Kenya’s October–December 2026 rains: the state of public preparedness

Decision-maker guidance from the Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), part of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), assigns north-eastern Kenya a 90 per cent likelihood of enhanced rainfall during October–December. Kenya’s forecast for 6–12 October places rain in the immediate operating window across several priority counties. A final Contingent Emergency Response Project manual now defines how Kenya could seek rapid World Bank-backed crisis finance, including for El Niño-related risks. The mechanism is not yet an allocation or release: project approval, an eligible-emergency determination, a government activation request, a Crisis Response Plan and World Bank acceptance remain required.

Record: KE-OND-2026-001

Revision: 1.12

Jurisdiction: Kenya

Opened: 9 September 2026

Last reviewed: 8 October 2026

State: Decision window open

The assessment concerns decisions within Kenya. Greater Horn forecasts are used where they bear directly upon the Kenyan outlook or a cross-border consequence.

Current assessment

Latest change: Kisii’s health-preparedness tender closes on 12 October; award and delivery remain open.

The county’s notice, listed on 2 October and verified at this review, specifies a 45 million Kenyan shillings (KSh) tender estimate, bid closure on 12 October at 10am and delivery 5–30 days after a local purchase order or contract. This establishes a procurement timetable, not an appropriation, release, award or delivery. The national emergency-finance framework remains unactivated in this file.

Decision now due: Complete Kisii’s bid process, then establish the award, funding and delivery date.

Kisii’s health department must carry the procurement into evaluation, an authorised award and delivery to its Kisii Town offices, with distribution to community health promoters still to be evidenced. In parallel, the National Treasury must determine whether to seek emergency-finance activation. Wajir’s award, Makueni’s resource releases and Malindi’s works roadmap remain open.

Timing: Kisii bids close on Monday 12 October 2026 at 10am, local time. The delivery window runs 5–30 days after the purchase order or contract, whose date is not yet evidenced. Rain is forecast during 6–12 October; no public date for national emergency-finance approval or activation is stated.

Responsibility: Kisii’s health department owns this procurement; the National Treasury owns any emergency-finance request.

Kisii County’s Department of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation is the procuring entity and stated delivery destination. It must account for the award, contract, receipt and onward distribution. The National Treasury retains any Contingent Emergency Response Project activation and funds-flow role; sector institutions, county governments and the Northern Water Works Development Agency retain their separate duties.

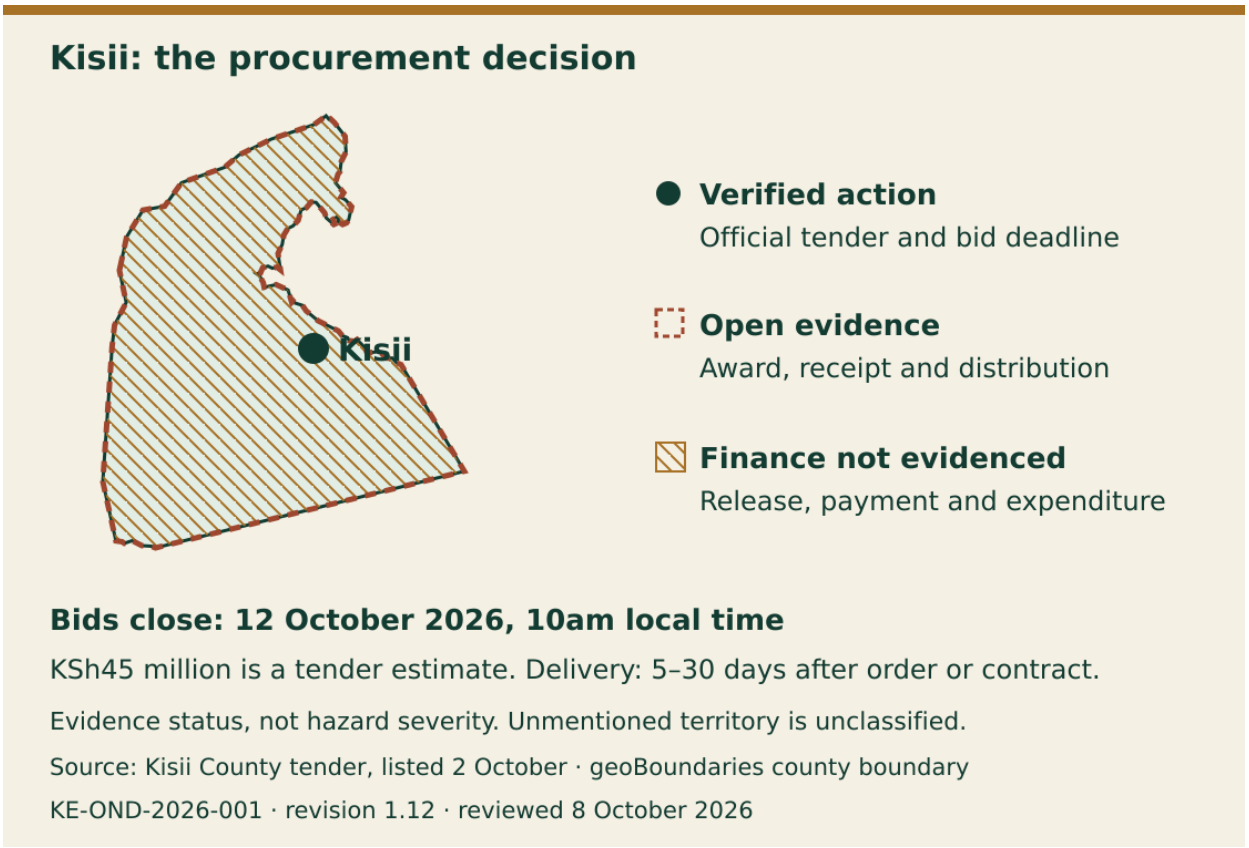
Verified action: Kisii's tender documents and timetable are verified; purchasing and delivery are not.

The record still contains 15 verified response entries, not 15 completed interventions. The existing Kisii procurement entry is enriched with the official document's estimate and deadline rather than counted twice. Thirteen counties retain reported execution. The national emergency-finance manual remains an enabling framework, with approval, activation and release open.

Open evidence: Kisii's award, finance release, receipt and distribution remain open, alongside national finance activation.

The Kisii file needs evaluation and award records, budget authority and release evidence, the contract or purchase-order date, inspection and receipt records, and distribution to community health promoters. The KSh45 million estimate is not a paid or released amount. National emergency-finance approval and activation, Wajir's award, Makueni releases, Malindi's roadmap and wider county delivery remain open.

Kisii: the procurement decision



Verified action: bids close on 12 October at 10am local time. Open evidence: award, order or contract date, receipt and distribution. Finance not evidenced in this file: appropriation, release and payment. The KSh45 million figure is a tender estimate. Delivery is specified 5–30 days after an order or contract. Unmentioned territory is unclassified.

Source: Kisii County health tender, listed 2 October 2026. Boundary: geoBoundaries. Record KE-OND-2026-001 · revision 1.12 · reviewed 8 October 2026.

How the onset window changed

Forecast timing, not observed flooding or verified protection. Record KE-OND-2026-001 · revision 1.12 · reviewed 8 October 2026.

Northern counties

Marsabit, Mandera, Wajir, Garissa and Isiolo. Earlier outlook: second–third week of October. Updated window: first–second week of October.

South-eastern counties

Machakos, Kitui, Makueni, Kajiado, Taita Taveta and inland Tana River. Earlier outlook: third–fourth week of October. Updated window: second–third week of October.

Coast

Mombasa, Kwale, Lamu, Kilifi and Tana Delta. Earlier outlook: second–third week of October. Updated window: rains continue from September.

Sources: 31 August outlook, table 1; 30 September bulletin, table 2.

Decision trace

T0 · Signal · Verified

What did the authoritative forecasts say, for which places and period?

The enhanced-rainfall seasonal signal persists. The bulletin issued 30 September advances onset for northern counties to the first–second week of October and south-eastern counties to the second–third week; coastal rains are described as continuing from September. Local readiness decisions therefore have less lead time.

