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Weekly Weather forecast for Kitui County

1.1 PART I: WEEKLY FORECAST FOR THE PERIOD 22nd to 28th April 2025 Weather forecast Table

| Sub County | | Probable Total weekly amount | | ght rains <1-5 m | Winds (km/h kilometers per hour) | Temp (Tmax °C & Tmin °C) | | | | | |
|-----------------|----------------|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|---|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|--------|--------------|
| | | (mm) | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Weekly | Weekly |
| | Nguutani | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | km/h | |
| Mwingi | Kyome/Thaana | >20mm | Moderate rain | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | Max 23-29 °C |
| West | Kiomo/Kyethani | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | Min 17-20 °C |
| | Migwani | >20mm | Moderate rain | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| Mwingi North | Ngomeni | >20mm | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | Kyuso | >20mm | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |

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| | | (mm) | Tue | Wed | Thur | Fri | Sat | Sun | Mon | Weekly | Weekly |
| | Tseikuru | >20mm | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | Easterly 14.4 km/h | Max 25-31 °C Min 18-22 °C |
| | Tharaka | >20mm | Heavy rain | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | = 0 = 0 |
| | Mumoni | >20mm | Heavy rain | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | Central | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | Easterly 14.4 km/h | |
| | Kivou | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| Mwingi | Mui | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | Max 25-31 °C |
| Central | Waita | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | Min 18-21 °C |
| | Nuu | >20mm | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | Nguni | >20mm | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | Ikanga/Kyatune | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | Mutomo/Kibwea | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| Kitui South | Kanziko/Simisi | >20mm | Moderate rain | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | Easterly 14.4 | Max 25-31 °C |
| | Mutha | >20mm | Moderate rain | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | km/h | Min 19-21 °C |

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| | Ikutha | >20mm | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | | | rain | rain | rain | rain | | | | | |
| | Athi | >20mm | Moderate | Heavy rain | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | | | rain | | rain | rain | | | | | |
| | Chuluni | >20mm | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | | | rain | rain | rain | rain | | | | | |
| | Nzambani | >20mm | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | | | rain | rain | rain | rain | | | | | |
| | Mutito/Kaliku | >20mm | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | Factori, 14.4 | |
| Kitui East | | | rain | rain | rain | rain | | | | Easterly 14.4 km/h | Max 24-30 °C Min 18-21 °C |
| | Zombe/Mwitika | >20mm | Moderate | Heavy rain | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | | | rain | | rain | rain | | | | | |
| | Voo/Kyamatu | >20mm | Moderate | Heavy rain | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | | | rain | | rain | rain | | | | | |
| | Endau/Malalani | >20mm | Moderate | Heavy rain | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | | | rain | | rain | rain | | | | | |
| | Mbitini | >20mm | Moderate | Heavy rain | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | | | rain | | rain | rain | | | | | |
| | Kisasi | >20mm | Moderate | Heavy rain | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| Kitui Rural | | | rain | | rain | rain | | | | Easterly 14.4 | Max 24-28 °C |
| Kitui Kurai | Kanyangi | >20mm | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain Light rain km/h | km/h | Min 18-20 °C |
| | | | rain | rain | rain | rain | | | | | |
| | Yatta/Kwa Vonza | >20mm | Moderate | Heavy rain | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | | | rain | | rain | rain | | | | | |
| Kitui West | Kauwi | >20mm | Moderate | Heavy rain | Moderate | Moderate | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | | | rain | | rain | rain | | | | | |

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| | Mutonguni | >20mm | Moderate rain | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | Easterly 14.4 | Max 22-27 °C |
| | Matinyani | >20mm | Moderate rain | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | Min 16-19 °C |
| | Kwa Mutonga/Kithumula | >20mm | Moderate rain | Heavy rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | Kyangwithya East | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | Easterly 14.4 km/h | |
| | Kyangwithya West | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| Kitui Central | Township | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | Max 23-28 °C Min 17-21 °C |
| | Mulango | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |
| | Miambani | >20mm | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Moderate rain | Light rain | Light rain | Light rain | | |

1.2 Review for March 2025

The onset of the March-April-May (MAM) "Long Rains" season in the County occurred during the second and third week over few places and the rest during the fourth week of March. Near-to-above-average rainfall was recorded over several parts of the County. Maximum and minimum temperatures were generally warmer than average over several part of the County.

Analysis up to 30th March showed Kiguru station in Tharaka Ward recorded the highest rainfall amount (440.6 mm), followed by other stations exceeding 200 mm: Kitui (370.9 mm), Kawelo (230.5 mm), Kasunguni (221.0 mm), Kanyangi (216.7 mm) and Mutha Chief's Camp (206.5 mm).

1.3 Outlook for April 2025

The April 2025 rainfall forecast is derived from regression analysis of Sea Surface Temperature Anomalies (SSTAs) and Sea Surface Temperature (SST) gradient. Currently, the Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD) is neutral and weak La Niña conditions are still present. The forecast indicates that most parts of the County will experience near to above normal rainfall during the month. Temperatures are also likely to be above average over the entire County.

