CLIMATE PREPAREDNESS ASSESSMENT

KENYA | OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2026 | REVISION 1.6

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

Public reporting shows measures under way in 13 counties, procurement in Kisii and preparedness directives or planning in 20 counties. Evidence of funding, completion and county-wide readiness remains incomplete.

ASSESSMENT

Preparation is visible, but the evidence is uneven.

The available sources establish activity at named stages and locations. They do not establish comparable readiness across Kenya or completion of every announced measure.

DECISION NOW DUE

Publish the responsible office, funded measure, delivery date and proof of completion for each county action.

13

counties reporting measures under way

1

county with procurement begun

20

counties with a directive or planning process

RECORD

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17 September 2026

STATE

Decision window open

01 / ASSESSMENT

What the available evidence shows

CURRENT POSITION

Health preparedness has moved from a national plan to a 47-county operating instruction.

A Ministry of Health advisory issued on 15 September directs every county to activate emergency coordination, protect at-risk facilities, secure medicines and vaccines, strengthen surveillance and water-safety measures, and preserve referral and essential services. The instruction is more specific than the earlier plan confirmation, but county activation, resourcing and delivery records remain incomplete.

DECISION NOW DUE

Counties now need to show that health, evacuation, drainage and livestock instructions are funded and operational.

County authorities need to publish activation records, named officers, at-risk facility plans, stocks, referral arrangements, work orders and completion evidence. IGAD and ICPAC also need to publish the ministerial Call to Action and technical report expected from the forum that ended on 17 September.

COUNTY PICTURE

13 Measures reported under way	**1** Procurement begun	**20** Directive or planning
5 National programme only	**7** No recent county record located	**1** Implementation gap reported

RESPONSIBILITY

The immediate responsibility rests with county delivery systems, supported by national coordination and sector institutions.

The National Disaster Operations Centre, national sector ministries, county governments and National Government Administration Officers hold distinct responsibilities. County health, water, roads, livestock and disaster services now carry the practical work of preparedness.

EVIDENCE LIMIT

A reported measure is not proof of completion

A public source can establish that an activity was announced or reported. Completion and effectiveness require separate evidence.

02 / HOW THIS ASSESSMENT IS ORGANISED

From forecast to public consequence

The six stages distinguish information, authority, commitment, implementation and outcome. The status at each stage reflects the evidence currently available, not an institutional score.

01 SIGNAL

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

Confirmed

For October-December 2026, regional and national outlooks identify an enhanced-rainfall risk; the Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) assigns north-eastern Kenya a 90 per cent likelihood.

02 TRIGGER

What official action followed the forecasts?

Confirmed

The Ministry of Health has issued an operating advisory to all 47 counties, the national government has directed every county to prepare a response strategy, and a livestock plan has been announced for 24 counties.

03 AUTHORITY

Which institutions are responsible?

Responsibility identified

Responsibility lies with national coordination bodies, sector institutions and county governments, although many county records do not name the lead officer or delivery timetable.

04 COMMITMENT

What funding, instructions or procurement have been announced?

Reported

A livestock plan valued at 2.1 billion Kenyan shillings (KSh) and several county allocations are reported; Kisii has initiated procurement. Release, award and expenditure evidence remains incomplete.

05 EXECUTION

What implementation has been reported, and what remains unverified?

Reported

Reports from 13 counties describe measures under execution, while Kisii has begun procurement. Much of the evidence comes from official statements or secondary reporting, and the extent of completion remains unclear.

06 OUTCOME

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

Outcome period has not begun

Not yet. Assessing public outcomes must await the October-December season and the evidence it produces.

SCOPE

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

03 / FORECAST AND DIRECTION

Forecasts, guidance and preparedness directions

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 national outlook favours wetter-than-normal conditions across much of the country. The Ministry of Health has now issued operational preparedness instructions to all 47 counties, while public evidence of county delivery remains markedly uneven.