T1 · Trigger · Verified

What official action followed the forecasts?

IGAD member states have adopted a regional Call to Action, Kenya's Ministry of Health has issued an operating advisory to all 47 counties, the national government has directed every county to prepare a response strategy, a livestock plan has been announced for 24 counties, and KMD has launched a Forecast-to-Farmer proof of concept for the short rains. Senate oversight adds a specific Malindi sanitation direction.

T2 · Authority · Mapped

Which institutions are responsible?

Kenya's delivery responsibility lies with the National Treasury, national coordination bodies, sector institutions and county governments. The CERP manual assigns the Treasury the activation request and funds-flow role and designates the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development's Food Systems Resilience Project unit as coordinating implementation unit. These prospective roles apply only after approval and activation. Existing forecast, preparedness and local-delivery mandates continue.

T3 · Commitment · Verified

What funding, instructions or procurement have been announced?

The CERP manual and May omnibus agreement now establish a primary-source route for repurposing up to 10 per cent of eligible undisbursed World Bank portfolio balances in a World Bank financial year. The route is conditional and the project remains in appraisal: no financing is committed at approval, and activation requires an eligible-emergency determination, government request, Crisis Response Plan and World Bank acceptance. Existing sector and county commitments remain separate from this unactivated framework. Kisii's health procurement has a KSh45 million estimate and a 12 October bid deadline; neither is evidence of released finance.

T4 · Execution · Reported

What implementation has been reported, and what remains unverified?

The CERP operating framework is published, but activation, budget authority, procurement under an approved Crisis Response Plan and disbursement are not evidenced. Reports from 13 counties describe separate measures under execution. Kisii's bids close on 12 October, with delivery specified 5–30 days after a purchase order or contract. No award or receipt is evidenced. Procurement is evidenced in Kisii and Wajir; the Wajir process belongs to a national agency and does not establish an award or completed works. KMD's pilot has been launched, but farmer receipt and results remain open.

T5 · Outcome · Not assessable at this stage

Can the effects on people and public services be assessed yet?

Not yet assessable from the evidence in this file. The October–December season has begun; outcome assessment requires dated observations of exposure, service continuity and the performance of preparedness measures.

Material changes

8 October 2026 · Kisii procurement deadline and estimate verified; delivery open

Context: Kenya · Kisii health preparedness procurement

What changed: The Kisii County notice listed on 2 October is verified with tender 2407736-2026/2027: a KSh45 million estimate, bids closing 12 October at 10am and a delivery window 5–30 days after a purchase order or contract. The earlier file established procurement initiation but lacked these terms.

Decision consequence: Complete the bid process on 12 October, then publish the evaluation, award, funding authority, contract date, receipt and onward distribution records.

Assessment effect: The local procurement decision is now dated and its estimate documented. Verified response count remains 15 because this enriches the existing Kisii entry. No appropriation, release, award, payment or delivery is established; national emergency-finance activation remains open.

Source: Kisii County Government · health procurement notice and tender document, listed 2 October 2026

7 October 2026 · Finance framework verified; no activation or release

Context: Kenya · contingent emergency finance

What changed: The National Drought Management Authority published Kenya's final Contingent Emergency Response Project manual on 6 October. It defines the institutions, evidence, request, Crisis Response Plan, procurement, budgeting and funds-flow steps through which up to 10 per cent of eligible undisbursed World Bank portfolio balances may be repurposed in a World Bank financial year.

Decision consequence: The National Treasury must decide whether an eligible emergency is occurring or imminent and, if so, identify host operations and amounts, submit an Activation Request and Crisis Response Plan, and obtain World Bank acceptance and no-objection before funds can move.

Assessment effect: The prospective finance route moves from a reported discussion to a verified enabling framework. It is not yet available finance for preparedness or response: the World Bank project remains in appraisal and no activation, allocation, procurement under an approved response plan or disbursement is evidenced.

Source: National Drought Management Authority · final Kenya CERP manual

2 October 2026 · Decision window shortened

Context: Kenya · revised onset guidance, verified 2 October

What changed: The monthly bulletin advances northern onset from the second–third to the first–second week of October and south-eastern onset from the third–fourth to the second–third week. Coastal rains now continue from September rather than beginning in the second–third week of October.

Decision consequence: Accelerate county stocks, drainage, evacuation and service-readiness decisions; check local short-range warnings.

Assessment effect: Preparedness lead time is shorter. The enhanced-rainfall seasonal outlook and uneven-delivery assessment remain; the forecast is not evidence of a local flood or completed readiness.

Source: Kenya Meteorological Service Authority · October bulletin, issued 30 September; listed 1 October

2 October 2026 · Procurement evidenced

Context: Wajir · national-agency procurement newly verified 2 October

What changed: The Northern Water Works Development Agency's notice dated 14 September advertised Masalale–Kilkey flood-control works in Eldas, with a stated closing date of 30 September. The tender document specifies water pans, dykes, gabions and a box culvert.

Decision consequence: Establish the tender outcome, contract price, funding trail and achievable works timetable.

Assessment effect: Wajir now has primary procurement evidence alongside county planning. The agency says funds were received but supplies no transaction trail here. No award, payment or completed protection is verified; a direct causal link to the seasonal forecast is not asserted.

Source: Northern Water Works Development Agency · tender NWWDA/T/CW/001/2026-2027

2 October 2026 · Financing requirement specified

Context: Makueni · resource mobilisation on 30 September

What changed: The county published a KSh152 million preparedness estimate following a partners' conference in Wote.

Decision consequence: Identify approved county and partner contributions, release dates and assigned evacuation and essential-service measures.

Assessment effect: A quantified requirement is now public. It is not evidence that KSh152 million was appropriated, released or spent. The county remains at planning stage in this file.

Source: Makueni County Government · published 1 October; event 30 September

1 October 2026 · Local accountability strengthened

Context: Kilifi County · Malindi sanitation accountability

What changed: A Parliament notice published on 24 September records a Senate committee direction for Malindi sewerage and a request for a roadmap, budget commitments and timeline. The underlying visit date is unspecified.

Decision consequence: Kilifi's executive must identify the works, finance and timetable, and supply evidence of implementation before onset; no hearing date is stated.

Assessment effect: The local accountability trace is stronger. Municipal statements about reallocation and cleaning remain claims; no release or completion evidence is established here. The wider uneven-preparedness assessment is unchanged.

Source: Parliament of Kenya · Senate oversight notice

23 September 2026 · Agricultural delivery pathway verified

Context: Kenya agriculture · forecast-to-advice delivery pathway

What changed: The Kenya Meteorological Department published a Forecast-to-Farmer pilot for the October–December short rains. It will make authorised, localised four-week forecasts available through an application programming interface for translation and dissemination by participating extension, research, media, SMS and digital advisory channels.

Decision consequence: KMD and participating organisations now need to show where the pilot operates, when authorised forecasts and advisories are issued, which farmers receive them, whether the information is understood and useful, and what operational lessons will shape the March–May 2027 rollout.

Assessment effect: A national agricultural climate-service commitment and delivery architecture are now verified. The announcement does not establish a new public appropriation, procurement, farmer-level receipt, behaviour change or outcome. Wider Kenyan preparedness finance and county execution remain open.

Source: Kenya Meteorological Department · Forecast-to-Farmer pilot

18 September 2026 · Regional commitment verified

Context: Greater Horn · adopted regional preparedness commitment

What changed: IGAD published the High-Level Call to Action adopted on 17 September. Member states commit to activate national and subnational contingency plans before the rains, pre-position essential supplies, strengthen health and livestock surveillance, protect critical infrastructure and connect anticipatory finance to agreed triggers.

Decision consequence: Kenya now needs to identify which national and county plans are activated, who owns each action, which thresholds release finance, what supplies are pre-positioned and what evidence will be reported before and during the October–December season.

Assessment effect: The regional decision outcome is now verified and strengthens the commitment stage of the trace. It does not establish a Kenyan appropriation, release, procurement or completed delivery. The accompanying Technical Annex, said to contain country priorities, responsibilities and timelines, remains open evidence.

