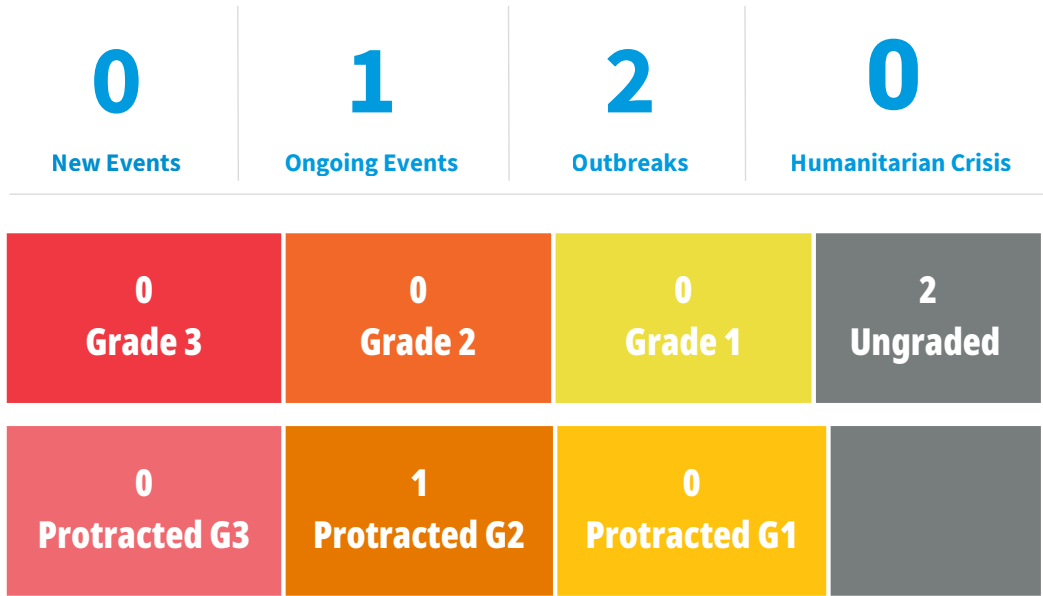


Emergency Preparedness and Response Weekly Situation Report

Week 18: 26th April 2026 to 3rd May 2026
Data as reported by: 1700 hrs (EAT), 3rd May 2026

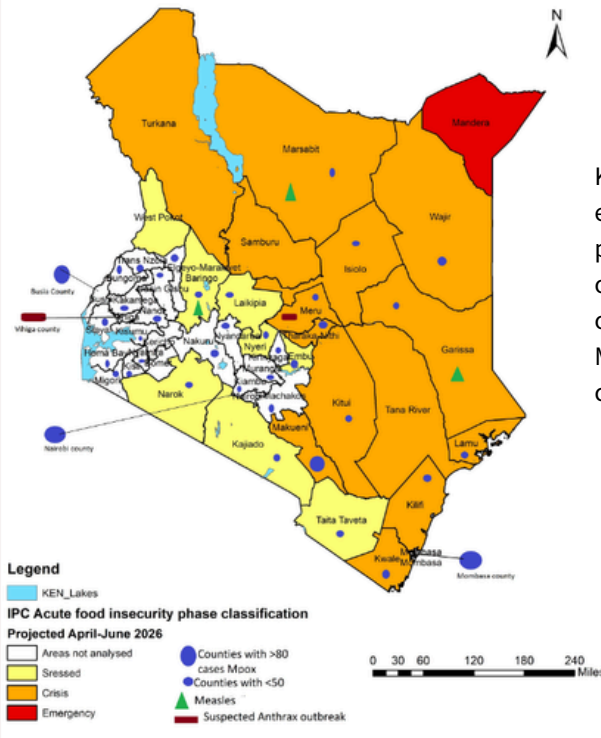


Nairobi, Kenya – April 29, 2026 - The World Health Summit Regional Meeting 2026 has concluded in Nairobi with a strengthened consensus among African health leaders to accelerate the shift from health policy dialogue to implementation-focused health systems transformation across the continent.

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Map of the Current Health Emergencies in Kenya 2026



1. Overview

Kenya is managing multiple concurrent public health emergencies as of Epi week 18 (3rd May 2026). One protracted Grade 2 emergency (Mpx, Clade 1b) and several other priority events are ongoing, including measles outbreaks in three counties, widespread flooding from the MAM long rains, and a severe food security and nutrition crisis in arid and semi-arid (ASAL) counties.