1.4 PART II: FURTHER ADVISORIES

SUMMARY ABOUT THE WEEKLY FORECAST:

Morning rains as well as afternoon and night showers and thunderstorms are expected over several places with more intensity during the first days of the forecast period. Maximum temperatures are expected to range from 22°C - 31°C, while minimum temperatures are expected to range from 16°C - 22°C. Strong North easterly to Easterly winds with speeds exceeding 12.5 knots (6.5 m/s) are expected in most parts of the County. Community members advised to inculcate the culture of being "weather – ready", "climate – smart" and "water – wise" as we navigate the unfamiliar and chaotic environment of a changing climate. This will help them adapt to a changing climate while at the same time mitigating the adverse effects of Climate Change and Variability, hence becoming more resilient to the vagaries of Climate Change. In light of this weather forecast, farmers are also advised to consult with respective local extension officers from the County Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock at ward level for more advice on the best farm practices.

Note: 1 mm of rainfall is equivalent to 1 litre of rainfall per square meter.

KEY OF SCIENTIFIC WORDS USED

| Rainfall categories | | | | | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| Range | Category | | | | | | |
| <5 mm | Light | | | | | | |
| 5 - 20mm | Moderate | | | | | | |
| 20 - 50mm | Heavy | | | | | | |
| >50mm | Very heavy | | | | | | |
| | Rainfall coverage | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | |
| Term | Meaning | | | | | | |
| Most Places | Between 66% and 100% | | | | | | |
| Several Places | Between 33% and 66% | | | | | | |
| Few Places | Below 33% | | | | | | |
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Ushauri wa Idara ya Utabiri wa Hali ya Hewa:

Mvua za Masika zinaendelea kunyesha karibu sehemu zote za Kaunti ya Kitui, kwa hivyo wakulima wanashauriwa waandelee kupalilia mimea yao na pia kuweka mbolea.

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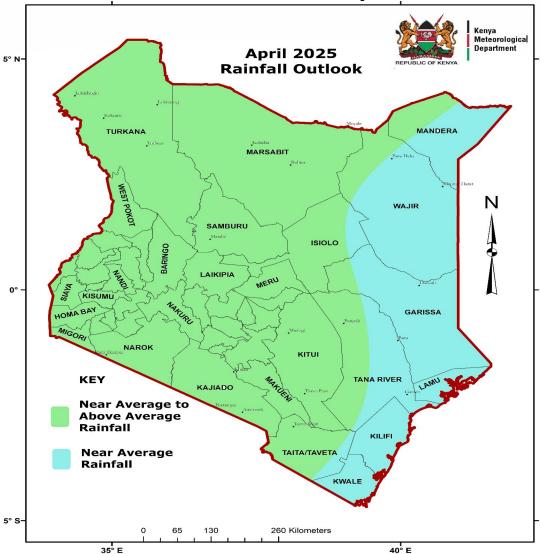
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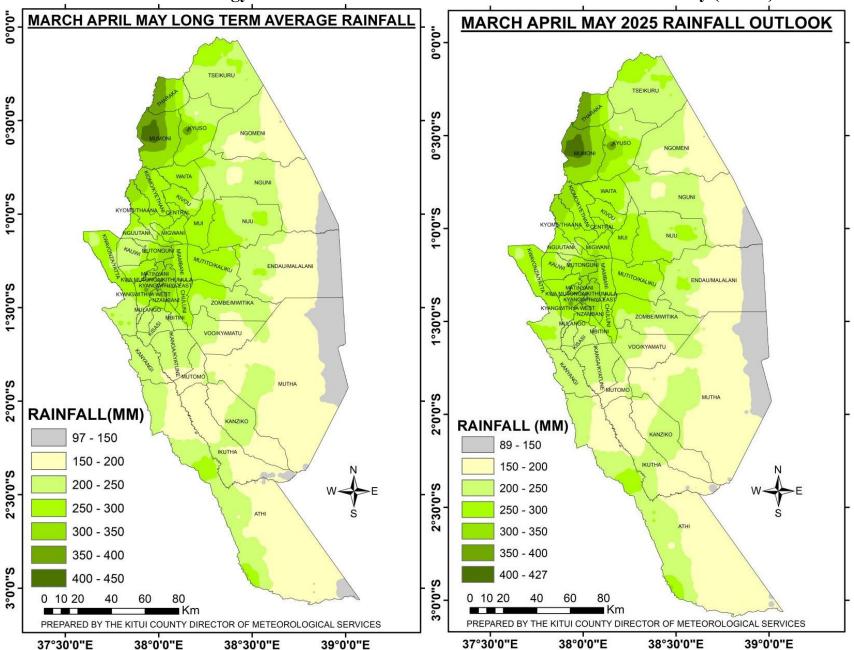
You can find more information about the climate and weather in Kenya on the KMD website http://www.meteo.go.ke/