REGIONAL DECISION OUTCOME **Decision outcome due**	**Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development · High-Level Ministerial Forum** Event notice reviewed 17 September 2026 | Valid for 15-17 September 2026 **Open source**	The event page marks the forum as ended and names a ministerial call to action and regional preparedness and early-action report as intended outputs. Neither document was linked or otherwise located in the authoritative sources reviewed on 17 September, so the forum's substantive result remains open.
REGIONAL SEASONAL **Established forecast**	**Climate Prediction and Applications Centre · 74th Greater Horn Climate Outlook Forum technical statement** Issued 18 August 2026 | Valid for October-December 2026 **Open source**	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**	**Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development · Summary for Decision Makers** Published 10 September 2026 | Valid for October-December 2026 **Open source**	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**	**Kenya Meteorological Department · October-December 2026 outlook** Issued 31 August 2026 | Valid for October-December 2026 **Open source**	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**	**National government · all-county preparedness direction** Reported 10 September 2026 | Valid for Preparation before the 2026/27 El Niño rainfall period **Open source**	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.

03 / FORECAST AND DIRECTION / CONTINUED

Forecasts, guidance and preparedness directions continued

NATIONAL HEALTH OPERATING GUIDANCE **Preparedness direction**	**Ministry of Health · all-county El Niño preparedness advisory** Published 15 September 2026 | Valid for Preparation before and during the 2026/27 El Niño rainfall period **Open source**	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**	**Ministry of Health · Health Sector El Niño Contingency Plan** Activation confirmed 8 September 2026 | Valid for 2026/27 El Niño health risks **Open source**	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**	**National Livestock Sector El Niño Preparedness and Anticipatory Action Plan** Launch reported 10-11 September 2026 | Valid for Initial implementation in 24 named counties **Open source**	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.
REGIONAL WEEKLY **Current forecast**	**Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development · weekly forecast** Published for the week beginning 15 September | Valid for 15-22 September 2026 **Open source**	Exceptional rainfall above the 90th percentile is forecast in isolated parts of western and central Kenya, while parts of eastern Kenya remain within the extreme-caution heat-stress category. This is a near-term operating forecast and does not replace the October-December outlook.

03 / FORECAST AND DIRECTION

Where the risks and opportunities concentrate

The forecast has different practical implications across the country. Immediate operating conditions and the October-December season are therefore presented separately.

NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS · BEFORE ONSET	**All 47 counties**	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. **Systems: Disaster coordination · evacuation · health services · public communication · service continuity**
SEASONAL · OCTOBER-DECEMBER	**North-eastern Kenya, arid and semi-arid counties, and pastoral systems**	Garissa, Mandera, Wajir, Isiolo and Marsabit have a later expected onset and relatively short seasonal window. The livestock plan adds national programme coverage across 24 counties, but local execution remains uneven. **Systems: Water · livestock · health · access roads · humanitarian logistics**
SEASONAL · OCTOBER-DECEMBER	**Towns, lake and river basins, slopes and coastal settlements**	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. **Systems: Drainage · sanitation · agriculture · transport · settlements · trade**

PUBLIC DECISION

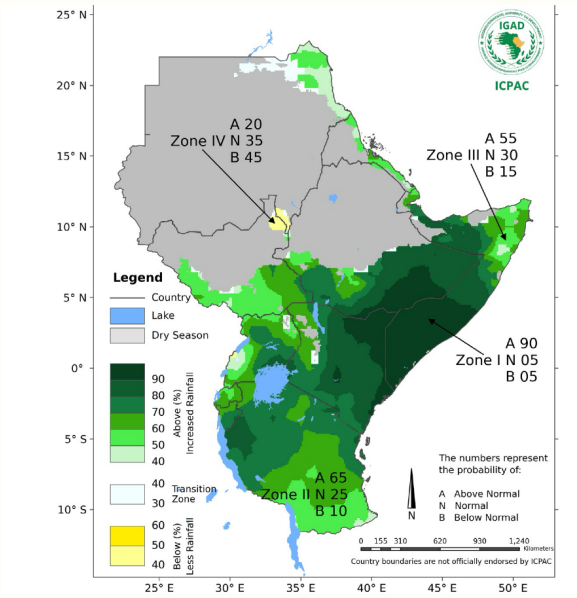
Local plans need to reflect the conditions that each county actually faces.

Drainage, water safety, livestock support, health surveillance, road access and service continuity will not carry the same priority in every place.

03A / MAP EVIDENCE

The forecast is regional. The decisions are local.