Event	Total Cases	Cases Confirmed	Deaths	Case Fatality Rate	Case Contacts	Counties	Start of Reporting Period	Grade	
Mpox	1,119	1,119	19	1.7%	1,376	38	31 July 2024	Grade 2 Protracted	Ongoing

Seven new cases reported in the past week from two counties: Nairobi (6) and Murang'a (1). There are 97 active cases, with 13 patients receiving facility care and 84 under home-based care. A total of 2,823 samples tested with a positivity rate of 40%.

Measles	383	36	0	0%	N/A	3	2024 - 2025	Ungraded	Ongoing
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No new cases were reported in the past week. A total of 383 cases have been reported: 357 cases from Baringo County, 16 cases from Marsabit County and 10 cases from Garissa County.

Flood Impact	N/A	N/A	122	N/A	N/A	27	2026	Ungraded	Ongoing
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Floods have affected 27 counties, displacing 5,652 households, with 122 deaths and 3 people reported missing. Response measures include public health advisories, activation of response teams, and ongoing disease surveillance.

Anthrax	16	0	3 Human Deaths	16.7%	314	2	2026	Ungraded	Ongoing
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A suspected cutaneous anthrax outbreak has been reported in two counties of Kenya: Meru and Vihiga Counties. A total of 35 contacts from Vihiga County and 279 contacts from Meru County have been reported. 2 human deaths, one from each county. 4 animal deaths from Vihiga County and one from Meru County.



2. ONGOING EMERGENCIES

A. Mpox Situation Updates

New cases this week	Cases Confirmed	Cases Recovered	Vaccinated	Case Contacts	Counties	Deaths
7	1,119	1,003	10,697	1,376	38	19

- Seven new cases have been reported from two counties. Six cases from Nairobi and one case from Murang'a County.
- There are 1,003 recovered cases, 97 active cases, with 13 patients receiving facility care and 84 under home-based care.
- Since the beginning of 2026, 170 cases have been reported from seventeen counties. Mombasa with the highest (70 cases).
- Persons aged 15–44 years account for 69% (456) of cases.
- Contact tracing has identified 1,376 contacts, of whom 1,141 have completed follow-up. Currently, 219 contacts are under active follow-up.
- A total of 9.8 M travelers have been screened at 26 Points of Entry.

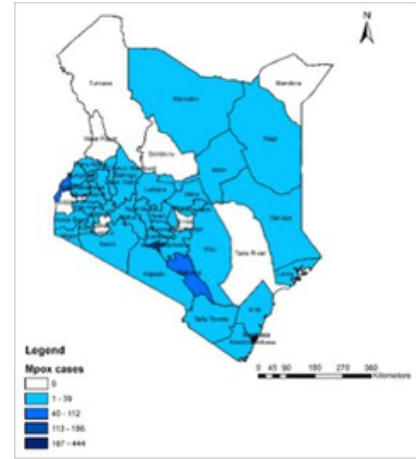


Figure 1: Map of Kenya showing county-level distribution of Mpox Cases 2024- 2026

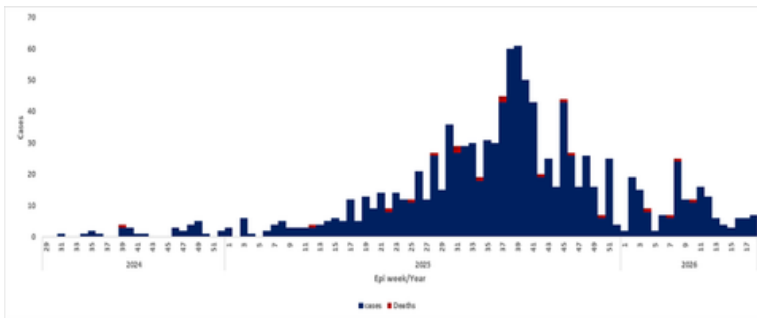


Figure 2. Epi curve of the confirmed mpox cases, Kenya, 2024-2026

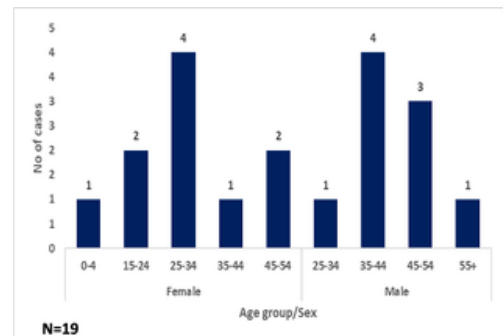


Figure 3. Mpox death analysis

- Four counties have consistently reported cases with Mombasa leading 40%, Nairobi 17%, Busia 10% and Makueni 7.4%.
- Since the beginning of the year, 163 cases with 3 deaths have been reported from seventeen counties.

