



## FLOODS ADVISORY AS AT FRIDAY, 3RD MAY, 2024

### Weather Outlook

Friday marks the beginning of the weekend until Sunday, May 5th and forecasted to receive heavy to very heavy rainfall and thunderstorms over **33 Counties** in the **Western region** (Kakamega, Vihiga, Busia, Bungoma and Trans Nzoia); **Lake Victoria Basin** (Kisumu, Kisii, Nyamira, Migori, Siaya, Homabay); **Rift Valley** (Nandi, Bomet, Nakuru, Elgeyo Marakwet, West Pokot, Baringo, Samburu, Turkana, Uasin Gishu, Laikipia, Narok); **Central** (Nyeri, Muranga, Kirinyaga, Kiambu, Nyandarua); **Eastern** (Machakos, Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Meru, Marsabit) and **Nairobi**.

Flooding is expected in low lying areas, riparian areas and urban areas while landslides/mudslides may occur in areas with steep slopes, escarpments and ravines.

Most parts of the **North Eastern** (Isiolo, Garissa, Wajir, Mandera), **South Eastern** (Kitui, Makueni, Taita, Taveta, Tana River) regions are forecasted to be generally dry however the continuous heavy rains in the Central region and the overflow of the Seven Forks Dams poses potential flooding in the Tana Delta impacting Garissa, Tana River, and Lamu Counties.

Despite sunny intervals in the **Coast region**, Tropical Cyclone Hidaya is forecasted to bring strong winds and large ocean waves, with heavy rainfall starting Sunday, May 5th.

### Counties Affected in the Last 24 Hours

- **Nairobi, Kajiado, Machakos, Narok, Kiambu, Muranga, Nyeri, Nakuru, Laikipia, Mandera and Homabay** Counties have suffered from flooding.
- Landslides and mudslides occurred in **Muranga, Nyeri and Nakuru** Counties.

### Summary:

1. **Fatalities:** 210 people have lost their lives due to severe weather conditions.
  - An additional 22 fatalities have been reported since the last update.
2. **Injuries:** A cumulative 125 people have been reported injured.
3. **Missing Persons:** 90 people are currently missing.
4. **Displaced Households:** A total of 33,100 households have been displaced affecting approximately 165,500 people.
  - 115 camps have been set up across 19 Counties hosting 27,586 people.
5. **Total people affected:** Approximately 196,296 people have been impacted by the heavy rains.
6. **Total schools affected:** 1,967 schools have been affected by the floods.



## Government Intervention

- Emergency response teams from **Narok County** alongside the County Security team and Red Cross successfully evacuated 90 individuals in coordinated efforts by ground and aerial units in the Masai Mara where 19 lodges were flooded after River Talek overflowed. No fatalities reported and a tracing desk has been set up at the Masai Mara Sekenani Gate.
- 151 Kenya Defence Forces (KDF) are actively engaged in Mai Mahiu, **Nakuru County** where 52 deceased persons have been retrieved and 49 people still missing following the mudslide tragedy. Mai Mahiu-Narok Road is now clear and open for traffic movement.
- KDF are similarly deployed to Joska, **Machakos County** on the Athi River bridge while a search mission continues at Maroro, **Taita Taveta County** where 7 deceased persons have been recovered, 13 people still missing and 23 people rescued after a boat with 40 people capsized.
- 400 National Youth Service (NYS) have also been deployed to reinforce the ongoing search and rescue operations while the National Police Service, National Disaster Operation Managers, Public Health Officers and Ambulance Service Providers are on site in each of the emergency locations.
- Essential food supplies of rice and beans totalling 336,000 Kg have been distributed to support affected communities in **Busia, Homabay, Kisumu, Machakos, Nairobi, Nakuru** and **Muranga** Counties
- There is need for more food, medical kits and non-food items to affected Counties and where search and rescue operations are still ongoing including, **Garissa, Kiambu, Migori, Narok, Kajiado, West Pokot, Nyeri, Siaya, Nyandarua, Kirinyaga** and **Tana River** Counties.
- Favourable weather forecasted in the **North Eastern** (Isiolo, Wajir, Mandera, Garissa) and **South Eastern** (Taita Taveta, Kitui, Tana River) regions sets the stage for post-flood recovery initiatives in public works, the reconstruction of schools, repairs to water treatment systems, road repairs and improvements to the accessibility of social and economic facilities.
- A Nationwide assessment of all dams has been conducted and 192 dams identified to be high risk in **Central** (60), Eastern (39), **Rift Valley** (29), **Coast** (22), **Western** (21), **Nairobi** (12), **North Eastern** (5), and **Nyanza** (4).

A 24-Hour evacuation notice effective May 2, 2024 was issued to settlements in **33 Counties** that are within 178 of these high-risk dams and water resevoirs. The Government is facilitating logistical support, temporary shelter and essential supplies to those affected.

- All persons residing within the 30-Metre riparian corridor of rivers and other water courses across the Country have been ordered to vacate immediately for their safety. Mandatory evacuation along rivers in **Nairobi County** (Mathare, Ngong and Nairobi Rivers) is ongoing with the Government facilitating logistical support, temporary shelter and essential supplies to those affected.