The maps show seasonal probability and accumulation. They do not show observed impact, county readiness or completed public action.



WHERE THE WET SIGNAL IS STRONGEST

North-eastern Kenya sits within the highest-probability regional zone. The map supports early preparation; shorter-range forecasts still determine operational timing and location.

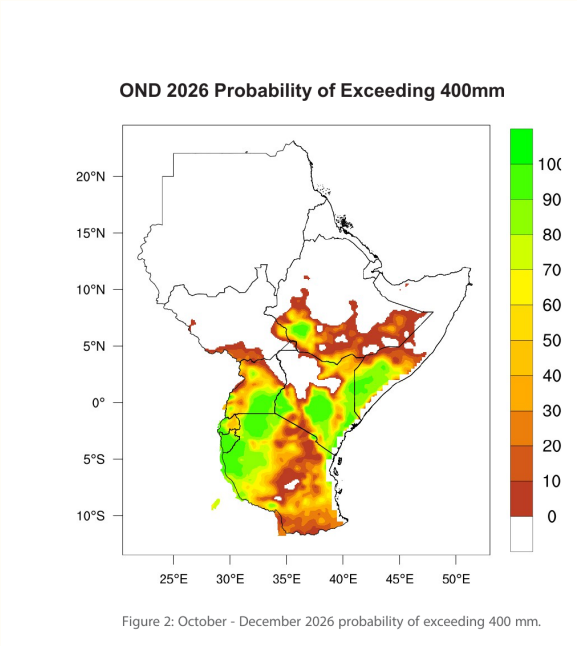


Figure 2: October - December 2026 probability of exceeding 400 mm.

WHERE SEASONAL TOTALS MAY MATTER

A high seasonal total is not the same as a damaging event. Exposure, drainage, river levels, soil conditions and public readiness determine the public consequence.

INTERPRETATION

Rainfall becomes a public consequence through exposure and institutional readiness.

Drainage, water safety, livestock health, transport continuity, protected health facilities and funded local action determine whether rainfall becomes disruption or benefit.

Map source: Climate Prediction and Applications Centre, October-December 2026 Summary for Decision Makers.

04 / RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility across public institutions

Forecast services, national coordination, sector planning, public finance and county delivery carry distinct responsibilities.

REGIONAL FORECASTS AND MINISTERIAL COORDINATION	**Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development** Issue regional outlooks and convene ministerial coordination. The 15-17 September forum has ended; its intended call to action and technical report need to be published before their responsibilities, finance and delivery tests can be assessed.	**Climate Prediction and Applications Centre ministerial-forum notice** Open basis
NATIONAL WEATHER FORECASTS	**Kenya Meteorological Service Authority** Provide and regulate meteorological services, including national, county and shorter-range forecast guidance.	**Meteorology Act, 2026** Open basis
DROUGHT READINESS	**National Drought Management Authority** Operate drought early warning and facilitate national and county contingency processes and preparedness strategies.	**National Drought Management Authority Act, section 5** Open basis
NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS COORDINATION	**National Disaster Operations Centre, Ministry of Interior and National Government Administration Officers** Coordinate the national contingency approach, require county risk mapping and response strategies, and connect national and county emergency structures.	**National all-county preparedness direction, 10 September 2026** Open basis

04 / RESPONSIBILITY / CONTINUED

Responsibility across public institutions continued

NATIONAL HEALTH PREPAREDNESS	**Ministry of Health, Kenya National Public Health Institute and county health authorities** 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.	**Ministry of Health preparedness advisory, 15 September 2026** Open basis
NATIONAL LIVESTOCK PREPAREDNESS	**Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development and participating county livestock functions** Translate the seasonal signal into animal health, feed, water, market and awareness measures across the 24 counties named in the announced sector plan.	**Reported livestock preparedness plan, 10-11 September 2026** Open basis
PUBLIC FINANCE	**National Treasury and county treasuries** Connect risk information to contingency financing, budget decisions, expenditure controls and reporting.	**Kenya Disaster Risk Financing Strategy 2026-2030** Open basis
COUNTY IMPLEMENTATION	**County governments, county disaster structures and local sector departments** Publish local risk maps and response strategies, then convert instructions and resources into dated health, water, roads, livestock, evacuation and service-continuity action.	**Constitution, Fourth Schedule; national all-county preparedness direction** Open basis

ACCOUNTABILITY BEFORE ONSET

Each measure needs a named owner and a public completion record.