Response activities and gaps

- Active case search ongoing in the affected areas
- Contact tracing ongoing on the all-active cases
- Risk communication and community engagement (RCCE) activities ongoing in the affected areas
- Case management of patients ongoing in the designated isolation centres
- Regular coordination meetings ongoing through the National PHEOC.

- Females accounted for 62% of Mpox deaths.
- Among deaths with confirmed HIV status, most occurred among individuals who were HIV positive (68%).



B. Measles

New cases this week	Cases Confirmed	Cases Recovered	Vaccinated	Case Contacts	Counties	Deaths
0	383	0	5.3M	0	3	0

Table 1: Distribution of measles cases by county 2026-Kenya

- No new cases were reported in the past week.
- No deaths have been recorded.
- Since the onset of the outbreak, a cumulative total of 383 cases, including 36 laboratory-confirmed and 347 suspected cases, have been reported.
- Most of the cases, 218 (60.5%), are aged 10 years and above.
- More than half are males, 223 (62%).

County	Sub County	Total cases	Lab Confirmed	Suspected cases	Total deaths	Date of onset of the Index case	Date of onset of the last case reported	Outbreak status
Baringo	Taty East	357	28	329	0	25-Nov-25	08-Mar-26	Active
Marsabit	Moyale	16	5	11	0	18-Feb-26	03-Mar-26	Active
Garissa	Fafi	10	3	7	0	27-Feb-26	01-Mar-26	Active
Total		383	36	347	0			

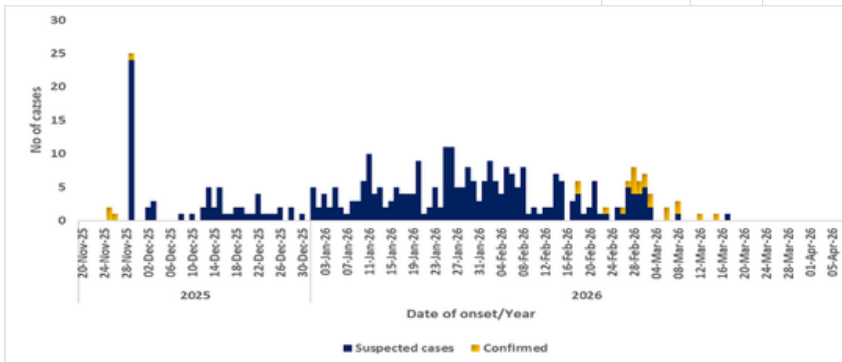


Figure 4. Epi curve of the confirmed measles cases, Kenya, 2024-2026

Challenges

- Delayed sub-national reporting affecting timeliness
- Insecurity in the affected area

Response activities and gaps

- Completed a mop campaign in Tiaty west and planning for an upcoming campaign for Tiaty east, Baringo county.
- Active Case Search: Health facility and community levels to identify suspected cases promptly.
- Enhanced Surveillance: For timely detection and response currently ongoing in the health facility and community in the affected counties
- Provision of supportive care at health facilities.

C. Anthrax

Suspected Cases	Case Contacts	Human Deaths	Animal Deaths	Counties
16	314	3	5	2

- Sixteen suspected cutaneous anthrax cases have been reported in two counties of Kenya: Meru County reported 14 suspected cases and Vihiga County reported 2 suspected cases.
- A total of 35 contacts from Vihiga County have been identified and 261 contacts from Meru County have been reported, due to consumption of meat.
- Two human deaths, one from each county. 4 animal deaths from Vihiga County and one from Meru County.

Response activities in Vihiga and Meru counties

Surveillance & Contact Tracing

- Active case search: 261 contacts traced in both counties
- Multisectoral coordination established
- Enhanced community event-based surveillance (CEBS)

Case Management

- Treatment and prophylaxis for cases/contacts
- Chemoprophylaxis to all exposed individuals
- All cases managed as outpatient except the deaths

Risk Communication

- Public Baraza held for community sensitization
- Multi-media platform engagement
- Safe meat handling education
- Discouraging home slaughter practices

Veterinary Measures

- Proper disposal of recently dead cattle
- Planned ring vaccination of livestock
- Enhanced meat inspection enforcement

Challenges and Gaps

Critical Barriers

- Operational Difficulties
- Logistical challenges in field visits and contact tracing
- Limited community engagement capacity

