

Kenya is developing a national Emergency Medical Team that can quickly deploy during outbreaks and disasters.

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Emergency Preparedness and Response Weekly Situation Report

Week 9: 23rd February 2026 to 1st March 2026

Data as reported by: 1700 hrs (EAT), 1st March 2026

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New Events

1

Ongoing Events

2

Outbreaks

0

Humanitarian Crisis

1

Grade 3

0

Grade 2

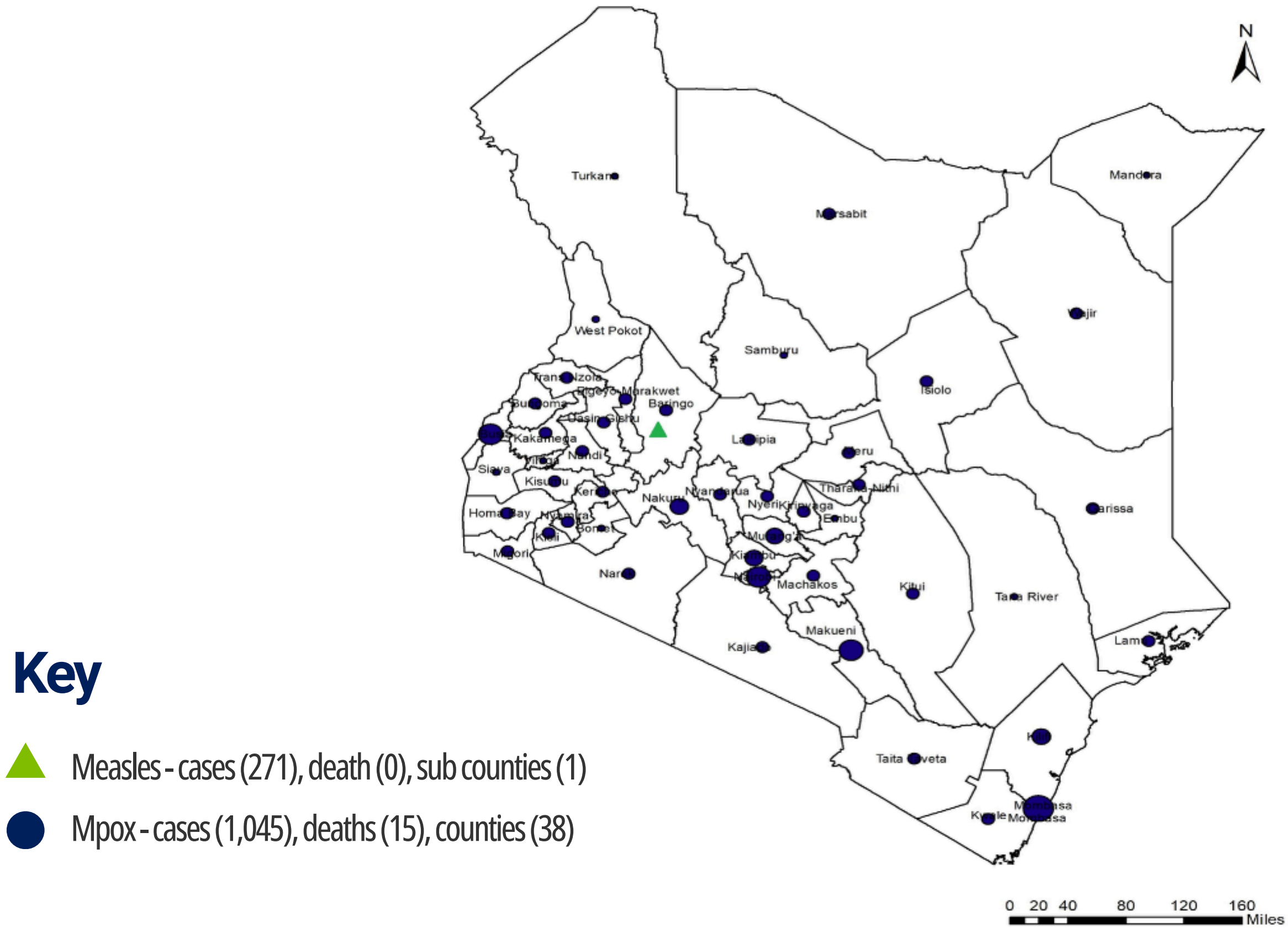
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Grade 1