County authorities should identify the responsible office, the budget or instruction authorising the work, the location, the delivery date and the evidence that will show completion.

05 / FUNDING AND COMMITMENT

Funding and operational commitments

Allocations, releases, procurement, expenditure and completed delivery are reported separately because each provides a different level of assurance.

RESPONSIBILITY IDENTIFIED

Disaster-risk financing policy

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.

UNDER REVIEW

Reported emergency-finance framework

Reuters reported on 10 September that Kenya and the World Bank are finalising a framework that could permit rapid financing for an eligible emergency, including El Niño. No official project document, signed instrument, amount, appropriation or disbursement was publicly available for this assessment.

REPORTED COMMITMENT

National livestock plan

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.

REPORTED ALLOCATIONS

County allocations

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.

INITIATED

Procurement

Kisii County published an El Niño preparedness-materials tender for Community Health Promoters. Tender documents, award, contract value, payment and delivery remain open.

REPORTED

Local execution

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.

DECISION NOW DUE

Counties now need to show that health, evacuation, drainage and livestock instructions are funded and operational.

County authorities need to publish activation records, named officers, at-risk facility plans, stocks, referral arrangements, work orders and completion evidence. IGAD and ICPAC also need to publish the ministerial Call to Action and technical report expected from the forum that ended on 17 September.

06 / COUNTY REGISTER

Publicly available evidence for Kenya's 47 counties

The register covers sources published from 17 August to 12 September 2026. It states what each source supports and what remains unconfirmed. A missing public record is not evidence that no action occurred.

13 Measures reported under way	**1** Procurement begun	**20** Directive or planning
5 National programme only	**7** No recent county record located	**1** Implementation gap reported

COUNTY AND STATUS	WHAT IS PUBLICLY REPORTED	WHAT REMAINS TO BE SHOWN
Baringo 9 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	A multi-agency team was reported to be assessing readiness around Lakes Baringo and Bogoria; the available report does not identify completed protective works. **Citizen Digital · high-risk county preparations** News report citing public authorities	Publish named sites, assigned works, responsible officers and completion evidence. The county is named in the KSh2.1 billion livestock plan, but no public record of its allocation or release was found.
Bomet 11 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	Flood hotspots were reported mapped in Chepalungu, Sotik and lower Bomet East, with public sensitisation and health-risk planning under way. **Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report** News report	Publish the county plan, mapped sites, health measures, owners and implementation dates. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Bungoma 10 September 2026 **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. **The Standard · Bungoma rain damage report** Mainstream news report	Publish the county response plan, active mitigation work, emergency contacts and affected-site assessment. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Busia 23 August 2026 **Measures reported under way**	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. **Citizen Digital · Budalang'i preparedness report** News report; works began before the stated review period	Publish current dyke condition, uncovered settlements, maintenance work and evacuation arrangements. The available source does not establish the funding or current maintenance expenditure for the dyke works.