Annex I: Rainfall forecast for the month of April 2025



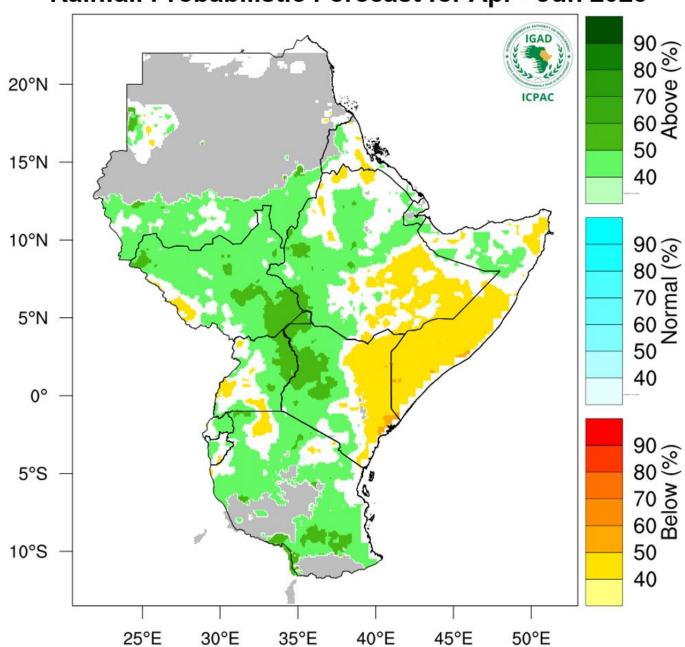
NB: Near to above normal rainfall expected over most places during the month of April 2025 in the County

Annex II: Rainfall Climatology versus Rainfall Forecast for the months of March to May (MAM) 2025



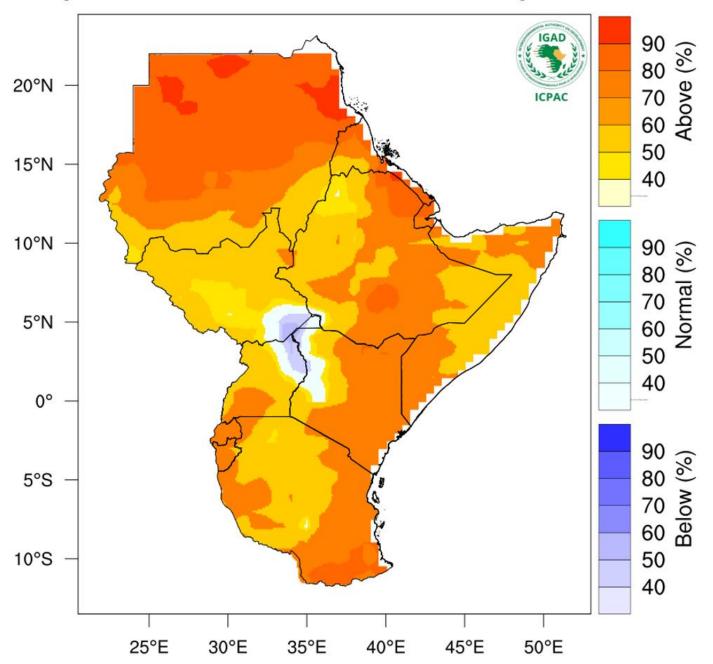
NB: The expected rainfall amounts in the county are likely to be normal to below the long-term average for the season. Onset is expected during the 4^{th} week of March to 1^{st} week of April.

Rainfall Probabilistic Forecast for Apr - Jun 2025



Annex IV: Temperature forecast for the months of April to June 2025

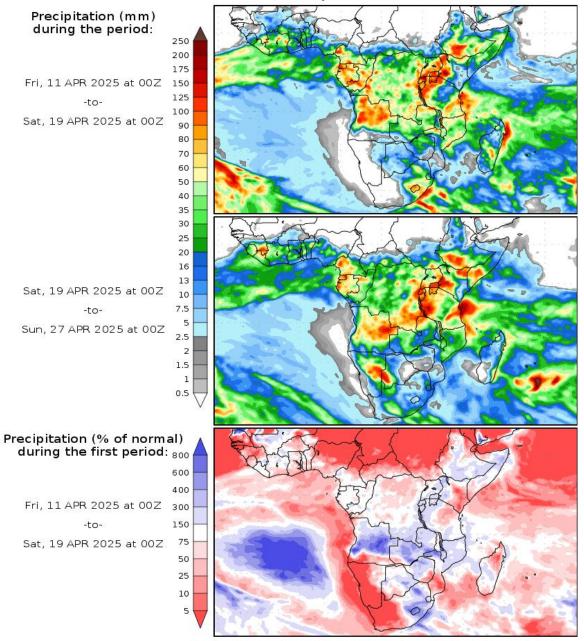
Temperature Probabilistic Forecast for Apr - Jun 2025



NB: Warmer than usual conditions indicated over most parts of Kitui County between April and June 2025

Annex V: Rainfall forecast for 20th April to 6th May, 2025

Precipitation Forecasts



Precipitation forecasts from the National Centers for Environmental Prediction. Normal rainfall derived from Xie-Arkin (CMAP) Monthly Climatology for 1979-2003. Forecast Initialization Time: 00Z11APR2025