1

Ungraded

Current Health Emergencies in Kenya 2026



Kenya has become the first country in East Africa to launch lenacapavir, a six-month #HIV prevention injection. Two doses a year, free of charge at public health facilities.

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Summary of Health Emergencies in Kenya

Event	Total Cases	Cases Confirmed	Deaths	Case Fatality Rate	Case Contacts	Counties	Start of Reporting Period	Grade	
Mpox	1,045	1,045	16	1.5%	1376	38	31 July 2024	Grade 3	Ongoing

Eleven new cases reported in Epi week eight from four counties: Mombasa (8), Busia (1), Nairobi (1) and Kiambu (1). There are 242 active cases, with 74 patients receiving facility care and 168 under home-based care. A total of 2,684 samples tested with a positivity rate of 39%. Over 8.8 million travellers have been screened at twenty-six official points of entry, including airports, seaports, and land border crossings.

Measles	271	4	0	0%	N/A	1	2024 - 2025	Ungraded	Ongoing
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From January 2026 a total of 271 reported from Tiaty East sub county, Baringo county. The majority of cases, 196 (66%) are aged ≥ 10 years. More than half are male 193 (65%).

Overview of key public health emergencies 

11 New Cases

787 Cases Recovered

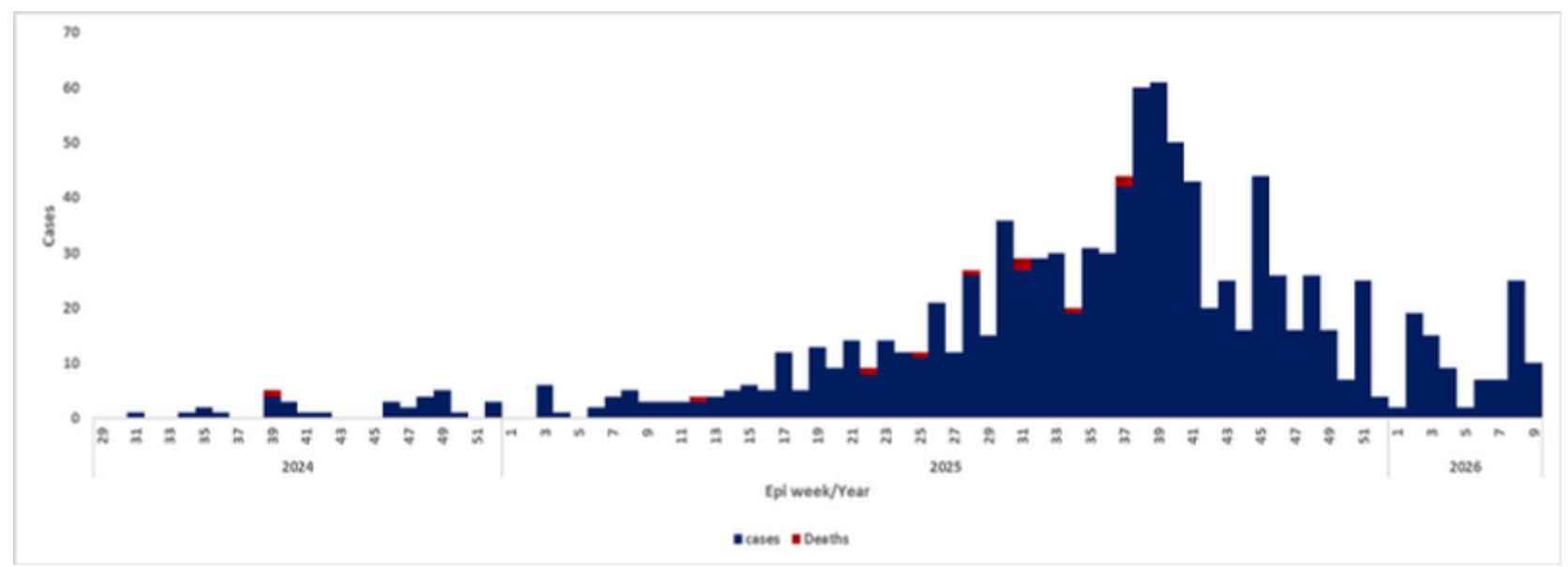
1045 Confirmed Cases

16 Deaths

- In 2026, 96 confirmed cases have been reported in thirteen counties
- Eleven new cases were reported in the reporting period from four counties: eight in Mombasa, one in Busia, one in Nairobi and one in Kiambu.
- Ongoing transmission with wide geographic spread; sustained surveillance, testing, and contact follow-up remain critical

Epi-curve of mpox cases, in Kenya, July 2024 - February 2026

Outbreak remains active with a peak observed from July Epi week 28, 2025 - 41, but there has been a continuous decline of cases from week 43 (from 38 counties to six counties in 2026).



Response activities

- Active case search ongoing in the affected areas
- Contact tracing ongoing on the all active cases
- Risk communication and community engagement activities ongoing in the affected areas
- Case management of patients ongoing in the designated isolation and treatment centres

Challenges

- Stigma limiting early reporting
- Low risk perception of the disease in the community due to low perceived vulnerability and lack of direct experience

Ungraded **Measles Outbreak** 1 county

271 Cases | **4** Laboratory Confirmed | **0** Death

- From January 2026 a total of **271 cases** have been reported from Tiaty East sub county, Baringo county.
- **184 new cases** were reported as part of a batch of delayed (late) reports.
- This outbreak was confirmed in November 2025.
- The majority of cases, **196 (72%)** are aged ≥ 10 years
- More than half are male **193 (69%)**.

Epi curve of measles cases in Tiaty East, Baringo county November 2025 to February 2026