COUNTY AND STATUS	WHAT IS PUBLICLY REPORTED	WHAT REMAINS TO BE SHOWN
Elgeyo-Marakwet 31 August 2026 **Measures reported under way**	The county states that it started receiving planting and top-dressing fertiliser for short-season crops ahead of the El Niño rainfall period. **County Government of Elgeyo-Marakwet · fertiliser receipt** Primary county record	Publish quantities received, distribution sites, beneficiary coverage and delivery records. The source and value of the subsidy, and expenditure evidence, are not published in the record.
Embu 11 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	Authorities were reported to have established a disaster preparedness committee to coordinate county preparations. **Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report** News report	Publish the committee mandate, county plan, risk map, assigned actions and meeting decisions. The county is named in the livestock plan, but no public record of a county allocation or release was found.
Garissa 7 September 2026 **Measures reported under way**	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. **The Star · Garissa preparedness report** Named official and response-partner statements	Publish the plan, resource inventory, quantities, exact locations, county responsibilities and replenishment schedule. The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of its budget, release or spending was found.
Homa Bay 11 September 2026 **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. **National livestock preparedness plan · reported county coverage** National programme coverage	Publish the current county contingency plan, assignments, flood works, stocks and delivery dates. No public record of the county's share, release or spending under the national programmes was found.
Isiolo 11 September 2026 **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. **National livestock preparedness plan · reported county coverage** National programme coverage	Publish Isiolo's assigned measures, county owner, target locations and delivery schedule. No public record of the county's share, release or spending under the livestock plan was found.
Kajiado 28 August 2026 **Directive or planning**	A public preparedness process was reported around flood prevention, local risk identification and community action, with residents urged to act before the rains. **Kenya News Agency · Kajiado preparedness report** Government news report	Publish the agreed county actions, responsible departments, works and evidence of completion. The county is named in the livestock plan, but no public record of a county allocation or release was found.
Kakamega 8 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	The county published an official advisory for enhanced October-December rainfall. The advisory establishes communication, not completed preparedness work. **County Government of Kakamega · public advisory** Primary county record	Publish the county response plan, high-risk locations, responsible units and dated mitigation work. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Kericho 11 September 2026 **Measures reported under way**	Kipkelion East and West were reported mapped for mudslide risk, while municipal boards were clearing stormwater drains and issuing relocation advice. **Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report** News report	Publish work locations, work orders, progress, completion records and shelter arrangements. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

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Kiambu 10 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	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. **Kenya News Agency · Kiambu preparedness report** Government news report	Publish the risk map, drain-clearance sites, responsible utilities, work progress and evacuation arrangements. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Kilifi 11 September 2026 **Measures reported under way**	County officials reported mapping and sensitisation, assembled food and non-food items, an established command centre and a coordinated contingency process. **The Standard · Kilifi preparedness report** Named county and response-partner statements	Publish the contingency plan, stock quantities and locations, evacuation sites, owners and readiness checks. The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.
Kirinyaga Checked 12 September 2026 **No recent county record located**	No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period. **National all-county preparedness direction** No county source found for the review period	Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including local risks and assigned measures. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Kisii 7 September 2026 **Procurement begun**	The county published a tender notice for the supply and delivery of El Niño preparedness materials for Community Health Promoters. **County Government of Kisii · tender notice** Official procurement record	Publish the tender documents, evaluation outcome, award, contract value, delivery and distribution evidence. Procurement is initiated; award, contract, payment and delivery are not established.
Kisumu 11 September 2026 **Measures reported under way**	About ten evacuation centres in Nyando were reported prepared and stocked with food, non-food items, medical supplies, mosquito nets and waterborne-disease medicines. **Radio Generation Kenya · Nyando preparedness report** Named administrator statement in a news report	Publish centre locations, stock inventories, custody records, access arrangements and the status of planned river and dyke work. The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.
Kitui 11 September 2026 **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. **National livestock preparedness plan · reported county coverage** National programme coverage	Publish the county plan, agricultural measures, target locations, owners and delivery evidence. No public record of the county's share, release or spending under the livestock plan was found.
Kwale 11 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	Authorities were reported to have identified flood-prone areas, worked with village elders on warnings and identified halls, churches and mosques for evacuation use. **Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report** News report	Publish the county plan, verified shelter list, accessibility, responsible officers and readiness checks. The county is named in the national health plan, but no public record of a county allocation or release was found.
Laikipia 4 September 2026 **Measures reported under way**	The governor reported that blocked drainage clearance had started, alongside identification of locations where residents might require assistance or relocation. **People Daily · Laikipia preparedness report** Governor statement reported by mainstream media	Publish cleared locations, work progress, evacuation sites, completion evidence and response ownership. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

