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VIHIGA COUNTY
WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Date of issue: Monday 5th October 2026

Forecast validity: Tuesday, 6th October 2026 to Monday, 12th October 2026

General Weather Outlook.

- The forecast indicates **increasingly humid/cloudy mornings, warm afternoons with frequent showers or thunderstorms, and generally mild nights**, with rainfall becoming more persistent in some areas.
- Expected temperature range: (**Morning: about 16-20°C; Afternoon: about 26-30°C; Night: about 17-21°C**);
- **Cooler periods:** during persistent cloud/rain, especially over elevated areas;
- **Warmer periods:** during breaks in cloud cover in the afternoons.

Key Weather Highlights			
S/No	Sub-County	Wards	Weather conditions
1	Hamisi East	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Shamakhokho;• Muhudu;• Shiru.	Morning: Cool/cloudy; mist Afternoon: Warm; showers and thunderstorms in several areas. Night: Mild; Occasional rains.
2	Hamisi West	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Banja;• Tambua;• Jepkoyai;• Gisambai.	
3	Sabatia	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lyaduywa/Izava;• West Sabatia;• Chavakali;• North Maragoli;• Wodanga;• Busali	Morning: Cool/mild; partly cloudy. Afternoon: Warm; Moderate/frequent showers/thunderstorms. Night: Mild; Occasional rains

4	Vihiga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lugaga-Wamuluma; • South Maragoli; • Central Maragoli; • Mungoma. 	Morning: Cool/cloudy. Afternoon: Warm; Moderate/frequent showers and thunderstorms. Night: Mild; cloudy; occasional showers/rains
5	Emuhaya	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North East Bunyore; • North Bunyore; • West Bunyore; • South Bunyore; • Central Bunyore. 	Morning: Cool/mild; partly cloudy. Afternoon: Warm; Scattered to fairly widespread showers/thunderstorms. Night: Mild; occasional rains
6	Luanda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luanda Township; • Wemilabi; • Mwibona; • Luanda South; • Emabungo. 	Morning: Mild; partly cloudy. Afternoon: Warm, showers/thunderstorms. Night: Mild; Occasional rains.

Weekly Weather Forecast							
Sub-Counties (Hamisi East, Hamisi West, Sabatia, Vihiga, Emuhaya and Luanda)							
Day/Date	Tuesday 06 October 2026	Wednesday 07 October 2026	Thursday 08 October 2026	Friday 09 October 2026	Saturday 10 October 2026	Sunday 11 October 2026	Monday 12 October 2026
Morning	 Cool to mild; cloudy intervals	 Cool/cloudy; mist possible in elevated areas	 Cool; cloudy with sunny intervals	 Cool; cloudy intervals	 Cool/cloudy intervals; mist in elevated areas	 Cool; cloudy intervals	 Cool to mild; cloudy intervals
Afternoon	 Warm; scattered showers/thunderstorms	 Warm; showers and thunderstorms	 Warm; scattered showers/thunderstorms	 Warm; showers and thunderstorms	 Scattered to fairly widespread showers/thunderstorms	 Warm; showers and thunderstorms likely	 Warm; showers/thunderstorms

Night	 Mild; cloudy, isolated showers	 Mild; cloudy with occasional rain	 Mild; occasional showers	 Mild; cloudy, occasional rain	 Mild; cloudy with occasional rain	 Mild; occasional rain	 Mild; partly cloudy with isolated showers
Rainfall Distribution	Several places	Several places	Several places	Several places	Several places	Several places	Several places
Max. Temp.	29°C	29°C	29°C	28°C	26°C	25°C	26°C
Min. Temp.	17°C	17°C	17°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	17°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) Agricultural advisories

- Use **dry morning intervals** for weeding, harvesting and field operations;
- Avoid harvesting mature crops immediately before expected afternoon storms;
- Improve drainage in maize and beans fields; particularly valley bottoms and other waterlogging-prone areas;
- Monitor maize and beans for **fungal disease, excessive moisture and lodging**;
- Avoid spraying pesticides/fungicides immediately before rainfall;
- Farmers should prepare early for **post-harvest drying**, because persistent October rainfall can delay drying and increase storage losses;
- Strengthen terraces, contours and other soil-conservation structures against runoffs and erosion;

2) Public Safety advisories

- Take shelter when thunderstorms develop; avoid open fields, hilltops and isolated trees;
- Avoid crossing flooded streams and bridges during or immediately after heavy rainfall;
- Clear blocked drainage channels around homes, schools, markets and health facilities;
- Secure roofs, temporary structures and loose materials against strong winds;
- Communities in flooded-prone and steep areas should remain alert for **flash flooding, soil erosion and localized landslides**.

Weekly Summary

Rainfall trend:

- **6-8 October 2026:** Rainfall becomes increasingly frequent, mainly during afternoons and evenings;
- **9-10 October 2026:** Higher likelihood of scattered showers and thunderstorms, with some areas receiving moderate rainfall;
- **11-12 October 2026:** Continued rainfall potential, including locally heavy thunderstorms. Because convective rainfall is highly localized, neighboring wards may receive substantially different amount.

SMS version of the weekly forecast

Vihiga Weekly 6th - 12th October 2026: Tue, Wed, Thu, Sun, Mon: he rain many 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.

