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VIHIGA COUNTY
WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Date of issue: Monday 19th October 2026

Forecast validity: Tuesday, 20th October 2026 to Monday, 26th October 2026

General Weather Outlook.

- The County is likely to experience **warm conditions, sunny intervals and recurring afternoon or evening showers and thunderstorms** during much of this forecast period.
- Some areas may receive rain while others remain dry as rainfall is often localized.
- Expected temperature range: (Morning: Mild to warm, 19-23°C; Afternoon: Warm, storms, 29-31°C; Night: Cloudy intervals, 20-24°C);

Key Weather Highlights			
S/No	Sub-County	Wards	Weather conditions
1	Tiriki East	• Shamakhokho; • Muhudu; • Shiru.	Morning: Mostly cloudy; and mist possible especially over elevated areas; Afternoon: Warm showers and thunderstorms possible on Tuesday to Sunday; Night: Cloudy intervals and possible showers/thunderstorms.
2	Hamisi	• Banja; • Tambua; • Jepakoyai; • Gisambai.	Morning: Mostly cloudy; and mist possible especially over elevated areas; Afternoon: Warm showers and thunderstorms possible on Tuesday to Sunday; Night: Cloudy intervals and possible showers/thunderstorms.
3	Sabatia	• Lyaduywa/Izava; • West Sabatia; • Chavakali; • North Maragoli; • Wodanga; • Busali	Morning: Sunny intervals; Afternoon: Warm; isolated showers or thunderstorms possible; Night: Partly cloudy; showers/thunderstorms possible.

4	Vihiga	• Lugaga-Wamuluma; • South Maragoli; • Central Maragoli; • Mungoma.	Morning: Sunny intervals; Afternoon: Warm; showers and thunderstorms likely; Night: Partly cloudy; showers/thunderstorms possible.
5	Emuhaya	• North East Bunyore; • North Bunyore; • West Bunyore; • South Bunyore; • Central Bunyore.	Morning: Sunny intervals; Afternoon: Warm; showers/thunderstorms possible; Night: Partly cloudy; showers possible.
6	Luanda	• Luanda Township; • Wemilabi; • Mwibona; • Luanda South; • Emabungo.	Morning: Mostly sunny; Afternoon: Warm; showers/thunderstorms possible; Night: Partly cloudy; showers possible.

Weekly Weather Forecast							
Sub-Counties (Hamisi East, Hamisi West, Sabatia, Vihiga, Emuhaya and Luanda)							
Day/Date	Tuesday 20 October 2026	Wednesday 21 October 2026	Thursday 22 October 2026	Friday 23 October 2026	Saturday 24 October 2026	Sunday 25 October 2026	Monday 26 October 2026
Morning	 Mostly sunny; mild to warm	 Sunny intervals; isolated early showers possible	 Cloudy intervals	 Mostly cloudy; isolated showers possible	 Mild; mostly cloudy	 Partly cloudy; sunny intervals	 Partly cloudy to sunny
Afternoon	 Sunny intervals; isolated thunderstorms possible	 Cloudy build up; showers or thunderstorms possible	 Showers or thunderstorms possible	 Cloudy; isolated thunderstorms possible	 Warm; showers or thunderstorms possible	 Warm; thunderstorms possible	 Mostly sunny; showers possible

Night	 Partly cloudy; showers possible	 Partly to mostly cloudy	 Cloudy; showers possible	 Cloudy; showers possible	 Cloudy; showers or thunderstorms possible	 Partly cloudy; thunderstorms	 Partly to mostly cloudy
Rainfall Distribution	Several places	Several places	Several places	Several places	Several places	Several places	Few places
Max. Temp.	28°C	28°C	27°C	26°C	26°C	24°C	27°C
Min. Temp.	18°C	18°C	19°C	18°C	18°C	18°C	18°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 for residents and farmers.

- **Maize and beans:** Take advantage of suitable dry intervals for fieldwork, but avoid working in exposed fields during thunderstorms;
- **Harvesting and drying:** Protect grain, beans and other produce from sudden showers; ensure adequate ventilation during drying and storage;
- **Heavy rainfall:** Inspect drainage around homes, farms and roads. Watch for localized flooding, erosion and waterlogging;
- **Lightning:** Seek shelter in a substantial building or enclosed vehicle when thunder is heard. Avoid isolated trees and open fields;
- **Livestock:** Provide secure shelter and avoid moving animals through flooded streams or waterlogged paths;

SMS version of the weekly forecast

Vihiga Weekly 20th - 26th October 2026: Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun; mo rain many PM 1, 2, 3; Wed, Fri; he rain many AM/PM 1, 2, 3; Mon; li rain few 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.
3	Likely	51% - 75%	There event is more probable than not.
4	Expected	76% - 90%	There is high confidence.
5	Very likely	91% - 99%	There is very high confidence. Almost certain.
6	Certain	100%	The event is guaranteed to occur.

APPENDIX II: VIHIGA COUNTY CLIMATOLOGICAL ZONES