COUNTY AND STATUS	WHAT IS PUBLICLY REPORTED	WHAT REMAINS TO BE SHOWN
Lamu 9 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	The county reported a disaster preparedness workplan and convened a four-day multi-stakeholder training on early warning, anticipatory action and coordinated response. **Kenya News Agency · Lamu disaster workplan** Government news report citing county officials	Publish the workplan, resource allocation, evacuation sites, owners and evidence that planned actions have started. The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.
Machakos 27 August 2026 **Directive or planning**	A county-led multi-agency meeting assessed high-risk areas and enforcement of development controls, including flood risks in urban areas. **Kitui Online · Machakos preparedness report** News report citing county officials	Publish the risk map, enforcement instructions, assigned works, responsible units and implementation evidence. The county is named in the livestock plan, but no public record of a county allocation or release was found.
Makueni 18 August 2026 **Directive or planning**	The county proposed using satellite imagery, rainfall records and flood-risk data to prioritise road repairs, while directing completion of a water project before the rains. **County Government of Makueni · extreme-weather response** Primary county record; proposed implementation framework	Publish the signed framework, prioritised road list, work orders, project completion and delivery dates. The county is named in the livestock plan, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.
Mandera 1 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	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. **County Government of Mandera · preparedness notice** Primary county record	Publish the completed plan, selected early actions, responsible institutions, triggers and delivery timetable. The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.
Marsabit 11 September 2026 **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. **National livestock preparedness plan · reported county coverage** National programme coverage	Publish the county contingency plan, local risks, assigned actions, resources and delivery evidence. No public record of the county's share, release or spending under the livestock plan was found.
Meru 11 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	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. **Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report** News report	Publish the hotspot map, response plan, current funding route, works and evidence of implementation. KSh29 million is reported in the 2026/27 budget, but no public record of its release or spending was found.
Migori 17 August 2026 **Measures reported under way**	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. **Kenya News Agency · Migori emergency preparedness** Government news report	Publish the budget line, stock inventory, storage, custody, distribution rules and flood-mitigation work. KSh44.2 million and purchases are reported; release, payment and inventory records were not publicly available for this assessment.

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Mombasa 12 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	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. **Kenyans.co.ke · Mombasa flood-prevention directive** Governor statement reported by mainstream media	Verify enforcement, recruitment, training, tools, deployment sites and completed clearance before heavier rainfall. A KSh20 million emergency allocation is separately reported, but no public record of its release or spending was found.
Murang'a 11 September 2026 **Measures reported under way**	Youth Service teams were reported deployed to clear drainage in major towns. The report also identified blocked sewer and feeder-road drainage gaps. **Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report** News report	Publish deployment sites, work progress, completion records and action on the identified drainage gaps. KSh27.7 million is reported for disaster management and social welfare, but no public record of its release or spending was found.
Nairobi 21 August 2026 **Measures reported under way**	Ongoing drainage and flood-mitigation works were reported across vulnerable areas under a multi-agency programme, with hotspot mapping and emergency coordination also active. **Citizen Digital · Nairobi flood-preparedness programme** News report citing county programme information	Publish the full site list, contracts, progress certificates, expenditure and completed-work verification. A KSh2.4 billion programme and KSh2 billion drainage component are reported; release and expenditure are not established here.
Nakuru 9 September 2026 **Measures reported under way**	The county reported a multi-agency response, bridge structural assessments across 11 sub-counties and planned immediate dredging and culvert unblocking in Naivasha. **Kenya News Agency · Nakuru response measures** Government news report citing county officials	Publish assessment findings, work orders, start and completion evidence, and high-risk settlement arrangements. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Nandi Checked 12 September 2026 **No recent county record located**	No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period. **National all-county preparedness direction** No county source found for the review period	Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including landslide and flood risks and assigned measures. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Narok 3 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	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. **The Standard · Narok preparedness report** Mainstream news report	Publish the current plan, hotspot map, condition of previous works, response resources and delivery dates. The county is named in the livestock plan, but no public record of a county allocation or release was found.
Nyamira Checked 12 September 2026 **No recent county record located**	No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period. **National all-county preparedness direction** No county source found for the review period	Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including local risks and assigned measures. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Nyandarua Checked 12 September 2026 **No recent county record located**	No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period. **National all-county preparedness direction** No county source found for the review period	Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including slope, lake and drainage risks and assigned measures. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.

