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PREAMBLE

Biometeorology is an interdisciplinary science of interactions between atmospheric processes and living organisms - plants, animals and human-beings. The Biometeorological Services Division collects, analyzes and interprets Meteorological and Health data in liaison with partners in the Health Sector for advisory development.

The weather information provided is aimed at guiding residents to identify and recognize the likelihood of occurrence of weather-related health diseases according to the issued advisories and take necessary action.

REVIEW FOR PREVIOUS WEEK (10TH MARCH – 16TH MARCH, 2025)

1.1 Rainfall

This section lists stations recorded more than **50mm** total rainfall in the last **7 days**. Station such as **JKIA** recorded total weekly rainfall above **50mm**. This is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1:

Station	Total weekly amounts	rainfall
JKIA	84.4mm	

1.2 High Temperatures

This section lists stations that recorded average temperatures exceeding 35°C in the last 7 days. Temperatures in some counties including Wajir, Garissa, and Mandera recorded average weekly temperatures exceeding 35°C as shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2:

Station	Average weekly maximum temperature
Mandera Met	39.7°C
Wajir Met	37.6°C
Garissa Met	37.5°C

1.3 Low Temperatures

This section lists stations that recorded average temperatures below 10°C in the last 7 days. Station such as Nyandarua (Nyahururu) recorded lower temperatures. The station recorded an average weekly temperature below 10°C as shown in Table 3 below.

Table 3:

Station	Average weekly minimum temperature.
Nyahururu Met	9.0°C

1.4 High Winds

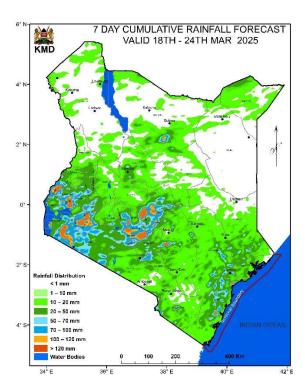
This section list stations that recorded winds with speeds of more than 25 knots (12.9 metres per sec) in the last 7 days. This was recorded in Marsabit Met station.

$2.0\;FORECAST\;FOR\;(18^{TH}\;MARCH-24^{TH}\;MARCH\;2025)$

Rainfall

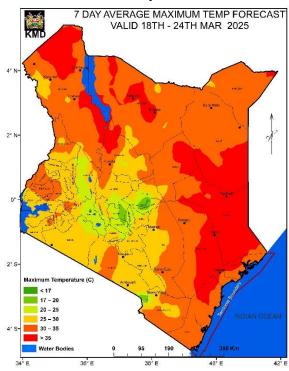
Rainfall amounts exceeding 50mm is to be expected over some parts of the Kakamega, Kajiado, Makueni, Bungoma, Busia, Kisumu, Homabay, Nyamira, Narok, Kericho, Bomet, Westpokot, Kisii, Murang'a, Kiambu, Nairobi, Nyeri, Embu, Murang'a, Marsabit, Kilifi, Tana river, Garissa and

Nyandarua Counties during the forecast period of Tuesday 18th March 2025 to Monday 24th March 2025.



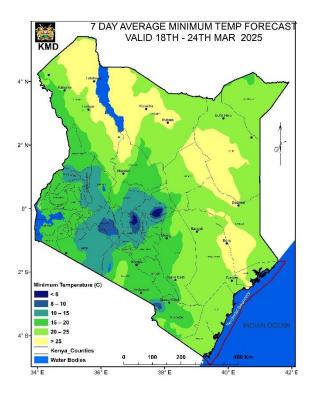
High Temperature

Temperatures exceeding 35°C is to be expected in parts of Garissa, Wajir, Kilifi, Tana River, Samburu, Isiolo and Turkana (Lodwar) Counties during the forecast period of Tuesday 18th March 2025 to Monday 24th March 2025.



Low Temperature

Temperature of less than 10°C is expected over Counties like Nakuru, Nyeri, Murang'a and Nyandarua (Nyahururu), Meru, Tharaka Nithi and Kirinyaga during the forecast period of Tuesday 18th March 2025 to Monday 24th March 2025.



Winds

Winds of more than **25 knots (12.9m/s)** are expected over parts of **Marsabit County** during the forecast period of Tuesday 18th March 2025 to Monday 24th March 2025.

3.0 Meteorological Advisory on Weather-Related Risks

Residents are encouraged to monitor the following weather conditions and their potential impacts:

1. Rainfall

- Forecast: Some areas are expected to receive more than 50 mm of rainfall during the week.
- Implications: Increased risk of **flooding** in low-lying areas and along riverbanks. Higher likelihood of **waterborne diseases** due to contaminated water sources.
 - Recommendation:
- 1. Use clean, boiled, or treated water for drinking and cooking.
- 2. Stay Informed: Keep up with updates from the Kenya Meteorological Department regarding rainfall forecasts and advisories.

2. High Temperatures

Forecast: Anticipated temperatures may exceed 35°C in several counties.

Implications: High temperatures can lead to heat stress and dehydration.

Recommendations: Limit outdoor activities during peak heat hours (10 AM - 4 PM). Stay hydrated by drinking plenty of water. Dress in light, breathable clothing and seek shade or air-conditioned spaces when possible.

3. Cold Weather Conditions

Forecast: Some areas may experience temperatures below 10°C.

Implications: Increased cases of **respiratory diseases** such as **flu, pneumonia**, and **asthma** attacks. Children, the elderly, and individuals with chronic illnesses are at higher risk.

Recommendations: Dress warmly and limit exposure to cold, especially for vulnerable populations.

4. Strong Winds

Forecast: Winds exceeding 25 knots (12.9 m/s) are expected in specific regions. Implications: High winds can lead to dust storms, reduced visibility, and potential property damage.

Recommendations. Be aware of potential respiratory issues due to airborne particles.

Conclusion

Residents are encouraged to take proactive measures to safeguard themselves and their communities against the anticipated weather conditions. For accurate and timely updates, this advisory should be used in conjunction with the daily forecasts issued by the Kenya Meteorological Department.

Stay Safe and Informed!

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