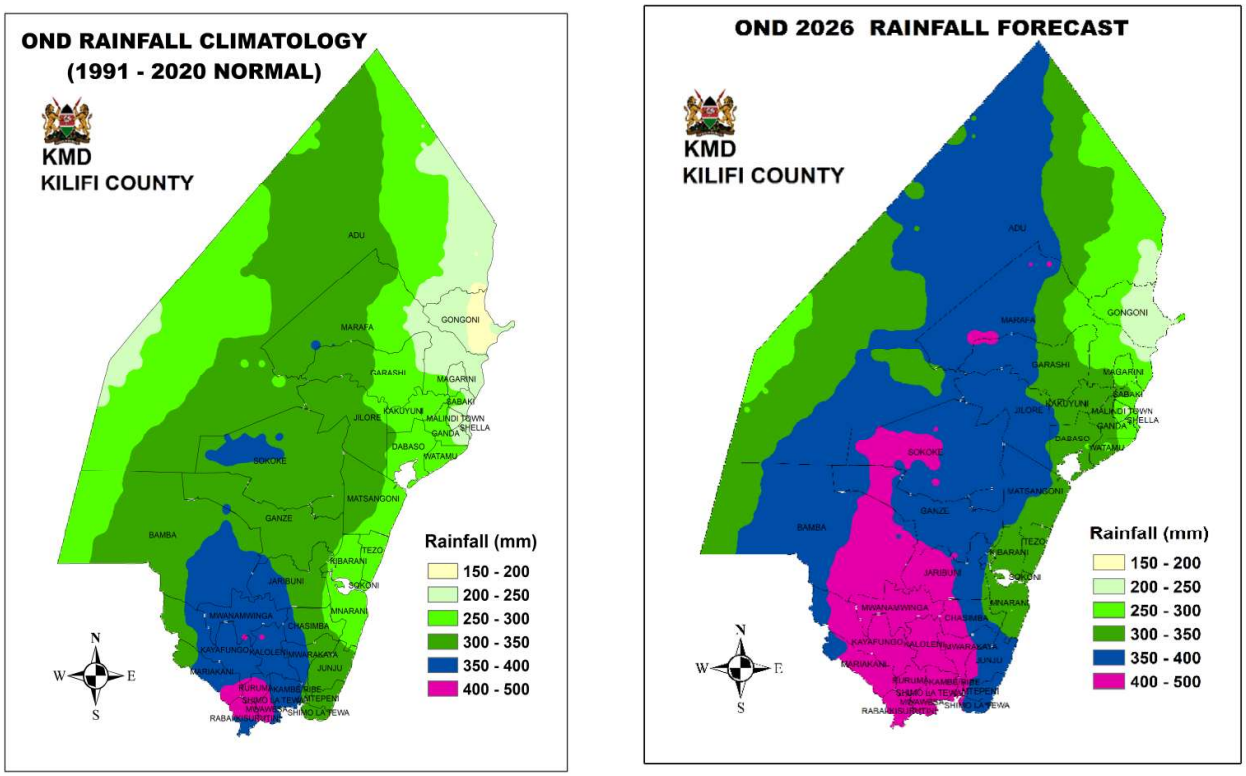


Figure 1. Showing the Long-Term Average (1991-2020 climatology) OND rainfall for Kilifi to the OND-2026 total rainfall forecast.

2. OND-2026 Seasonal Forecast by Ward.

Sub-County	Ward	Normal (LTM 1991-2020)	FORECAST FOR OND 2026	PROBABLE ONSET DATES	PROBABLE CESSATION DATES
Magarini	Marafa	200 – 350 mm	200 – 350 (Eastern); 350 – 400 (Western)	2nd to 3rd week of October 2026	1st to 2nd week of December 2026
	Magarini	200 - 250 mm	250 - 350 mm		
	Gongoni	200 - 250 mm	200 -300 mm		
	Adu	240 - 320 mm	200 400 mm		
	Garashi	200 - 350 mm	250 – 400 mm		
Malindi	Sabaki	220 – 270 mm	250 – 350 mm		
	Jilore	280 – 300 mm	350 – 400 mm		
	Kakuyuni	250 – 300 mm	300 – 350 mm		
	Ganda	240 – 300 mm	250 – 350 mm		
	Malindi Town	200 – 280 mm	250 – 350 mm		
Kilifi South	Junju	300 – 350 mm	350 – 500 mm		
	Mwarakaya	300 – 380 mm	350 – 500 mm		
	Chasimba	280 – 370 mm	300 – 500 mm		
	Mtepeni	300 – 350 mm	350 – 500 mm		
	Shimo La Tewa	300 – 350 mm	350 – 400 mm		
Kilifi North	Matsangoni	280 – 320 mm	300 – 400 mm		
	Watamu	250 – 290 mm	250 – 350 mm		

	Mnarani	250 – 290 mm	300 – 350 mm		
	Tezo	250 – 290 mm	300 – 350 mm		
	Sokoni	250 – 290 mm	300 – 350 mm		
	Dabaso	270 – 300 mm	300 – 350 mm		
	Kibarani	270 – 300 mm	300 – 350 mm		
Ganze	Sokoke	300 – 360 mm	350 – 500 mm		
	Ganze	300 – 380 mm	350 – 500 mm		
	Jaribuni	290 – 360 mm	350 – 500 mm		
	Bamba	320 – 370 mm	300 – 500 mm		
Kaloleni	Mariakani	320 – 400 mm	350 – 500 mm		
	Kayafungo	320 – 400 mm	350 – 500 mm		
	Kaloleni	350 – 400 mm	400 – 500 mm		
	Mwana Mwinga	350 – 400 mm	400 – 500 mm		
Rabai	Rabai	350 – 400mm	400 – 500 mm		
	Kambe/Ribe	350 – 400 mm	400 – 500 mm		
	Ruruma	350 – 400 mm	400 – 500 mm		
	Mwawesa	380 – 420 mm	400 – 500 mm		

