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1.0 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 LAST WEEK (12TH FEBRUARY, 2024–18TH FEBRUARY, 2024)

1.1 High Rainfall

This section lists stations recorded more than 50mm total rainfall in the last 7 days. All stations recorded total weekly rainfall amounts less than 50mm

1.2 High Temperatures

This section lists stations that recorded average temperatures exceeding 35°C in the last 7 days. This is shown in Table 1 below.

Table 1:

Station	Average weekly maximum temperature
Lodwar Met	38.9°C
Mandera Met	38.6°C
Garissa Met	37.4°C

1.3 Low Temperatures

This section lists stations that recorded average temperatures below 10°C in the last 7 days. This is shown in Table 2 below.

Table 2:

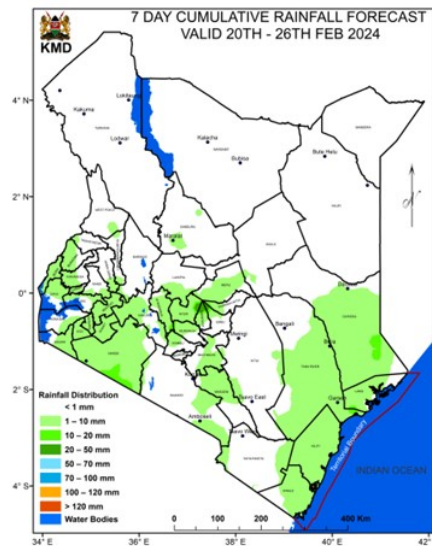
Station	Average weekly Minimum Temperature
Nyahururu Met	7.3°C

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.

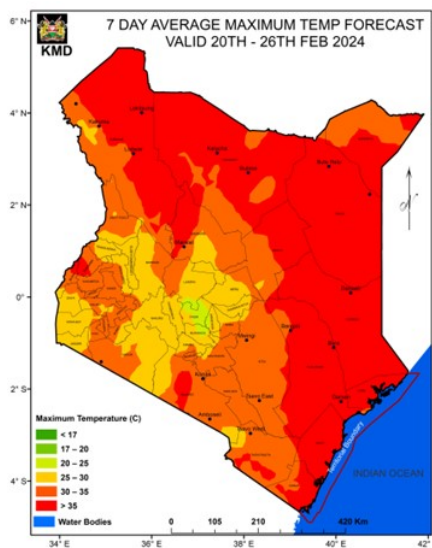
2.0 FORECAST FOR 20TH FEBRUARY, 2024– 26TH FEBRUARY, 2024

a) Rainfall



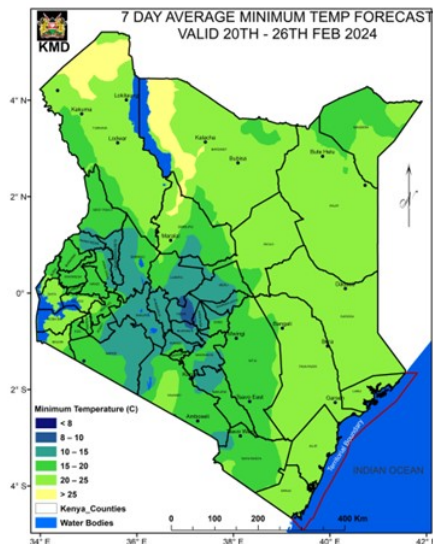
Rainfall amounts not exceeding 50mm is expected over parts of country during the forecast period (Tuesday 20th February, 2024 to Monday 26th February, 2024).

b) High Temperature



Maximum Temperatures exceeding 35°C is expected over parts of Turkana (Lodwar), Garissa, Wajir Mandera, Samburu, Kilifi, Tana River, Taita taveta, Kajiado and Kwale Counties during the forecast period (Tuesday 20th February, 2024 to Monday 26th February, 2024).

c) Low Temperature



Minimum temperature of less than 10°C is expected over parts of slopes of mt Kenya and Laikipia (Nyahururu) county during the forecast period (Tuesday 20th February, 2024 to Monday 26th February, 2024).

c) Winds

Winds of more than 25 knots (12.9m/s) are expected over parts of Turkana (Lodwar), Marsabit, Kilifi (Msabaha, Mtwapa and Malindi), Mandera, Tana River, Kwale and Lamu Counties during the forecast period (Tuesday 20th February, 2024 to Monday 26th February, 2024).

3.0 Advisories

i) Areas expected to receive more than 50 mm of weekly total rainfall have a high likelihood of occurrence of waterborne diseases (e.g. diarrhea) and Vector borne diseases (e.g. Malaria), especially in areas with poor drainage. Residents are advised to be on the lookout for such diseases and take necessary action.

ii) Residents living in areas expected to experience temperatures of more than 35°C have a high risk of being infected with skin diseases e.g. skin rash.

iii) Areas expected to experience less than 10°C have a high likelihood of occurrence of cold weather diseases. e.g. Asthma, pneumonia, common cold and flu. Residents are advised to be on the lookout for such diseases and take necessary action.

iv) Winds of more than 25 knots (12.9m/s). These winds are strong enough and able to blow dust especially over bare grounds. The blown dust may increase the risk of respiratory infections e.g. Cold and flu diseases. These diseases are quite common during the dry weather conditions. Residents are advised to be on the lookout for such diseases and take necessary protective measures.

N. B: This forecast is to be used together with the daily (24-hour) forecast issued by this Department.

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