COUNTY AND STATUS	WHAT IS PUBLICLY REPORTED	WHAT REMAINS TO BE SHOWN
Nyeri 11 September 2026 **Measures reported under way**	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. **Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report** News report	Publish the budget line and release, named centres, drainage-work progress, ambulance readiness and exercise records. KSh20 million is reported, but no public record of its release, procurement or spending was found.
Samburu 11 September 2026 **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. **National livestock preparedness plan · reported county coverage** National programme coverage	Publish the county contingency plan, pastoralist risks, assigned actions, resources and delivery evidence. No public record of the county's share, release or spending under the livestock plan was found.
Siaya 8 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	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. **County Government of Siaya · preparedness meeting** Primary county record	Publish the revised plan, departmental emergency budgets, mitigation works, owners and delivery dates. Named in national health and livestock plans; dedicated departmental budgets were identified as a need, not a completed release.
Taita Taveta Checked 12 September 2026 **No recent county record located**	No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period. **National all-county preparedness direction** No county source found for the review period	Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including slope, river and settlement risks. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Tana River 11 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	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. **Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report** News report	Publish the advisories, current contingency plan, evacuation sites, responsible actors and evidence of delivery to exposed communities. The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.
Tharaka-Nithi Checked 12 September 2026 **No recent county record located**	No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period. **National all-county preparedness direction** No county source found for the review period	Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including slope, river and road risks. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Trans Nzoia 11 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	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. **Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report** News report with implementation spot check	Publish the county plan, training completion, drainage works, evacuation routes, owners and delivery dates. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Turkana 3 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	The County Steering Group began multi-agency contingency planning, with a command centre, lead agency, resource mobilisation and pre-positioning still framed as recommendations. **County Government of Turkana · steering-group record** Primary county record	Publish the completed plan, command-centre status, lead agency, stock positions, evacuation sites and assigned early actions. The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.

COUNTY AND STATUS	WHAT IS PUBLICLY REPORTED	WHAT REMAINS TO BE SHOWN
Uasin Gishu 11 September 2026 **Measures reported under way**	Heavy machinery was reported deployed in Kapseret, Kesses and Turbo to clear waterways, open drainage routes and remove silt from culverts. **Radio Generation Kenya · multi-county preparedness report** News report	Publish work orders, exact sites, progress and completion evidence, and planned safety-centre readiness. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Vihiga Checked 12 September 2026 **No recent county record located**	No county plan, directive, procurement notice or implementation report was found for the review period. **National all-county preparedness direction** No county source found for the review period	Publish the county response strategy required by the national direction, including slope, drainage and public-health risks. No county budget release or procurement record tied to this forecast was found.
Wajir 10 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	The county steering group activated emergency planning across livestock, agriculture, water, health and relief systems, with vaccination and pre-positioning described as planned measures. **The Star · Wajir emergency measures** Named official statements in a news report	Verify vaccination, stock placement, quantities, facility coverage, evacuation sites and delivery dates. The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.
West Pokot 3 September 2026 **Directive or planning**	The county activated departments and disaster structures, validated a risk-assessment tool and planned field assessments, scenario planning and community sensitisation. **The Star · West Pokot preparedness report** Named county statements in a news report	Publish field-assessment results, scenarios, assigned early actions, local owners and implementation evidence. The county is named in national health and livestock plans, but no public record of a county or programme release was found.

LIMIT OF THE REVIEW

Where no recent county record was located, this assessment makes no claim that no action occurred. Inclusion in a national programme does not, by itself, establish a county allocation or completed delivery.

07 / REPORTED IMPLEMENTATION

Reported measures and the evidence supporting them

Official publications, attributable public statements and news reports are identified by source. The status describes what the cited material establishes.

DATE AND STAGE	REPORTED MEASURE	RESPONSIBLE INSTITUTION	STATUS
18 August Evidence production	Regional October-December outlook and technical statement published **Open source**	Climate Prediction and Applications Centre of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development	**Confirmed**
31 August Evidence production	Kenya October-December seasonal outlook published **Open source**	Kenya Meteorological Department	**Confirmed**
1 September National direction	Seven national preparedness measures reported under the national contingency approach **Open source**	Ministry of Interior · National Disaster Operations Centre · national and county partners	**Confirmed**
7 September Local planning and mobilisation	County plan, hotspots and evacuation centres reported; response-partner supplies and equipment positioned **Open source**	Garissa County structures · National Drought Management Authority · Kenya Red Cross	**Reported**
7 September Procurement	Tender notice published for El Niño preparedness materials for Community Health Promoters **Open source**	Kisii County	**Confirmed**
8 September Sectoral commitment	Health Sector El Niño Contingency Plan activation confirmed **Open source**	Ministry of Health · Kenya National Public Health Institute · county health authorities · partners	**Confirmed**
8 September Preparedness planning	Multi-Hazard Contingency Plan refinement and county risk-zone validation documented **Open source**	Siaya County	**Confirmed**
10 September National-to-county trigger	All 47 counties directed to map flood-prone areas, identify safer evacuation grounds and prepare response strategies **Open source**	National government · county governments · National Government Administration Officers	**Confirmed**
10 September Reported sector commitment	KSh2.1 billion livestock preparedness and anticipatory-action plan launched for 24 counties **Open source**	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development · county livestock functions	**Reported**
11 September Local readiness and execution	County-by-county reporting documents works, stocks, machinery, evacuation preparation, committees and infrastructure gaps **Open source**	Multiple county and national actors	**Reported**