Source: Intergovernmental Authority on Development · High-Level Call to Action

17 September 2026 · Regional outcome remains open

Context: Greater Horn · regional ministerial decision point

What changed: The official event page now marks the 15–17 September High-Level Ministerial Forum as ended. It had identified an IGAD Ministerial Call to Action and a Regional Preparedness and Early Action Technical Report as intended outputs, but neither document was linked or otherwise located in the authoritative sources reviewed on 17 September.

Decision consequence: IGAD and ICPAC need to publish the endorsed text, named responsibilities, anticipatory-finance arrangements and delivery dates so that the regional decision can be assessed and followed into national action.

Assessment effect: The scheduled regional decision window has passed, but its substantive result is not yet assessable from the published record. Kenya's preparedness assessment is unchanged; publication of the two expected outputs is now an immediate evidence test.

Source: Climate Prediction and Applications Centre · ministerial forum notice

15 September 2026 · Health trigger strengthened

Context: Kenya health sector · all-county operating instruction

What changed: The Ministry of Health issued an advisory to all 47 counties specifying emergency coordination, protection of at-risk health facilities, medicine and vaccine availability, disease

surveillance, drinking-water safety, malaria prevention, ambulance and referral readiness, nutrition, continuity of essential services, mental-health support and public communication.

Decision consequence: County health authorities now need to show which coordination structures are active, which facilities and populations are prioritised, what stocks and referral arrangements are in place, and how the measures are financed and verified.

Assessment effect: The evidence moves health preparedness beyond confirmation of a national plan to a more specific operating instruction. It strengthens the national trigger without establishing county implementation or readiness.

Source: Kenya News Agency · Ministry of Health preparedness advisory

12 September 2026 · County preparations are uneven

Context: National review of county preparedness

What changed: County-level evidence published between 17 August and 12 September presents markedly different stages of preparedness across Kenya: reported execution in 13 counties, procurement in Kisii, directives or planning in 20 counties, and substantial gaps elsewhere.

Decision consequence: County plans need to identify the responsible office, funded measure, procurement or work instruction, delivery date and public evidence of completion before the October rains.

Assessment effect: Preparedness activity is more extensive than earlier evidence showed, although its depth varies sharply. Five counties appear only in national programme announcements, seven have no recent county-specific public record, and one has a reported implementation gap.

Source: Climate Preparedness Record · 47-county evidence register

12 September 2026 · Mombasa response specified

Context: Mombasa County · urban drainage and flood prevention

What changed: From 14 September, Mombasa will restrict roadside construction mixing that obstructs drainage. The Governor also announced a phased deployment of 3,000 young people to clear drains, culverts and waterways after flooding disrupted access in several neighbourhoods.

Decision consequence: Enforcement records, deployment rosters, named work sites and completion reports will determine whether the measures reduce obstruction before heavier rainfall.

Assessment effect: The directive and deployment announcement constitute a formal county response. Evidence of mobilisation, expenditure and completed clearance remains unavailable.

Source: Kenyans.co.ke · Mombasa flood-prevention directive

12 September 2026 · National preparedness mandate established

Context: Kenya · all-county readiness and livestock preparedness

What changed: The national government directed all 47 counties to map flood-prone areas, identify safer evacuation grounds and prepare response strategies. A separate KSh2.1 billion livestock preparedness plan was reported for 24 counties.

Decision consequence: County strategies, the official livestock plan, county allocations, releases and delivery schedules are required to establish how the national direction will be carried out.

Assessment effect: The national instruction and reported sector commitment establish a preparedness mandate. County compliance, sector allocations and the movement of funds remain unclear.

Source: Kenya News Agency · all-county preparedness direction

12 September 2026 · Garissa preparedness evidence strengthened

Context: Garissa County · flood readiness and emergency response

What changed: Garissa reported a preparedness plan, mapped hotspots and evacuation centres, and established weekly coordination. The Kenya Red Cross reported that first-line responders and emergency supplies had been positioned, with boats and vehicles available or on standby.

Decision consequence: The county plan, resource inventory, site-level coverage and financing are needed to establish the scale and durability of the reported preparations.

Assessment effect: Garissa has identifiable planning and reported mobilisation. Quantities, county financing and independent confirmation of delivery remain unavailable.

Source: The Star · Garissa preparedness report

12 September 2026 · Regional decision date confirmed

Context: Greater Horn · regional preparedness and anticipatory finance

What changed: The Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development scheduled a High-Level Ministerial Forum on El Niño preparedness for 15–17 September. The intended outputs are a ministerial call to action and a regional preparedness and early-action technical report.

Decision consequence: The forum is expected to identify preparedness measures, responsible institutions, anticipatory-finance arrangements and delivery deadlines before the October–December season.

Assessment effect: The regional decision date and convening responsibility are confirmed. Its proposed outputs will require assessment after publication.

Source: Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development · High-Level Ministerial Forum

11 September 2026 · Health contingency planning confirmed

Context: Kenya health sector · El Niño contingency planning

What changed: The World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed that the Ministry of Health had activated a Health Sector El Niño Contingency Plan covering surveillance, laboratory readiness, water and sanitation, risk communication and continuity of essential services.

Decision consequence: The plan now requires county assignments, responsible institutions, resources and an implementation timetable before the October–December rains.

Assessment effect: National health preparedness has moved into an active planning phase. The plan document, county assignments, finance, procurement and delivery records remain unavailable.

Source: WHO Kenya · health-system preparedness

11 September 2026 · Mandera planning confirmed

Context: Mandera County · scenario planning and early action

What changed: Mandera County reported that it was developing a participatory scenario plan with the World Food Programme (WFP) and other partners to define likely scenarios and early actions.

Decision consequence: The completed plan needs to identify multi-sector priorities, selected early actions, responsible institutions and the resources required for implementation.

Assessment effect: A county preparedness process is confirmed. The notice provides no completed plan, financing, procurement or field-delivery evidence.

Source: County Government of Mandera · preparedness notice

11 September 2026 · North-eastern risk clarified

Context: North-eastern Kenya · sector guidance for enhanced rainfall

What changed: The Summary for Decision Makers from the Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development assigns north-eastern Kenya a 90 per cent likelihood of enhanced rainfall and provides sector guidance for agriculture, health, water, livestock, infrastructure and security.

Decision consequence: National and county institutions need to prioritise preparedness across health, water, livestock, agriculture, infrastructure and security in the areas facing the highest rainfall probability.

Assessment effect: The guidance strengthens the geographic and sector basis for preparedness while leaving the broader seasonal outlook unchanged.

Source: Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development · Summary for Decision Makers

11 September 2026 · Financing route remains unconfirmed

Context: Kenya · prospective disaster-risk finance

What changed: Reuters reported that Kenya and the World Bank were finalising a rapid-finance framework that could cover an eligible El Niño emergency.

Decision consequence: A signed instrument, eligibility decision and public allocation are required before the framework can be treated as available finance for preparedness or response.

Assessment effect: The report identifies a prospective financing route. No primary project document, signed instrument, appropriation, amount or disbursement has been published.

Source: Reuters · reported rapid-finance process

11 September 2026 · Institutional responsibility clarified

Context: Kenya · legal mandate and institutional responsibility

What changed: The Meteorology Act, National Drought Management Authority Act, Constitution and Disaster Risk Financing Strategy identify the principal mandates for forecasting, drought readiness, county functions and risk finance.

Decision consequence: Public institutions need to identify who owns forecast services, contingency processes, local delivery and the passage from risk information to finance.

Assessment effect: Institutional responsibility and the legal basis for financing can now be stated more precisely. The meteorological assessment is unchanged.

Source: Meteorology Act, 2026

10 September 2026 · Immediate forecast horizon included

Context: Greater Horn · near-term heat and operational conditions

What changed: The forecast for 8–15 September from the Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development provides short-term information for decisions about heat exposure, water demand, outdoor work and livestock care.

Decision consequence: Health, water, labour and livestock authorities need to account for near-term heat exposure, water demand, outdoor work and animal care.

Assessment effect: The weekly forecast informs immediate operating conditions while leaving the October–December assessment unchanged.