3. Recommendations.

The expected above-average rainfall during the October–November–December (OND) 2026 rainfall season presents opportunities for **improved agricultural production, pasture development, livestock production, and replenishment of water resources**. However, the expected rainfall may also **increase the risk of flooding, waterlogging, road closures, water contamination, water-borne diseases, building damage, households being marooned, disruption of markets and schools, and landslides and slope failures, particularly in areas affected by quarrying and excavation activities**, as well as other weather-related impacts. With **adequate preparedness and timely action**, some of these **negative impacts can be reduced while maximizing the benefits of the expected rainfall**.

Residents and stakeholders in Kilifi County are therefore advised to take the following measures to **maximize the benefits of the expected rainfall and minimize associated risks**:

- **Agriculture and Planting**.
    - Farmers are advised to consider **crops and varieties appropriate for the expected rainfall conditions**, in consultation with agricultural extension officers where necessary.
    - Farmers practicing **dry planting** are advised to consider planting around the **forecast onset period**, taking into account updated weather forecasts and prevailing soil moisture conditions.
    - Farmers intending to **wet plant** should use the latest **weekly weather forecasts** to guide their planting decisions.
    - Farmers are encouraged to **adjust farm activities according to updated weather forecasts and prevailing weather and soil moisture conditions**, particularly during periods of heavy or prolonged rainfall.

- **Management of Excess Rainfall and Flooding**.
    - Residents, farmers and relevant stakeholders are encouraged to ensure that **drainage channels and waterways are clear and functional** before and during the rainy season, where applicable, to facilitate the free flow of water and reduce the risk of waterlogging and flooding.
    - Residents, particularly those living in **low-lying and flood-prone areas**, are advised to remain **alert to heavy rainfall and flood forecasts and warnings** issued by the **Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD)** and other relevant disaster management authorities.
    - During heavy rainfall and flooding, the public should **avoid crossing flooded rivers, streams, drainage channels and roads**, as water levels can rise rapidly and pose a danger to life.

- **Water Harvesting and Storage.**
    - Residents, farmers and institutions are encouraged to **harvest and store rainwater** for domestic, livestock and agricultural use during subsequent dry periods.

- **Livestock Management.**
    - Livestock keepers are advised to **monitor weather forecasts and prepare for periods of heavy or prolonged rainfall**.
    - Livestock should be kept away from **flood-prone areas, riverbanks and other low-lying areas**, particularly during periods of heavy rainfall.

- **Schools, Institutions and Households**.
    - Schools, institutions, businesses and households are encouraged to **check roofs, drainage systems, buildings and access routes for possible weather-related vulnerabilities** before the onset of the rains and seek appropriate technical assistance where necessary.
    - Parents, teachers and caregivers are advised to **sensitize children on flood and thunderstorm safety** and discourage them from going near **flooded rivers, drainage channels, ponds, dams and other water bodies**.

- **Protection of Vulnerable Groups**
    - Communities are advised to pay particular attention to **children, older persons, persons living with disabilities and other people who may require additional assistance** during hazardous weather conditions.
    - Residents in flood-prone and hard-to-reach areas should make **early preparations** and ensure that vulnerable members of the community can access safe areas when necessary.

- **Fisheries and Coastal Activities**
    - Fishermen and other marine users are advised to **follow relevant marine weather forecasts, warnings and safety advisories** before undertaking activities at sea.

- **Water Contamination and Water-Borne Diseases**.
    - During periods of **heavy rainfall and flooding**, residents are advised to remain alert to the increased risk of **water contamination and water-borne diseases** and follow guidance issued by the relevant health and water authorities.

- **Thunderstorms and Strong Winds.**
    - During **thunderstorms**, the public should seek shelter in **safe buildings** and avoid open or exposed areas, isolated trees and water bodies.

- **Landslides and Slope Failures.**
    - Communities located near **quarries, excavated areas and potentially unstable slopes** are encouraged to closely monitor **KMD rainfall forecasts and warnings** and take early precautionary action when heavy or prolonged rainfall is expected.

- ***Road and Travel Safety***.
    - The public should exercise **extra caution on roads that are prone to flooding, waterlogging, poor visibility or temporary closure** during heavy rainfall and follow guidance from the relevant road and safety authorities where applicable.

- **Use of Weather Information.**
    - The public is advised to use **weekly weather forecasts and other official weather updates** to guide day-to-day decisions, particularly during periods of heavy rainfall, thunderstorms, strong winds and possible flooding.
    - Community leaders and other stakeholders are encouraged to **support the timely dissemination of official weather information**, particularly to people living in flood-prone, low-lying, coastal and hard-to-reach areas.

- Residents, farmers, livestock keepers, fishermen, institutions and other stakeholders are encouraged to **regularly monitor official weather forecasts, advisories and warnings issued by the Kenya Meteorological Department throughout the OND 2026 season**.

4. How to get Weather Updates.

Weekly weather forecasts and other official weather updates can be accessed through the official Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) website: **https://meteo.go.ke**.

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