Cultural Barriers

- Reliance on traditional and spiritual healers
- Cultural beliefs favoring consumption of dead animal meat

Risky Practices

- Continued skinning and consumption of dead animals
- Illegal home slaughter practices
- Poor adherence to meat inspection advice

Healthcare Access

- Poor health-seeking behavior
- Delayed presentation to healthcare facilities
- Fear and stigma leading to underreporting
- Resource Constraints
- Insufficient drug stocks for treatment and prophylaxis
- Limited logistics for sustained field operations

D. MAM Rains – Flood Emergency

Data source: National Disaster Operations Centre

Counties Affected	People Affected	Deaths	Injured	Missing
27	42,259	122	4	3

- The March-April-May (MAM) long rains season has triggered widespread flooding across Kenya.
- As of 3rd May 2026, flooding has affected 27 counties, resulting in 122 deaths, 3 missing persons, and 42,259 people affected.
- Nairobi (37 deaths), Eastern region (34 deaths), and Rift Valley (16 deaths) have recorded the highest mortality.
- Critical infrastructure has been damaged including roads, bridges, water supply lines, power infrastructure, and farms.
- The public health risks associated with flooding include increased transmission of cholera, malaria, acute watery diarrhoea, and other water-borne diseases, particularly in areas with damaged WASH infrastructure.
- Flood-related displacement and market disruptions further increase vulnerability among affected populations.
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Flood Public Health Response

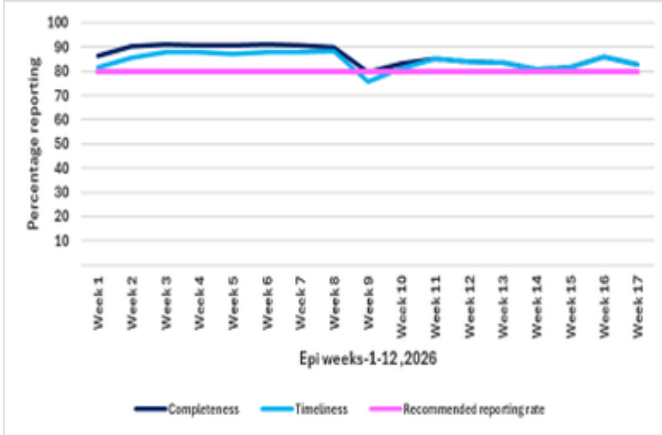
- WHO handed over critical emergency health supplies including cholera kits, water treatment materials, and trauma kits to support the flood response.
- A public health advisory was issued to the public by the State Department of Public Health and Professional Standards on potential health risks associated with flooding.
- A MAM contingency plan has been developed.
- Active disease surveillance is ongoing in all flood-affected areas.
- Kenya Coast Guard Service has deployed personnel across affected areas, with standby teams ready for rapid response.
- Coordination with partners and stakeholders is ongoing in affected counties.
- A MAM flood assessment across affected counties has been concluded; the report is pending.

Challenges - Floods

- Shortage of WASH commodities and emergency medical supplies.
- Limited financial and operational resources for sustained response.
- Unpredictable and erratic rainfall complicating response planning.

E. Integrated Disease Surveillance (IDSR) Overview

Data source: Source: Weekly IDSR reports, KHIS



- Recommended reporting rate of 80% for both Completeness and timeliness of reporting (IDSR Guidelines)

Figure 5. Overview of key indicators of IDSR, Kenya from Epi week 1-17,2026.

- The average overall completeness of reporting from Epidemiological Week 1 to 17 was 86%.
- The average overall timeliness of reporting during the same period was 85%.
- Notably, Epi Week 9 recorded the lowest timeliness at 76%.

