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WEEKLY BIOMETEOROLOGICAL BULLETIN (11TH OCTOBER-17TH OCTOBER, 2022)

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1 PREAMBLE

Biometeorology is an interdisciplinary science of interactions between atmospheric processes and living organisms - plants, animals and humans. The Bio-Meteorological Section collects, analyzes, interprets meteorological data and issues the human health related forecast in partnership with the health sector.

2 FORECAST FOR 11TH OCTOBER – 17TH OCTOBER, 2022

a) Rainfall

Rainfall less than 50mm is expected over parts of the Country (Tue 11th October, 2022 to Mon 17th October, 2022).

b) High Temperature

Maximum Temperatures of more than 35°C are expected over most parts of Mandera and Turkana (Lodwar) Counties during the forecast period (Tue 11th October, 2022 to Mon 17th October, 2022).

c) Low Temperature

Minimum Temperature of less than 10°C is expected over parts of Nyandarua (Nyahururu) County, during the forecast period (Tue 11th October, 2022 to Mon 17th October, 2022).

d) Winds

Winds of more than 25 knots (12.9m/s) are expected over parts of Marsabit, Wajir, Turkana (Lodwar), Mandera, Isiolo, Malindi, Mtwapa, Msabaha, Mombasa and Garissa Counties, during the forecast period (Tue 11th October, 2022 to Mon 17th October, 2022)

REVIEW FOR LAST WEEK (3RD OCTOBER – 9TH OCTOBER, 2022)

2.1 High Rainfall

This section lists stations recorded more than 50mm total rainfall in the last 7 days. Total weekly rainfall amount less than 50mm was received in the country.

2.2 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 (Turkana)	36.3°C
Met	
Mandera Met	36.3°C

2.3 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	6.8°C

2.4 High Winds

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

3 Advisory

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

The areas expected to experience more than 35°C therefore high likelihood of skin diseases e.g. skin rush.

The areas expected to experience less than 10°C have a high likelihood 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.

Winds of more than 25 knots (12.9m/s) have a high likelihood of cold and flu diseases due to blown dust especially during dry season. Residents are advised to be on the lookout for such diseases and take necessary action.

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

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