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12 September Local directive and planned deployment	Construction-site drainage restriction issued and 3,000-person drain-clearance deployment announced **Open source**	Mombasa County	**Reported**
15 September National health direction	All-county health preparedness advisory issued with operational measures for emergency coordination, facilities, stocks, surveillance, water safety, referrals and continuity of care **Open source**	Ministry of Health · county health authorities · public-health institutions and partners	**Confirmed**
15-17 September Regional decision window	High-Level Ministerial Forum ended; the intended call to action and regional technical report were not located in the sources reviewed on 17 September **Open source**	Intergovernmental Authority on Development · Climate Prediction and Applications Centre · participating governments and partners	**Information required**
Open Commitment	Published county strategies, national sector-plan documents and disaggregated assignments No source link supplied	National ministries · county governments	**Information required**
Open Finance and execution	Budget releases, procurement awards, work orders and completed delivery records No source link supplied	National and county finance and implementing authorities	**Information required**

INFORMATION STILL REQUIRED

The principal gaps concern county emergency activation and facility plans, published risk maps, sector allocations, budget releases, procurement awards, dated stock and completion records, and the ministerial Call to Action and technical report expected from the regional forum.

08 / PUBLICATION HISTORY

Previous editions and changes in the assessment

Each edition is dated. Earlier editions remain available so readers can see which evidence and conclusions were published at the time.

EDITION	DATE	WHAT CHANGED
v1.6	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.
v1.5	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.
v1.4	12 September 2026	The 15-17 September regional ministerial forum was identified as the next decision point; its proposed outputs remained prospective.
v1.3	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.
v1.2	11 September 2026	Primary legal and policy sources clarified institutional responsibility and the immediate operational horizon.
v1.1	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.
v1.0	9 September 2026	The record opened with the national and regional October-December seasonal outlooks.

CITATION

Ahmed Nadhir Omar, 'Kenya's October-December 2026 rains: the state of public preparedness', From Climate Signal to Public Action, KE-OND-2026-001, revision 1.6, reviewed 17 September 2026.

Open the current assessment

USE AND ATTRIBUTION

Original editorial analysis may be cited with attribution. Source documents remain subject to their issuing institutions' terms.

09 / SOURCES

Principal sources

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

Event notice reviewed 17 September 2026

Open source

The event page marks the forum as ended and names a ministerial call to action and regional preparedness and early-action report as intended outputs. Neither document was linked or otherwise located in the authoritative sources reviewed on 17 September, so the forum's substantive result remains open.

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

Issued 18 August 2026

Open source

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.

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

Published 10 September 2026

Open source

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.

Kenya Meteorological Department · October-December 2026 outlook

Issued 31 August 2026

Open source

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 government · all-county preparedness direction

Reported 10 September 2026

Open source

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.

Ministry of Health · all-county El Niño preparedness advisory

Published 15 September 2026

Open source

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.

Ministry of Health · Health Sector El Niño Contingency Plan

Activation confirmed 8 September 2026

Open source

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 Sector El Niño Preparedness and Anticipatory Action Plan

Launch reported 10-11 September 2026

Open source

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.

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

Published for the week beginning 15 September

Open source

Exceptional rainfall above the 90th percentile is forecast in isolated parts of western and central Kenya, while parts of eastern Kenya remain within the extreme-caution heat-stress category. This is a near-term operating forecast and does not replace the October-December outlook.