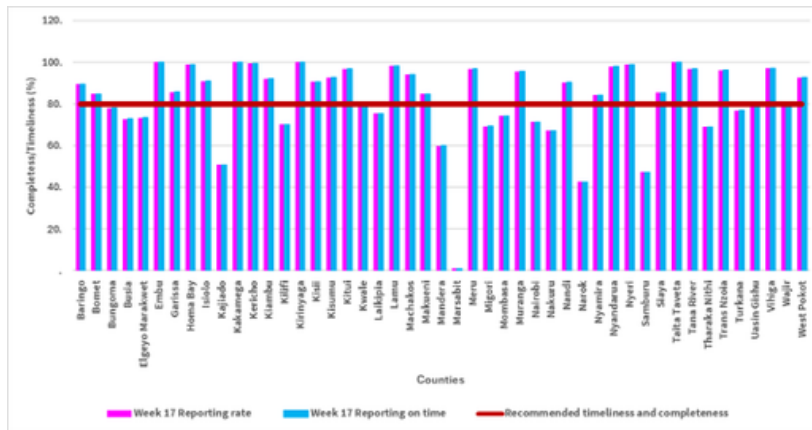
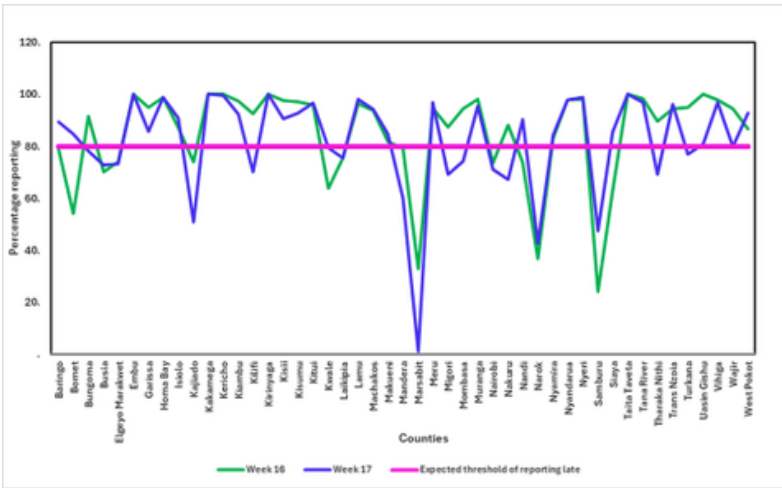


Figure 6. IDSR Completeness and timeliness per county, Kenya, Epi week 17,2026

- Notably several counties are below the recommended reporting rate.
- Counties like Busia, Elgeyo-Marakwet, Kajiado, Kilifi, Laikipia, Marsabit, Migori, Mombasa, Nairobi, Nakuru, Narok, Samburu, Tharaka nithi and Turkana are below 80% threshold.
- Busia, Elgeyo-Marakwet, Kajiado, Laikipia, Marsabit, Nairobi, Narok and Samburu were below the recommended threshold in the two consecutive weeks (week 16 & 17)





- Even with the overall completeness of over 80%, there are still some counties that have consistently reported low reporting in the last two weeks (Busia, Marsabit, Narok and Samburu).

Figure 7: Reporting rate per County in the past 4 weeks-Epi week 9-15,2026,Kenya

KENYA CEBS 13TH TO 19TH APRIL											
County	CEBS Signals Reported	CEBS Signals Verified	Proportion Verified	CEBS Signals Verified true	Proportion Verified true	Events Investigated	Proportion Investigated	Events responded	Proportion responded	Events escalated	Proportion escalated
Nakuru	102	92	90%	36	39%	36	100%	36	100%	1	3%
Meru	249	192	77%	106	55%	62	58%	62	100%	0	-
Busia	53	23	43%	6	26%	4	67%	4	100%	2	50%
Siaya	95	82	86%	17	21%	13	76%	13	100%	1	8%
Mombasa	40	13	33%	10	77%	6	0%	6	100%	0	-
Baringo	125	99	79%	10	10%	9	0%	9	100%	0	-
Nairobi	414	269	65%	23	9%	20	0%	19	95%	0	-
Kajiado	239	187	78%	43	23%	1	0%	0	0%	0	-
Total	1317	957		251		151		149		4	

Figure 8: Event based surveillance, Kenya

- Nairobi County reported most of the signals (414).
- In terms of signal verification: Siaya County hit the 80% target
- In terms of event investigation: None of the counties hit the target

Proportion of Active CEBS users 13TH TO 19TH APRIL																		
Sub-County	CHV's Registered	CHV's Reporting	Proportion of CHV's reporting	CDR's Registered	CDR's Reporting	Proportion of CDR's reporting	ANA's Registered	ANA's Reporting/Verifying	Proportion of ANA's Reporting	CHV's Registered	CHV's Reporting/Verifying	Proportion of CHV's Reporting/Verifying	Sub county Risk accessing the dashboard	Proportion of Sub-county units reporting	Community units reporting	Proportion of CLS reporting		
Busia	2100	33	2%	-	-	-	12	0	0%	169	35	8%	24	1	4%	259	27	9%
Meru	3221	154	5%	-	-	-	27	0	0%	101	31	30%	16	0	0%	406	88	22%
Nakuru	3342	85	3%	38	0	0%	40	1	3%	148	42	28%	29	0	0%	444	72	16%
Mombasa	956	28	3%	17	0	0%	2	0	0%	39	4	10%	16	0	0%	223	20	9%
Siaya	2252	66	3%	58	0	0%	8	0	0%	178	35	20%	16	0	0%	263	47	17%
Baringo	326	60	20%	30	0	0%	7	0	0%	25	13	52%	12	0	0%	171	14	8%
Nairobi	1225	135	13%	4	0	0%	1	0	0%	50	32	24%	193	0	0%	1050	62	6%
Kajiado	258	63	24%	40	0	0%	15	0	0%	25	13	52%	19	0	0%	254	14	5%
Total	13811	637		167	0		112	1		735	165		325	1				