Source: Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development · weekly forecast

9 September 2026 · Seasonal outlook established

Context: Kenya and the Greater Horn · October–December seasonal outlook

What changed: Regional and Kenyan seasonal outlooks established an October–December preparedness window for rainfall, flooding, drainage, pasture, water safety and continuity of essential services.

Decision consequence: National and county authorities need to prepare for flooding, drainage pressure, pasture and water-safety risks, and disruption to essential services.

Assessment effect: The seasonal signal was sufficiently clear to warrant continuing scrutiny of public preparedness and delivery.

Source: Kenya Meteorological Department · October–December 2026 outlook

Forecasts, guidance and evidence

Local procurement window: Decision window

Source: Kisii County Government · Department of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation

Published: Notice listed 2 October 2026; verified 8 October

Valid for: Bids close 12 October 2026 at 10am; delivery 5–30 days after purchase order or contract

Tender 2407736-2026/2027 requests preparedness materials for community health promoters. The KSh45 million tender estimate is not an appropriation, release or contract value. Proposed items include job aids, public information materials, gumboots, power banks and raincoats; requirements do not establish receipt or distribution.

National contingent emergency finance: Decision window

Source: National Drought Management Authority · final Kenya CERP manual

Published: Published 6 October 2026; manual dated October 2026

Valid for: Six-year contingent framework; each activation limited to a 12-month implementation period

The manual defines an activation and delivery pathway for eligible crises, including El Niño-related agriculture, health, water and social-protection risks. It permits repurposing up to 10 per cent of eligible undisbursed World Bank portfolio balances in a World Bank financial year, but expressly commits no finance at approval and requires a separate government request, Crisis Response Plan and World Bank acceptance for each activation.

Immediate national forecast: Current forecast

Source: Kenya Meteorological Service Authority · weekly bulletin

Published: Issued 5 October 2026

Valid for: 6–12 October 2026

Rainfall is expected in many counties, including Garissa, Makueni, Mandera, Marsabit and Wajir. The bulletin places rain inside the immediate operating window; it does not establish flooding, activation of emergency finance or completed local protection.

National monthly and updated seasonal timing: Current forecast

Source: Kenya Meteorological Service Authority · October bulletin

Published: Issued 30 September 2026; listed 1 October

Valid for: October and October–December 2026

Onset is brought forward for northern and south-eastern counties; coastal rains continue from September. The overall wet seasonal outlook remains.

National procurement in Wajir: Decision window

Source: Northern Water Works Development Agency · Masalale–Kilkey tender

Published: Notice dated 14 September 2026; verified 2 October

Valid for: Stated closing date 30 September 2026

Flood-control works in Eldas entered procurement. The KSh3 million tender security is a bid guarantee, not the project budget. Award and completion remain open.

County resource mobilisation: Sector plan reported

Source: Makueni County Government · preparedness conference

Published: 1 October 2026; event 30 September

Valid for: October–December preparedness

KSh152 million is projected for preparedness and resource mobilisation. Approval, release and expenditure are not established.

Local preparedness accountability: Preparedness direction

Source: Parliament of Kenya · Senate committee

Published: 24 September 2026

Valid for: Malindi preparedness before rainfall onset; visit date unspecified

The committee directs Kilifi's executive to establish sewerage and seeks a budgeted delivery roadmap. This verifies oversight action, not completed infrastructure.

National agricultural climate service: Preparedness direction

Source: Kenya Meteorological Department · Forecast-to-Farmer pilot

Published: Release dated 22 September; published 23 September 2026

Valid for: Proof of concept during the October–December 2026 short rains

KMD has launched a pilot that will provide participating organisations with authorised, localised four-week forecasts for translation into agricultural advice through established extension, research, media, SMS and digital channels. The announcement identifies the pathway and proof-of-concept period; farmer-level delivery and results are not yet established.

Regional preparedness commitment: Preparedness direction

Source: Intergovernmental Authority on Development · High-Level Call to Action

Published: Adopted and published 17 September 2026

Valid for: Preparation before and throughout the October–December 2026 season

Member states commit to activate national and subnational contingency plans before the rains, pre-position essential supplies, strengthen health and livestock surveillance, protect infrastructure and connect finance to agreed triggers. The Technical Annex containing country priorities, responsibilities and timelines was not publicly linked in the sources reviewed.

Regional seasonal: Established forecast

Source: Climate Prediction and Applications Centre · 74th Greater Horn Climate Outlook Forum technical statement

Published: Issued 18 August 2026

Valid for: October–December 2026

The 74th Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum favours a wetter-than-normal season across much of the equatorial and southern Greater Horn, including Kenya, alongside flood and water-management risks.

Regional decision guidance: Decision guidance

Source: Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development · Summary for Decision Makers

Published: Published 10 September 2026

Valid for: October–December 2026

The centre assigns a 90 per cent chance of enhanced rainfall to north-eastern Kenya and supplies sector guidance spanning agriculture, disaster risk management, health, livestock, conflict and peace, water, energy and the blue economy.

National seasonal: Established forecast

Source: Kenya Meteorological Department · October–December 2026 outlook

Published: Issued 31 August 2026

Valid for: October–December 2026

Above-average rainfall is expected across most counties. Heavy rainfall events remain possible, while the outlook also identifies opportunities for water recharge, pasture and production.

National preparedness: Preparedness direction

Source: National government · all-county preparedness direction

Published: Reported 10 September 2026

Valid for: Preparation before the 2026/27 El Niño rainfall period

All 47 counties were directed to map flood-prone areas, identify safer evacuation grounds and develop local response strategies. The direction establishes a national-to-county trigger; it does not prove that every county has complied.

National health operating guidance: Preparedness direction

Source: Ministry of Health · all-county El Niño preparedness advisory

Published: Published 15 September 2026

Valid for: Preparation before and during the 2026/27 El Niño rainfall period

All 47 counties were directed to activate emergency coordination, protect health facilities at risk, secure medicines and vaccines, strengthen disease and water-quality surveillance, prepare referral services and preserve essential care. The advisory specifies the required work; county activation, resources and delivery still need to be evidenced.

National health preparedness: Preparedness direction

Source: Ministry of Health · Health Sector El Niño Contingency Plan

Published: Activation confirmed 8 September 2026

Valid for: 2026/27 El Niño health risks

The plan brings national and county health actors together around surveillance, laboratories, water and sanitation, risk communication and continuity of essential services. The complete plan, county assignments, budgets and delivery schedule were not publicly available for this assessment.

National livestock preparedness: Sector plan reported

Source: National Livestock Sector El Niño Preparedness and Anticipatory Action Plan

Published: Launch reported 10–11 September 2026

Valid for: Initial implementation in 24 named counties

A KSh2.1 billion plan was announced for livestock health, feed, water, market and awareness measures in 24 counties. The official plan document, financing source, county shares, release status and delivery schedule were not publicly available for this assessment.

National weekly: Current forecast

Source: Kenya Meteorological Service Authority · weekly bulletin

Published: Issued 28 September 2026; listed 29 September

Valid for: 29 September–5 October 2026

Rainfall is expected in parts of the Coast, including Kilifi, and other named counties. This is short-range guidance, not proof of seasonal onset, a local flood or preparedness delivery. The seasonal assessment is unchanged.

Geographic reach and consequences

Kenya; participating pilot locations were not specified in the public release

Horizon: Agricultural climate-service pilot · October–December

Systems: Meteorological services · agricultural extension · research · SMS and digital advice · farmer decisions

Finding: The pilot is designed to move authorised four-week forecasts through organisations already serving farmers. National reach claims for existing channels are not treated as proof of the pilot's geographic coverage or farmer receipt.

All 47 counties

Horizon: National preparedness · before onset

Systems: Disaster coordination · evacuation · health services · public communication · service continuity

Finding: Every county has been directed to map flood-prone areas, identify safer evacuation grounds and prepare a response strategy. A subsequent health advisory specifies emergency coordination, facility protection, stocks, surveillance, referral readiness and continuity of essential care across all 47 counties.

North-eastern Kenya, arid and semi-arid counties, and pastoral systems

Horizon: Seasonal · October–December

Systems: Water · livestock · health · access roads · humanitarian logistics

Finding: The 30 September bulletin advances onset for Garissa, Mandera, Wajir, Isiolo and Marsabit to the first–second week of October. The livestock plan adds national programme coverage across 24 counties, but local execution remains uneven.

