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**WEEKLY BIOMETEOROLOGICAL BULLETIN (14<sup>TH</sup> MAY–20<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024)**

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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 (6<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024– 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024)**

**1.1 High Rainfall**

This section lists stations recorded more than 50mm total rainfall in the last 7 days. This is shown in Table 1 below.

**Table 1:**

<b>Station</b>	<b>Total weekly Rainfall</b>
Kabarak Met	152.0mm
Kisii Met	148.1mm
Malindi Met	136.8mm
Msabaha Met	120.1mm
Lamu Met	92.6mm
Kakamega Met	81.1mm
Mombasa Met	72.2mm
Mandera Met	65.4mm
Embu Met	61.5mm

**1.2 High Temperatures**

This section lists stations that recorded average temperatures exceeding 35°C in the last 7 days. All stations recorded average weekly temperatures not exceeding 35°C.

**1.3 Low Temperatures**

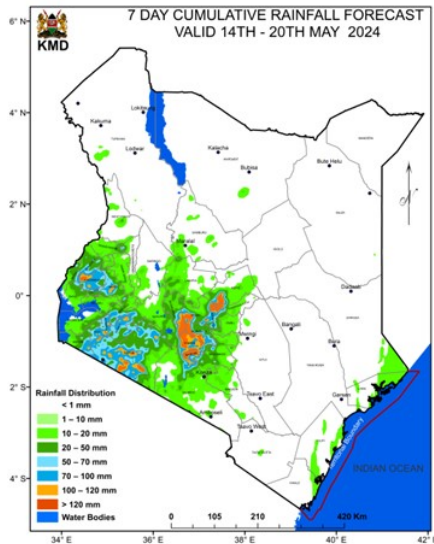
This section lists stations that recorded average temperatures below 10°C in the last 7 days. All stations recorded average weekly temperatures exceeding 10°C.

## 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 station.

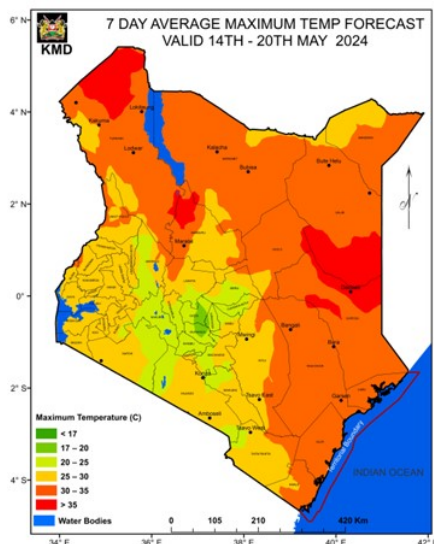
## 2.0 FORECAST FOR 14<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024– 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 2024

### a) Rainfall



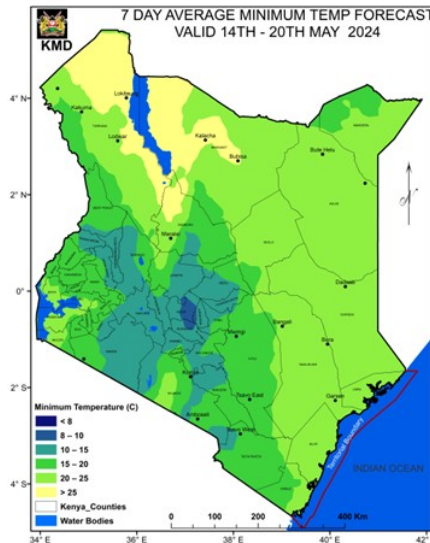
Rainfall amounts not exceeding 50mm is expected over parts of Narok, Kisii, Embu, Kirinyaga, Tharaka nithi, Nandi, Murang'a, Kiambu and Nairobi, counties during the forecast period (Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2024).

### b) High Temperature



Maximum Temperatures exceeding 35°C is expected over parts of Turkana (Lodwar), Mandera, Samburu, Garissa and Wajir Counties during the forecast period (Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2024).

### c) Low Temperature



Minimum temperature of more than 10°C is expected over parts of Nyeri, Kirinyaga and Murang'a counties during the forecast period (Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2024).

### d) Winds

Winds of more than 25 knots (12.9m/s) are expected over parts of Turkana (Lodwar), Marsabit, Lamu, Garissa, Isiolo, Mombasa and Kilifi (Mtwapa, Malindi, Msabaha) Counties during the forecast period (Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2024 to Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May, 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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