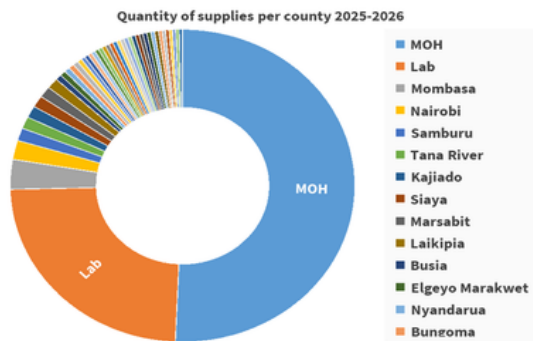
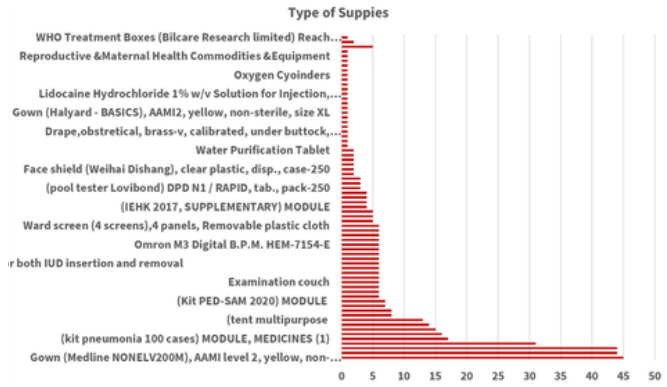
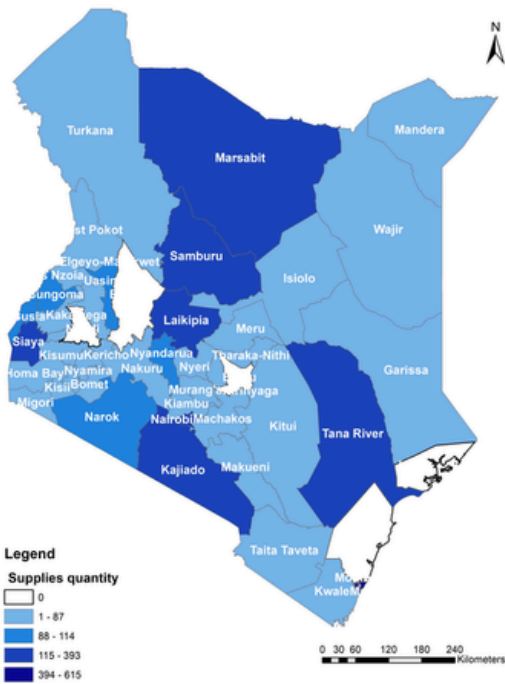
Figure 9. Hospital Event-based surveillance

- CHVs reporting: Kajiado led at 17%
- Kajiado led in terms of CHAs verifying signals at 52%
- Counties recorded low performance in dashboard viewership
- Community units reporting: Meru led at 22%