Towns, lake and river basins, slopes and coastal settlements

Horizon: Seasonal · October–December

Systems: Drainage · sanitation · agriculture · transport · settlements · trade

Finding: Reported action concentrates on drainage, evacuation, public health, farm inputs and response coordination. The presence of one measure does not establish readiness across a whole county or system.

Responsibility across public institutions

County health procurement · Kisii

Institutions: Kisii County Department of Medical Services, Public Health and Sanitation

Role: Conduct the bid process and account for evaluation, award, contracting, inspection and receipt at the department's Kisii Town offices. Onward distribution and public-service use require separate evidence.

Basis: Procuring entity and destination specified in tender 2407736-2026/2027

Contingent emergency finance

Institutions: National Treasury; Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development CERP implementation unit; sector ministries; National Drought Management Authority; county governments; World Bank

Role: The Treasury determines whether to seek activation, identifies eligible host operations and amounts, signs the request and oversees funds flow. The designated implementation unit coordinates fiduciary and reporting duties. Sector institutions and counties deliver approved activities according to their mandates. The World Bank must accept the eligible-emergency determination and grant no-objection before disbursement conditions are lifted.

Basis: Final Kenya CERP manual, published 6 October 2026

National works agency · Wajir

Institutions: Northern Water Works Development Agency

Role: Conduct the Eldas flood-control procurement and establish the award, contract, supervision and delivery trail. County preparedness remains a separate responsibility.

Basis: Procuring entity identified in tender NWWDA/T/CW/001/2026-2027

Malindi sanitation and county oversight

Institutions: Kilifi County Executive; Malindi Municipality; Senate Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations

Role: The executive and municipality must account for the local response. The committee seeks a works and budget timetable; no hearing date is given.

Basis: Parliament oversight notice, 24 September 2026

National agricultural climate-service pilot

Institutions: Kenya Meteorological Department, Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation and participating advisory organisations

Role: KMD convenes the pilot, authorises forecast products and retains oversight. Participating organisations translate those forecasts into farmer-facing advice and distribute it through extension, media, SMS and digital channels during the proof-of-concept period.

Basis: KMD Forecast-to-Farmer release and Commitment Charter, 22–23 September 2026

Regional forecasts and ministerial coordination

Institutions: Intergovernmental Authority on Development, Climate Prediction and Applications Centre, and specialised regional institutions

Role: Provide regular impact-based forecasts, coordinate transboundary preparedness, strengthen animal-disease surveillance, support anticipatory finance, monitor the Call to Action and report to the IGAD Council of Ministers. A regional post-season review is due in the first quarter of 2027.

Basis: IGAD High-Level Call to Action, 17 September 2026

National weather forecasts

Institutions: Kenya Meteorological Service Authority

Role: Provide and regulate meteorological services, including national, county and shorter-range forecast guidance.

Basis: Meteorology Act, 2026

Drought readiness

Institutions: National Drought Management Authority

Role: Operate drought early warning and facilitate national and county contingency processes and preparedness strategies.

Basis: National Drought Management Authority Act, section 5

National preparedness coordination

Institutions: National Disaster Operations Centre, Ministry of Interior and National Government Administration Officers

Role: Coordinate the national contingency approach, require county risk mapping and response strategies, and connect national and county emergency structures.

Basis: National all-county preparedness direction, 10 September 2026

National health preparedness

Institutions: Ministry of Health, Kenya National Public Health Institute and county health authorities

Role: Direct emergency coordination, protection of at-risk facilities, medicine and vaccine availability, surveillance, water safety, referral readiness, nutrition, mental-health support and continuity of essential services.

Basis: Ministry of Health preparedness advisory, 15 September 2026

National livestock preparedness

Institutions: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development and participating county livestock functions

Role: Translate the seasonal signal into animal health, feed, water, market and awareness measures across the 24 counties named in the announced sector plan.

Basis: Reported livestock preparedness plan, 10–11 September 2026

Public finance

Institutions: National Treasury and county treasuries

Role: Connect risk information to contingency financing, budget decisions, expenditure controls and reporting.

Basis: Kenya Disaster Risk Financing Strategy 2026–2030

County implementation

Institutions: County governments, county disaster structures and local sector departments

Role: Publish local risk maps and response strategies, then convert instructions and resources into dated health, water, roads, livestock, evacuation and service-continuity action.

Basis: Constitution, Fourth Schedule; national all-county preparedness direction

Response and implementation trace

Final Contingent Emergency Response Project manual published, defining activation, procurement, budgeting, funds flow and reporting for eligible crises

Date: 6 October

Actor: National Treasury · Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development CERP implementation unit · National Drought Management Authority · sector institutions · World Bank

Stage: Enabling finance framework; activation and release open

Status: Verified

October bulletin issued with earlier onset guidance

Date: 30 September

Actor: Kenya Meteorological Service Authority

Stage: Evidence production

Status: Verified

Masalale–Kilkey flood-control tender advertised in Eldas, Wajir

Date: 14 September; verified 2 October

Actor: Northern Water Works Development Agency

Stage: Procurement; award open

Status: Verified

Preparedness partners' conference held and KSh152 million requirement published

Date: 30 September; published 1 October

Actor: Makueni County Government

Stage: Resource mobilisation; finance open

Status: Verified

Senate committee directed a Malindi sanitation response and resolved to call for the Governor's roadmap, budget commitments and timetable

Date: Reported 24 September

Actor: Senate Standing Committee on Devolution and Intergovernmental Relations · Kilifi County Executive

Stage: Oversight direction; delivery open

Status: Verified

Forecast-to-Farmer proof of concept launched for authorised four-week forecasts to be translated into agricultural advice during the short rains

Date: 22–23 September

Actor: Kenya Meteorological Department · Kenya Agricultural and Livestock Research Organisation · participating advisory organisations

Stage: National climate-service commitment

Status: Verified

Regional October–December outlook and technical statement published

Date: 18 August

Actor: Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development

Stage: Evidence production

Status: Verified

Kenya October–December seasonal outlook published

Date: 31 August

Actor: Kenya Meteorological Department

Stage: Evidence production

Status: Verified

Seven national preparedness measures reported under the national contingency approach

Date: 1 September

Actor: Ministry of Interior · National Disaster Operations Centre · national and county partners

Stage: National direction

Status: Verified

County plan, hotspots and evacuation centres reported; response-partner supplies and equipment positioned

Date: 7 September

Actor: Garissa County structures · National Drought Management Authority · Kenya Red Cross

Stage: Local planning and mobilisation

Status: Reported

El Niño preparedness-materials procurement documented for community health promoters; 2 October notice specifies KSh45 million estimate and 12 October bid deadline

Date: 7 September baseline; 2 October notice verified 8 October

Actor: Kisii County

Stage: Procurement

Status: Verified

Health Sector El Niño Contingency Plan activation confirmed

Date: 8 September

Actor: Ministry of Health · Kenya National Public Health Institute · county health authorities · partners

Stage: Sectoral commitment

Status: Verified

Multi-Hazard Contingency Plan refinement and county risk-zone validation documented

Date: 8 September

Actor: Siaya County

Stage: Preparedness planning

Status: Verified

All 47 counties directed to map flood-prone areas, identify safer evacuation grounds and prepare response strategies

Date: 10 September

Actor: National government · county governments · National Government Administration Officers

Stage: National-to-county trigger

Status: Verified

KSh2.1 billion livestock preparedness and anticipatory-action plan launched for 24 counties

Date: 10 September

Actor: Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development · county livestock functions

Stage: Reported sector commitment

Status: Reported

County-by-county reporting documents works, stocks, machinery, evacuation preparation, committees and infrastructure gaps

Date: 11 September

Actor: Multiple county and national actors

Stage: Local readiness and execution

Status: Reported

Construction-site drainage restriction issued and 3,000-person drain-clearance deployment announced

Date: 12 September

Actor: Mombasa County

Stage: Local directive and planned deployment

Status: Reported

All-county health preparedness advisory issued with operational measures for emergency coordination, facilities, stocks, surveillance, water safety, referrals and continuity of care