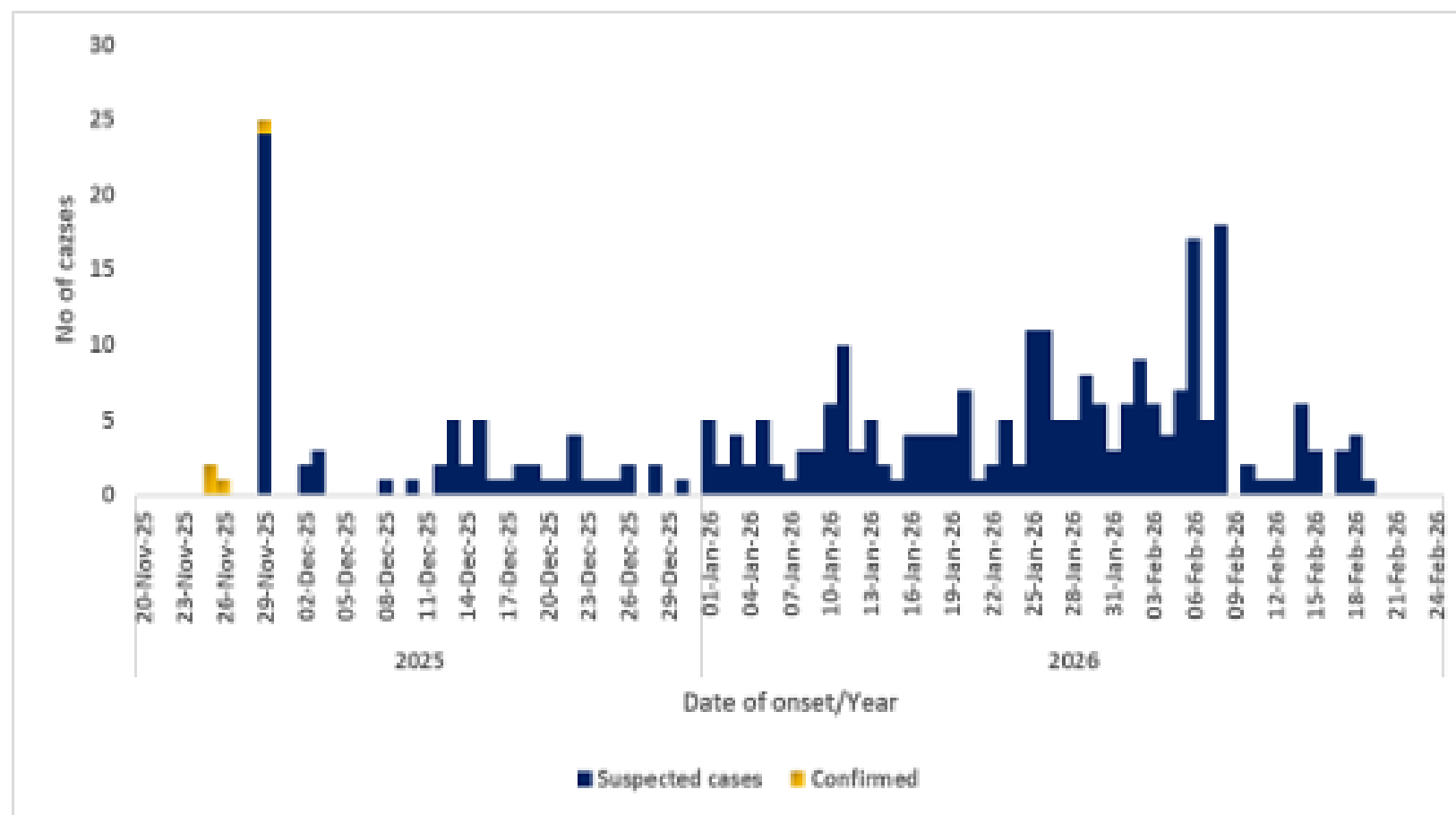


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Next Steps

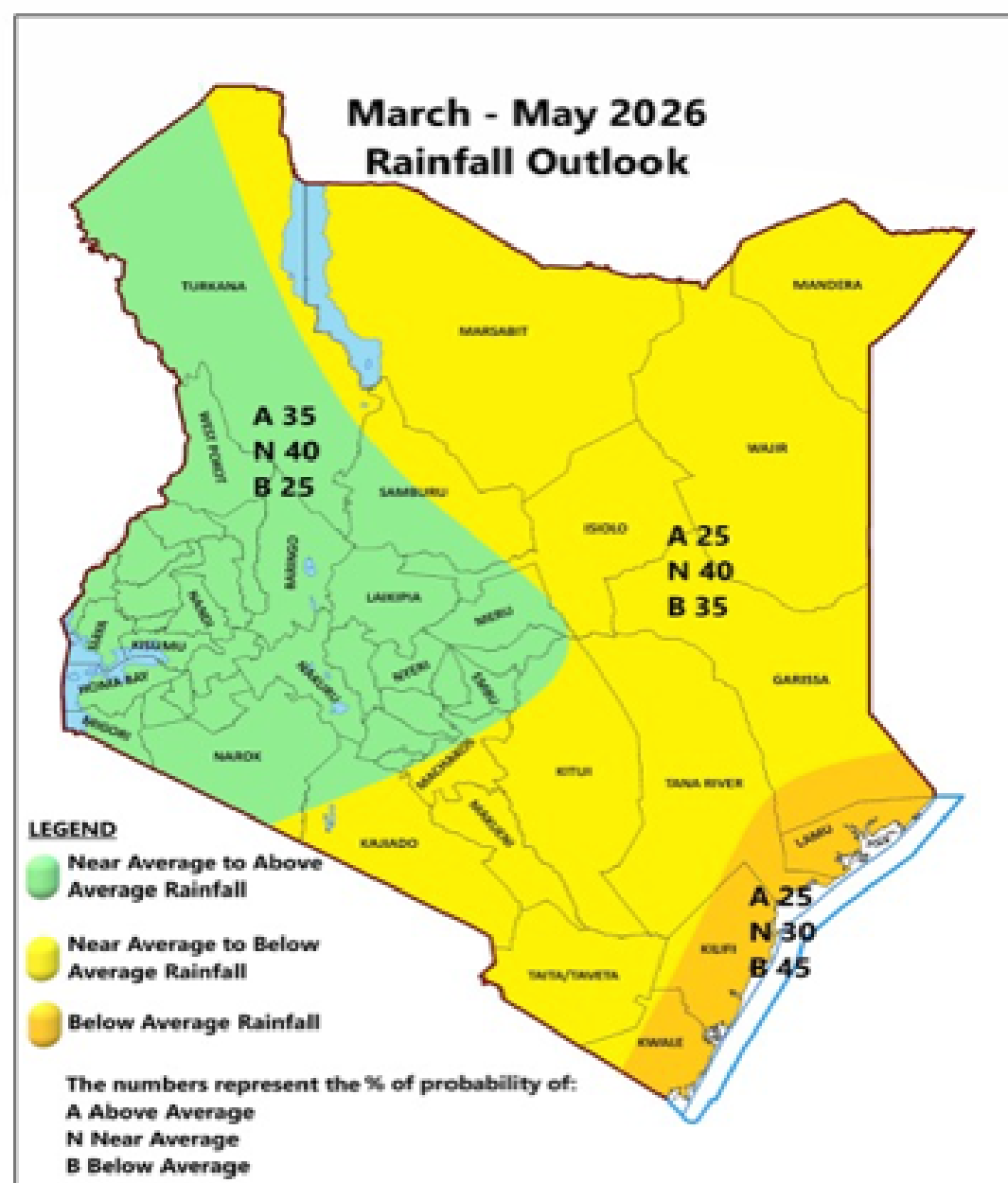