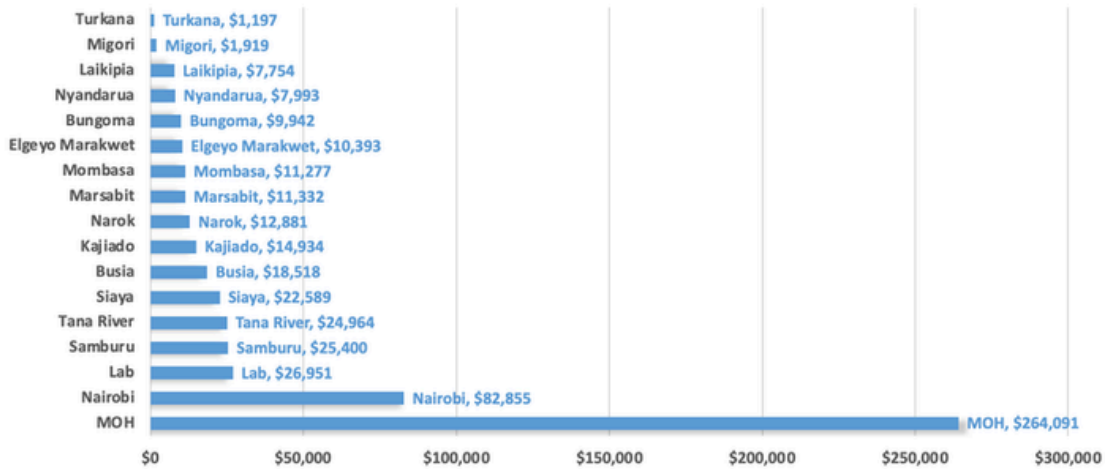


3. Medical Supply Distribution Dashboard WHO KENYA 2025- 2026

Counties that received supplies in 2025- 2026



SUM OF VALUES \$ DONATIONS 2025- 2026



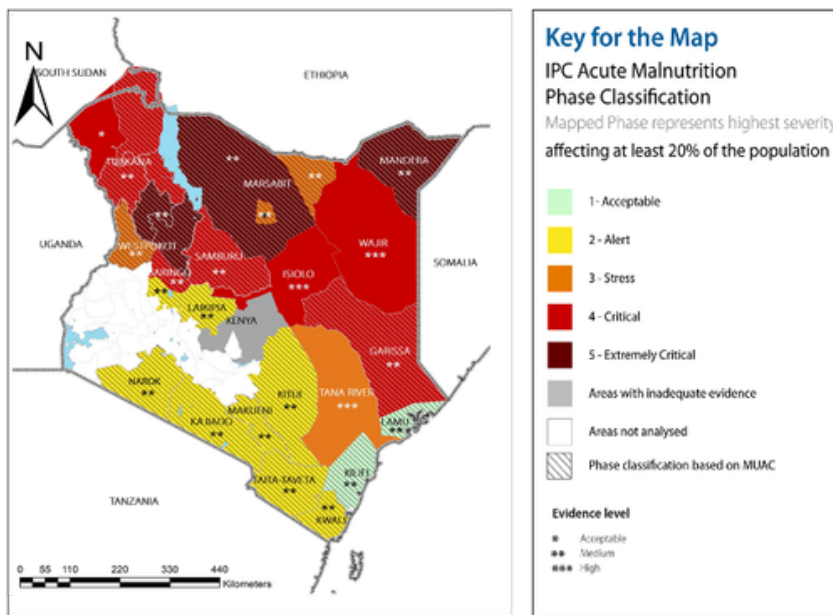
F.Nutrition status Updates Kenya

Current food insecurity

Data source: Kenya Ipc (Integrated Food Security Phase Classifications)

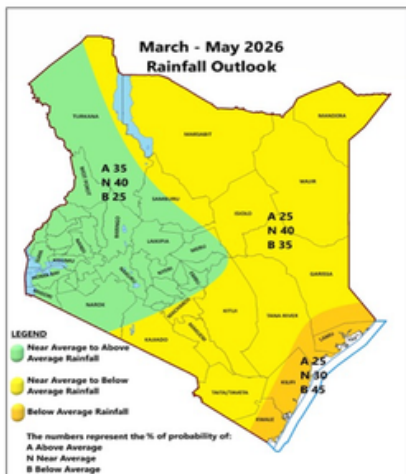
- Between March and June 2026, acute malnutrition across Kenya’s ASAL counties is expected to worsen or remain at high levels, with little overall improvement.
- Laisamis (Marsabit) is projected to worsen from IPC Phase 4 (Critical) to Phase 5 (Extremely Critical), the most severe level, mainly due to low CMAM coverage, stockouts of nutrition commodities, limited outreach, and poor access to healthcare.
- Mandera, North Horr/Chalbi (Marsabit), and Turkana South & East will remain in Phase 5, driven by ongoing disease outbreaks (measles, kala-azar) and rising common illnesses like malaria, diarrhoea, and respiratory infections.
- Several counties including Garissa, Wajir, Isiolo, Samburu, Turkana (multiple sub-counties), and East Pokot/Tiaty will stay in Phase 4, with conditions worsening within that level.
- Tana River and West Pokot will remain in Phase 3 (Serious).
- Baringo, Laikipia, Narok, Kajiado, Kitui, Makueni, Kwale, and Taita Taveta will remain in Phase 2 (Alert).
- Kilifi and Lamu will remain stable in Phase 1 (Acceptable).
- Overall: Most ASAL areas will continue facing serious to extremely critical malnutrition (Phase 3 and above), with localized deterioration, especially where health services and nutrition support are limited.