Date: 15 September

Actor: Ministry of Health · county health authorities · public-health institutions and partners

Stage: National health direction

Status: Verified

High-Level Call to Action adopted, committing member states to activate contingency plans, pre-position supplies, strengthen surveillance and link anticipatory finance to agreed triggers

Date: 17 September

Actor: Intergovernmental Authority on Development · Climate Prediction and Applications Centre · participating governments and partners

Stage: Regional commitment

Status: Verified

Regional Preparedness and Early Action Technical Annex with country priorities, responsibilities and timelines

Date: Open

Actor: Intergovernmental Authority on Development · member states

Stage: Regional implementation detail

Status: Open evidence

Published county strategies, national sector-plan documents and disaggregated assignments

Date: Open

Actor: National ministries · county governments

Stage: Commitment

Status: Open evidence

Budget releases, procurement awards, work orders and completed delivery records

Date: Open

Actor: National and county finance and implementing authorities

Stage: Finance and execution

Status: Open evidence

Finance trace

Wajir flood-control procurement

Status: Verified procurement; finance open

Finding: The national agency reports receiving funds but the amount and release trail are not evidenced here. KSh3 million is tender security, not an allocation or contract price. Award, payment and completion remain open.

Makueni preparedness requirement

Status: Reported requirement; approval and release open

Finding: The county projects KSh152 million and seeks partner resources. This is a requirement, not verified budget approval or disbursement.

Malindi flood mitigation

Status: Reported reallocation; finance open

Finding: The municipality reported redirecting capital projects. No approved revision, release, award or payment is evidenced by that statement.

Forecast-to-Farmer pilot

Status: Verified commitment; finance open

Finding: The KMD release identifies a commitment charter, technical partners and supporting organisations, but does not publish a Kenyan appropriation, procurement award, contract value or disbursement for the proof of concept. Existing partner programmes and their reach are not treated as new finance or delivery under this pilot.

Disaster-risk financing policy

Status: Mapped

Finding: Kenya’s Disaster Risk Financing Strategy 2026–2030 provides for different financing instruments at different levels of risk and for finance to be arranged in advance. It provides context; it does not show that money has been released for this forecast.

Contingent Emergency Response Project

Status: Verified enabling framework; approval, activation and release open

Finding: The final manual and the May omnibus agreement define a route for repurposing up to 10 per cent of eligible undisbursed World Bank portfolio balances in a World Bank financial year. The manual states that no financing is committed at approval. The World Bank lists project P518719 in appraisal, and the file contains no eligible-emergency determination, Activation Request, Crisis Response Plan, no-objection, named host-operation amount, ring-fenced budget or disbursement for the short rains.

National livestock plan

Status: Reported commitment

Finding: A KSh2.1 billion preparedness and anticipatory-action plan is reported for 24 counties. The official plan, budget authority, financing source, county shares, release status and implementation schedule were not publicly available for this assessment.

County allocations

Status: Reported allocations

Finding: Reports identify KSh20 million in Mombasa, KSh44.2 million in Migori, KSh27.7 million in Murang'a, KSh29 million in Meru and KSh20 million in Nyeri. Allocation is not treated as release, expenditure or delivery.

Procurement

Status: Procurement verified; finance and delivery open

Finding: Kisii's official tender documents specify a KSh45 million estimate and 12 October bid deadline. The estimate does not establish an appropriation or release. Award, contract value, payment, receipt and onward distribution remain open.

Local execution

Status: Reported

Finding: County and partner sources report works, stocks, equipment, farm inputs, assessments and machinery in 13 counties. Coverage, quantities, expenditure, completion and independent verification remain incomplete.

Jurisdiction evidence

Baringo · Directive or readiness process

A multi-agency team was reported to be assessing readiness around Lakes Baringo and Bogoria; the available report does not identify completed protective works.

Source: Citizen Digital · high-risk county preparations · 9 September 2026

Evidence basis: News report citing public authorities

Open evidence: Publish named sites, assigned works, responsible officers and completion evidence.

Finance: The county is named in the KSh2.1 billion livestock plan, but no public record of its allocation or release was found.

Bomet · Directive or readiness process

Flood hotspots were reported mapped in Chepalungu, Sotik and lower Bomet East, with public sensitisation and health-risk planning under way.

Source: Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: News report

Open evidence: Publish the county plan, mapped sites, health measures, owners and implementation dates.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Bungoma · Implementation gap reported

Reporting on 10 September documented rain damage to homes and businesses and resident concern about preparedness, without identifying a fresh county measure in the review window.

Source: The Standard · Bungoma rain damage report · 10 September 2026

Evidence basis: Mainstream news report

Open evidence: Publish the county response plan, active mitigation work, emergency contacts and affected-site assessment.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Busia · Execution reported

A current report documented secondary dykes along River Nzoia and the return of farming on previously flooded land in Budalang'i, while noting that some areas remain exposed.

Source: Citizen Digital · Budalang'i preparedness report · 23 August 2026

Evidence basis: News report; works began before the stated review period

Open evidence: Publish current dyke condition, uncovered settlements, maintenance work and evacuation arrangements.

Finance: The available source does not establish the funding or current maintenance expenditure for the dyke works.

Elgeyo-Marakwet · Execution reported

The county states that it started receiving planting and top-dressing fertiliser for short-season crops ahead of the El Niño rainfall period.

Source: County Government of Elgeyo-Marakwet · fertiliser receipt · 31 August 2026

Evidence basis: Primary county record

Open evidence: Publish quantities received, distribution sites, beneficiary coverage and delivery records.

Finance: The source and value of the subsidy, and expenditure evidence, are not published in the record.

Embu · Directive or readiness process

Authorities were reported to have established a disaster preparedness committee to coordinate county preparations.

Source: Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: News report

Open evidence: Publish the committee mandate, county plan, risk map, assigned actions and meeting decisions.

Finance: The county is named in the livestock plan, but no public record of a county allocation or release was found.

Garissa · Execution reported

The county preparedness plan, hotspots and evacuation centres were reported mapped. Kenya Red Cross reported trained first-line responders, positioned supplies and equipment, and standby boats and vehicles.

Source: The Star · Garissa preparedness report · 7 September 2026

Evidence basis: Named official and response-partner statements

Open evidence: Publish the plan, resource inventory, quantities, exact locations, county responsibilities and replenishment schedule.

Finance: The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of its budget, release or spending was found.

Homa Bay · National programme only

The county is named in national health and livestock preparedness coverage, but no fresh county-specific implementation record was located in the review window.

Source: National livestock preparedness plan · reported county coverage · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: National programme coverage

Open evidence: Publish the current county contingency plan, assignments, flood works, stocks and delivery dates.

Finance: No public record of the county's share, release or spending under the national programmes was found.

Isiolo · National programme only

The national livestock plan was launched in Isiolo and names the county for initial implementation, but no fresh county-owned action record was located.

Source: National livestock preparedness plan · reported county coverage · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: National programme coverage

Open evidence: Publish Isiolo's assigned measures, county owner, target locations and delivery schedule.

Finance: No public record of the county's share, release or spending under the livestock plan was found.

Kajiado · Directive or readiness process

A public preparedness process was reported around flood prevention, local risk identification and community action, with residents urged to act before the rains.

Source: Kenya News Agency · Kajiado preparedness report · 28 August 2026

Evidence basis: Government news report

Open evidence: Publish the agreed county actions, responsible departments, works and evidence of completion.

Finance: The county is named in the livestock plan, but no public record of a county allocation or release was found.

Kakamega · Directive or readiness process

The county published an official advisory for enhanced October–December rainfall. The advisory establishes communication, not completed preparedness work.

Source: County Government of Kakamega · public advisory · 8 September 2026

Evidence basis: Primary county record

Open evidence: Publish the county response plan, high-risk locations, responsible units and dated mitigation work.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Kericho • Execution reported

Kipkelion East and West were reported mapped for mudslide risk, while municipal boards were clearing stormwater drains and issuing relocation advice.