- Additional mop-up campaign **planned for Tiaty East Sub-County**

Challenges

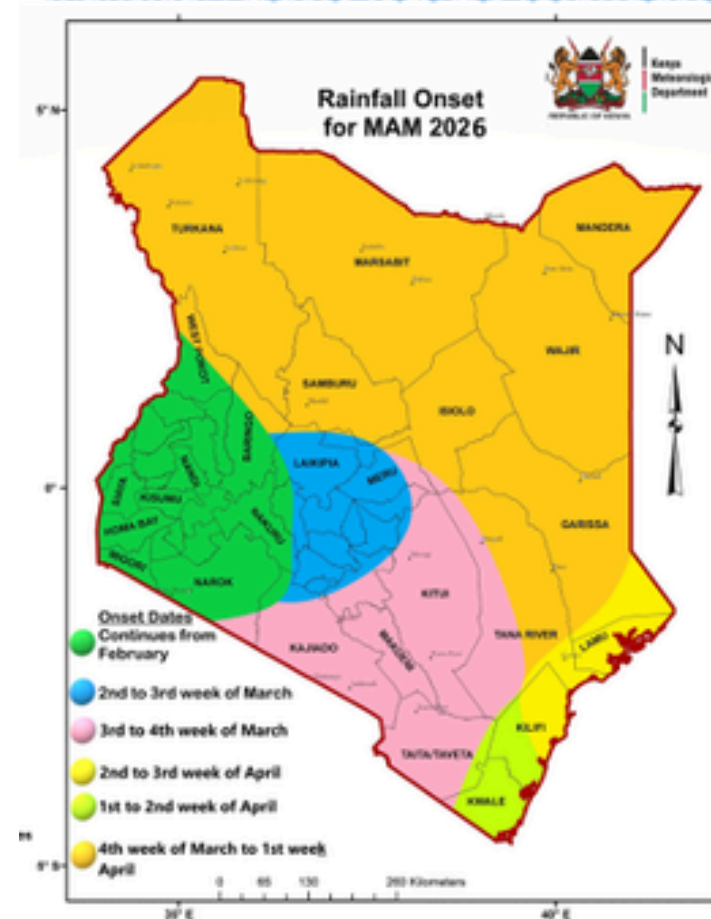
- Delayed sub-national reporting affecting timeliness
- Inadequate supplies of reagents shortages, resulting in delays in confirming suspected cases.