Overview of projected acute malnutrition situation March-June 2026



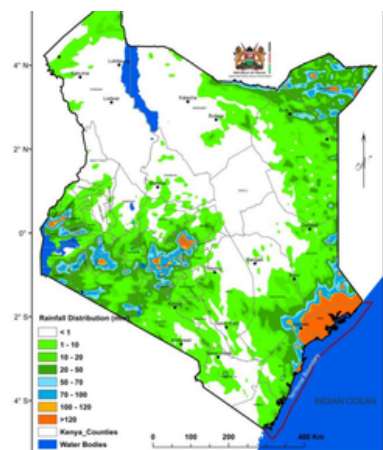
ACUTE MALNUTRITION JANUARY – DECEMBER 2026		
<p>810,900</p> <p>cases of children aged 6-59 months acutely malnourished</p> <p>IN NEED OF TREATMENT</p>	Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM)	202,200
	Moderate Acute Malnutrition (MAM)	608,600
	<p>116,800</p> <p>Pregnant or breastfeeding women acutely malnourished</p> <p>IN NEED OF TREATMENT</p>	

G.MAM 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

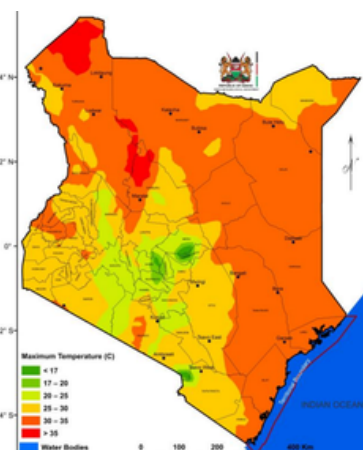


- Near average to above average rainfall is likely to occur in the Central Highlands, the Lake Victoria Basin, the Rift Valley, Western and North-western Kenya.
- Near average to below average rainfall is likely to occur in the South-eastern Lowlands and North-eastern Kenya.
- Below average rainfall is expected in the Coast.
- The March-May 2026 long rains are expected to be near average to below average in most marginal agricultural and eastern pastoral areas, while the coastal region may receive below-average rainfall. However, northwestern pastoral areas (Turkana and Samburu) may experience near to above-average rains.

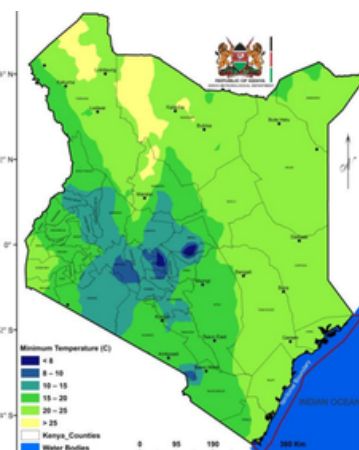
Seven-day weather forecast Kenya, 28th - 4th May 2026



- Rainfall is expected to continue in some parts of the Highlands East and West of the Rift Valley, the South Rift Valley, the Southeastern Lowlands, the Coast and Northeastern parts of Kenya. Isolated heavy rainfall events are likely to occur in some parts of these regions.



- Daytime (maximum) average temperatures of more than 30°C are expected in the Coast, the Southeastern lowlands, Northeastern and Northwestern Kenya



- Night-time (minimum) average temperatures are expected to be less than 10°C in some parts of the Highlands East of the Rift Valley, the Central Rift Valley and in the vicinity of Mt. Kilimanjaro



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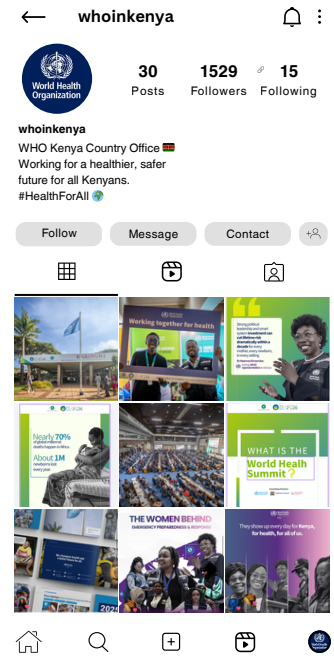
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