Source: Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: News report

Open evidence: Publish work locations, work orders, progress, completion records and shelter arrangements.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Kiambu • Directive or readiness process

County and national officials were reported to have activated coordination around hotspots, early warning, public awareness and emergency response; earlier reporting called on water companies to clear drainage.

Source: Kenya News Agency · Kiambu preparedness report · 10 September 2026

Evidence basis: Government news report

Open evidence: Publish the risk map, drain-clearance sites, responsible utilities, work progress and evacuation arrangements.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Kilifi • Execution reported

The 11 September county report describes preparedness activity. Parliament's 24 September notice adds a Malindi sanitation direction; reallocation and cleaning are municipal claims, with delivery still open.

Source: Parliament of Kenya · Malindi oversight; earlier county report retained in revision 1.8 · 24 September 2026

Evidence basis: Verified oversight; municipal implementation claims

Open evidence: Publish Malindi's works roadmap, budget authority, payment and completion records, alongside county stock and evacuation evidence.

Finance: The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.

Kirinyaga • No fresh local evidence

No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period.

Source: National all-county preparedness direction · Checked 12 September 2026

Evidence basis: No county source found for the review period

Open evidence: Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including local risks and assigned measures.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Kisii • Procurement initiated

The health department's notice listed on 2 October specifies tender 2407736-2026/2027, a KSh45 million estimate and bids closing 12 October at 10am. Delivery is required 5–30 days after a purchase order or contract; its issue date is not evidenced.

Source: Kisii County Government · health procurement notice and tender document · Listed 2 October 2026; verified 8 October

Evidence basis: Primary county tender document; invitation and delivery schedule

Open evidence: Publish evaluation, award, contract or purchase-order date, inspection, receipt and distribution to community health promoters.

Finance: KSh45 million is a tender estimate. Appropriation, release, award, payment and delivery are not evidenced in this file.

Kisumu · Execution reported

About ten evacuation centres in Nyando were reported prepared and stocked with food, non-food items, medical supplies, mosquito nets and waterborne-disease medicines.

Source: Radio Generation Kenya · Nyando preparedness report · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: Named administrator statement in a news report

Open evidence: Publish centre locations, stock inventories, custody records, access arrangements and the status of planned river and dyke work.

Finance: The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.

Kitui · National programme only

Kitui is named in the national livestock plan. Current farmer advice is public, but no fresh county-owned El Niño execution record was located in the review window.

Source: National livestock preparedness plan · reported county coverage · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: National programme coverage

Open evidence: Publish the county plan, agricultural measures, target locations, owners and delivery evidence.

Finance: No public record of the county's share, release or spending under the livestock plan was found.

Kwale · Directive or readiness process

Authorities were reported to have identified flood-prone areas, worked with village elders on warnings and identified halls, churches and mosques for evacuation use.

Source: Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: News report

Open evidence: Publish the county plan, verified shelter list, accessibility, responsible officers and readiness checks.

Finance: The county is named in the national health plan, but no public record of a county allocation or release was found.

Laikipia · Execution reported

The governor reported that blocked drainage clearance had started, alongside identification of locations where residents might require assistance or relocation.

Source: People Daily · Laikipia preparedness report · 4 September 2026

Evidence basis: Governor statement reported by mainstream media

Open evidence: Publish cleared locations, work progress, evacuation sites, completion evidence and response ownership.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Lamu · Directive or readiness process

The county reported a disaster preparedness workplan and convened a four-day multi-stakeholder training on early warning, anticipatory action and coordinated response.

Source: Kenya News Agency · Lamu disaster workplan · 9 September 2026

Evidence basis: Government news report citing county officials

Open evidence: Publish the workplan, resource allocation, evacuation sites, owners and evidence that planned actions have started.

Finance: The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.

Machakos • Directive or readiness process

A county-led multi-agency meeting assessed high-risk areas and enforcement of development controls, including flood risks in urban areas.

Source: Kitui Online · Machakos preparedness report · 27 August 2026

Evidence basis: News report citing county officials

Open evidence: Publish the risk map, enforcement instructions, assigned works, responsible units and implementation evidence.

Finance: The county is named in the livestock plan, but no public record of a county allocation or release was found.

Makueni • Directive or readiness process

A partners' conference in Wote on 30 September identified a KSh152 million preparedness requirement. The county sought resources for evacuation and essential services; prior road and water-project planning remains open.

Source: Makueni County Government · preparedness funding requirement · Published 1 October 2026; event 30 September

Evidence basis: Primary county account of conference and proposed resources

Open evidence: Publish approved contributions, releases, assigned measures, work orders and delivery dates.

Finance: KSh152 million is a projected requirement, not a verified appropriation, release or expenditure.

Mandera • Directive or readiness process

The county is developing a participatory scenario plan with the World Food Programme, county departments, the National Drought Management Authority and humanitarian partners to identify scenarios and early actions.

Source: County Government of Mandera · preparedness notice · 1 September 2026

Evidence basis: Primary county record

Open evidence: Publish the completed plan, selected early actions, responsible institutions, triggers and delivery timetable.

Finance: The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.

Marsabit • National programme only

Marsabit is named in the national livestock plan, but no fresh county-specific preparedness or execution record was located in the review window.

Source: National livestock preparedness plan · reported county coverage · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: National programme coverage

Open evidence: Publish the county contingency plan, local risks, assigned actions, resources and delivery evidence.

Finance: No public record of the county's share, release or spending under the livestock plan was found.

Meru · Directive or readiness process

Landslide and flood hotspots were reported identified. A KSh29 million emergency allocation was reported for 2026/27, while the same report said no current-year emergency relief allocation was available.

Source: Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: News report

Open evidence: Publish the hotspot map, response plan, current funding route, works and evidence of implementation.

Finance: KSh29 million is reported in the 2026/27 budget, but no public record of its release or spending was found.

Migori · Execution reported

The county was reported to have allocated KSh44.2 million and purchased relief supplies including food and non-food items; residents later called for early mitigation in Nyatike.

Source: Kenya News Agency · Migori emergency preparedness · 17 August 2026

Evidence basis: Government news report

Open evidence: Publish the budget line, stock inventory, storage, custody, distribution rules and flood-mitigation work.

Finance: KSh44.2 million and purchases are reported; release, payment and inventory records were not publicly available for this assessment.

Mombasa · Directive or readiness process

The governor issued a restriction on roadside construction mixing from 14 September and announced a phased 3,000-person deployment to clear drains, culverts and waterways after local flooding disrupted access.

Source: Kenyans.co.ke · Mombasa flood-prevention directive · 12 September 2026

Evidence basis: Governor statement reported by mainstream media

Open evidence: Verify enforcement, recruitment, training, tools, deployment sites and completed clearance before heavier rainfall.

Finance: A KSh20 million emergency allocation is separately reported, but no public record of its release or spending was found.

Murang'a · Execution reported

Youth Service teams were reported deployed to clear drainage in major towns. The report also identified blocked sewer and feeder-road drainage gaps.

Source: Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: News report

Open evidence: Publish deployment sites, work progress, completion records and action on the identified drainage gaps.

Finance: KSh27.7 million is reported for disaster management and social welfare, but no public record of its release or spending was found.

Nairobi · Execution reported

Ongoing drainage and flood-mitigation works were reported across vulnerable areas under a multi-agency programme, with hotspot mapping and emergency coordination also active.

Source: Citizen Digital · Nairobi flood-preparedness programme · 21 August 2026

Evidence basis: News report citing county programme information

Open evidence: Publish the full site list, contracts, progress certificates, expenditure and completed-work verification.

Finance: A KSh2.4 billion programme and KSh2 billion drainage component are reported; release and expenditure are not established here.

Nakuru · Execution reported

The county reported a multi-agency response, bridge structural assessments across 11 sub-counties and planned immediate dredging and culvert unblocking in Naivasha.

Source: Kenya News Agency · Nakuru response measures · 9 September 2026

Evidence basis: Government news report citing county officials

Open evidence: Publish assessment findings, work orders, start and completion evidence, and high-risk settlement arrangements.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Nandi · No fresh local evidence

No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period.