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.



RAINFALL ONSETS & CESSATIONS



Region	Onset Dates	Cessation Dates	Distribution
Highlands West of the Rift Valley, Lake Victoria Basin, Central, and South Rift Valley: (Bungoma, Trans Nzoia, Uasin Gishu, West Pokot, Elgeyo-Marakwet, Nandi, Kakamega, Vihiga, Bomet, Kericho, Kisii, Nyamira, Homa Bay, Migori, Kisumu and Busia, Baringo, Nakuru, Western Laikipia and Narok).	Continues from February	Continues into June	Fair to good
Highlands East of the Rift Valley including Nairobi County: (Nyeri, Kirinyaga, Murang'a, Embu, Meru, Kiambu, Nyandarua, Nairobi and Eastern Laikipia)	2 nd to 3 rd week of March	3 rd to 4 th week of May	Fair to good
Southeastern Lowlands: (Kajiado, Kitui, Makueni, Machakos, Tana River and Taita Taveta)	3 rd to 4 th week of March	2 nd to 3 rd week of May	Poor
North Coast: (Lamu, Malindi, Coastal parts of Tana River, and Kilifi)	2 nd to 3 rd week of April	Continues into June	
South Coast: (Mombasa, Kwale)	1 st to 2 nd week of April	Continues into June	Poor
Northwestern: (Turkana, Samburu)	March to 1 st week of April	3 rd to 4 th week of May	
Northeastern: (Wajir, Isiolo, Garissa, Mandera and Marsabit)	4 th week of March to 1 st week of April	3 rd to 4 th week of May	Poor

Source: Ref: Kenya Meteorological Department

Other Public Health Events - Migori County Floods Updates

1,887

People
Affected

234

People
Displaced

2

Deaths

258

Households
Affected

45

Households
Displaced

69

Latrines
Damaged

1

Health Facility
Affected

8

Schools
Affected

Background overview

- Heavy rainfall alert issued by Kenya Meteorological Department (21–25 Feb 2026).
- From 23rd February 2026, the county has experienced intense and prolonged rainfall that has caused severe flooding
- All the 8 sub-counties (Nyatike, Kuria east, Kuria west, Suna east, Suna West, Uriri, Awendo and Rongo) were affected.
- Floodwaters submerged homes, farms, and infrastructure.
- It also contaminated rivers, wells, and other water sources, significantly increasing the risk of waterborne disease outbreaks
- Communities experienced displacement and economic losses.

Response Actions

- Rapid Response Teams and Emergency Operations Centre activated.
- Active disease surveillance ongoing in affected areas.
- Public health education on hygiene and sanitation conducted.
- Public health inspections and mosquito control implemented.
- Coordination with partners and stakeholders ongoing.

Key Challenges

- Shortage of WASH commodities and emergency medical supplies.
- Limited financial and operational resources.
- Inadequate resources for risk communication activities e.g. radio talk shows, sensitization and mass media campaigns among others
- Unpredictable rainfall complicating response planning.

Infrastructure and Livelihood Impact

- Migori footbridge damaged, disrupting transport and access to services.
- Businesses in Migori Town suffered loss of goods.
- Crops and vegetation destroyed, threatening food security.
- Water sources contaminated, increasing disease risk.

Public Health Risks

- High risk of waterborne diseases such as cholera, typhoid, and diarrhoea.
- Contaminated water sources and damaged sanitation facilities.
- Increased mosquito breeding and malaria risk.
- Displacement increased vulnerability of affected populations.

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