Source: National all-county preparedness direction · Checked 12 September 2026

Evidence basis: No county source found for the review period

Open evidence: Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including landslide and flood risks and assigned measures.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Narok · Directive or readiness process

County preparedness around vulnerable communities, flood and landslide hotspots and critical infrastructure was reported; prior stormwater works and raised footpaths were cited in exposed areas.

Source: The Standard · Narok preparedness report · 3 September 2026

Evidence basis: Mainstream news report

Open evidence: Publish the current plan, hotspot map, condition of previous works, response resources and delivery dates.

Finance: The county is named in the livestock plan, but no public record of a county allocation or release was found.

Nyamira · No fresh local evidence

No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period.

Source: National all-county preparedness direction · Checked 12 September 2026

Evidence basis: No county source found for the review period

Open evidence: Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including local risks and assigned measures.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Nyandarua · No fresh local evidence

No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period.

Source: National all-county preparedness direction · Checked 12 September 2026

Evidence basis: No county source found for the review period

Open evidence: Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including slope, lake and drainage risks and assigned measures.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Nyeri · Execution reported

KSh20 million was reported set aside; schools were identified for evacuation use, drainage improvements were reported in Mathira and Kieni, and each sub-county was said to have an ambulance.

Source: Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: News report

Open evidence: Publish the budget line and release, named centres, drainage-work progress, ambulance readiness and exercise records.

Finance: KSh20 million is reported, but no public record of its release, procurement or spending was found.

Samburu · National programme only

Samburu is named in the national livestock plan, but no fresh county-specific preparedness or execution record was located in the review window.

Source: National livestock preparedness plan · reported county coverage · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: National programme coverage

Open evidence: Publish the county contingency plan, pastoralist risks, assigned actions, resources and delivery evidence.

Finance: No public record of the county's share, release or spending under the livestock plan was found.

Siaya · Directive or readiness process

The county convened a multi-sectoral session to refine its Multi-Hazard Contingency Plan, validate mapped risk zones and define early-warning and response arrangements.

Source: County Government of Siaya · preparedness meeting · 8 September 2026

Evidence basis: Primary county record

Open evidence: Publish the revised plan, departmental emergency budgets, mitigation works, owners and delivery dates.

Finance: Named in national health and livestock plans; dedicated departmental budgets were identified as a need, not a completed release.

Taita Taveta · No fresh local evidence

No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period.

Source: National all-county preparedness direction · Checked 12 September 2026

Evidence basis: No county source found for the review period

Open evidence: Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including slope, river and settlement risks.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Tana River · Directive or readiness process

The county and partners were reported to have prepared sector-specific advisories for safety and early action, with dissemination planned through radio, barazas, community structures and digital channels.

Source: Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: News report

Open evidence: Publish the advisories, current contingency plan, evacuation sites, responsible actors and evidence of delivery to exposed communities.

Finance: The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.

Tharaka-Nithi · No fresh local evidence

No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period.

Source: National all-county preparedness direction · Checked 12 September 2026

Evidence basis: No county source found for the review period

Open evidence: Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including slope, river and road risks.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Trans Nzoia · Directive or readiness process

Emergency committees were reported activated, flood and landslide areas mapped across all five sub-counties and volunteers trained, while a spot check found no repair under way on damaged Kitale drainage.

Source: Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: News report with implementation spot check

Open evidence: Publish the county plan, training completion, drainage works, evacuation routes, owners and delivery dates.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Turkana · Directive or readiness process

The County Steering Group began multi-agency contingency planning, with a command centre, lead agency, resource mobilisation and pre-positioning still framed as recommendations.

Source: County Government of Turkana · steering-group record · 3 September 2026

Evidence basis: Primary county record

Open evidence: Publish the completed plan, command-centre status, lead agency, stock positions, evacuation sites and assigned early actions.

Finance: The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.

Uasin Gishu · Execution reported

Heavy machinery was reported deployed in Kapseret, Kesses and Turbo to clear waterways, open drainage routes and remove silt from culverts.

Source: Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report · 11 September 2026

Evidence basis: News report

Open evidence: Publish work orders, exact sites, progress and completion evidence, and planned safety-centre readiness.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Vihiga · No fresh local evidence

No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period.

Source: National all-county preparedness direction · Checked 12 September 2026

Evidence basis: No county source found for the review period

Open evidence: Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including slope, drainage and public-health risks.

Finance: No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

Wajir · Procurement initiated

The national water-works agency advertised Masalale–Kilkey flood-control works in Eldas. Earlier county emergency planning remains part of the record; neither establishes completion.

Source: Northern Water Works Development Agency · official tender · 14 September 2026; reviewed 2 October

Evidence basis: Primary procurement notice; national agency, not county government

Open evidence: Establish evaluation, award, contract, work schedule and completed outputs. County stock placement and vaccination also remain open.

Finance: The agency states funds were received; no amount or release trail is supplied. KSh3 million is tender security, not project finance.

West Pokot · Directive or readiness process

The county activated departments and disaster structures, validated a risk-assessment tool and planned field assessments, scenario planning and community sensitisation.

Source: The Star · West Pokot preparedness report · 3 September 2026

Evidence basis: Named county statements in a news report

Open evidence: Publish field-assessment results, scenarios, assigned early actions, local owners and implementation evidence.

Finance: The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.

Version history

Revision 1.12 · 8 October 2026

Kisii's official health procurement documents establish a KSh45 million estimate, 12 October bid deadline and conditional delivery window. The existing procurement entry is enriched; award, finance and delivery remain open.

Availability: Current record

Revision 1.11 · 7 October 2026

Kenya's contingent emergency-finance route is now verified from primary documents. The framework defines activation, procurement and funds flow, but no project approval, activation, allocation or disbursement for the short rains is evidenced.

Availability: Complete preserved snapshot

Revision 1.10 · 2 October 2026

Earlier onset guidance shortens local readiness windows. Wajir national-agency procurement and Makueni's KSh152 million requirement are added, with awards, releases and completion still open.

Availability: Complete preserved snapshot

Revision 1.9 · 1 October 2026

Senate oversight adds a specific sewerage and drainage decision for Malindi. The directive is verified; the financial and execution claims remain open.

Availability: Complete preserved snapshot

Revision 1.8 · 26 September 2026

KMD's Forecast-to-Farmer pilot was verified as a national agricultural climate-service commitment for the short rains. It establishes an authorised forecast-to-advice pathway and named institutional roles, while farmer receipt, pilot geography, public finance and outcomes remain open.

Availability: Complete preserved snapshot

Revision 1.7 · 18 September 2026

The IGAD High-Level Call to Action was verified as an adopted regional commitment. It adds plan activation, pre-positioning, surveillance, trigger-linked finance and regional reporting duties, while the country-level Technical Annex and evidence of Kenyan financing and delivery remain open.

Availability: Complete preserved snapshot

Revision 1.6 · 17 September 2026

The Ministry of Health's all-county operating advisory, the 15–22 September regional forecast and the close of the ministerial decision window were assessed. The health trigger is stronger, while county execution, finance and the regional forum outputs remain open.

Availability: Complete preserved snapshot

Revision 1.5 · 12 September 2026

County-level evidence was extended to all 47 counties, distinguishing reported execution and procurement from planning, national programme announcements and counties for which no recent local record was located.

Availability: Complete preserved snapshot

Revision 1.4 · 12 September 2026

The 15–17 September regional ministerial forum was identified as the next decision point; its proposed outputs remained prospective.

Availability: Complete preserved snapshot

Revision 1.3 · 11 September 2026

National health contingency planning and Mandera's preparedness process were confirmed. Guidance from the Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development and the reported rapid-finance discussions were also assessed.

Availability: Complete preserved snapshot

Revision 1.2 · 11 September 2026

Primary legal and policy sources clarified institutional responsibility and the immediate operational horizon.

Availability: Complete preserved snapshot

Revision 1.1 · 10 September 2026

The immediate weekly forecast was distinguished from the seasonal outlook, and the six stages of the public decision were set out separately.

Availability: Complete preserved snapshot

Revision 1.0 · 9 September 2026

The record opened with the national and regional October–December seasonal outlooks.

Availability: Change note only; a complete snapshot was not retained

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