

WEEKLY SITUATION REPORT

WEEK 29: 13th TO 19th July 2026 | KENYA

0 New Events	0 Ongoing Events	3 Outbreaks	0 Humanitarian Crisis
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0 Grade 3	0 Grade 2	0 Grade 1	2 Ungraded
0 Protracted 3	1 Protracted 2	0 Protracted 1	

Overview of the Current Health Emergencies in Kenya 2026

Kenya is responding to multiple concurrent public health emergencies, including mpox in 21 counties in 2026, measles in six counties and dengue fever in two counties. The country is also at high-risk of Bundibugyo virus disease importation following the current outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

Summary of Ongoing Public Health Emergencies in Kenya, July 2026

Event	Total Cases	New Cases	Confirmed cases	Deaths	Case Fatality Rate	Case Contacts	Counties	Start of reporting period	WHO Grade
Mpox	1,189	19	1,189	19	1.6%	1,376	39	31 July 2024	Protracted 2

Nineteen new confirmed cases have been reported from Nairobi (13), Kiambu (3), Embu (2) and Machakos (1) in the past week. Total of 240 cases reported from 20 counties in 2026.

Cholera	40	0	2	1	2.5%	N/A	2	May 2026	Protracted 3
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No cases have been reported for over 28 days, and the outbreak is now considered controlled in both counties.

Measles	484	4	89	1	0.2%	N/A	5	Nov 2025	Ungraded
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Four new cases reported in the past week, from Thika town sub county, Kiambu County. Cumulative 484 cases including 85 confirmed and one death since 2026. Outbreak remain active in six counties.

Dengue Fever	1,679	0	60 (PCR)	5 suspected	N/A	N/A	1	2026	Ungraded
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No new cases reported in the past week in either county. Cumulative 1,679 cases (Garissa 1,583, Wajir 96) including 5 suspected deaths; the outbreak is stabilizing in Garissa, but transmission remains active in Wajir.

1. Bundibugyo Virus Disease (BVD) outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Uganda

The Bundibugyo virus disease (BVD) outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo continues to evolve rapidly, with increasing case numbers and geographic spread. WHO declared the outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on 16 May 2026, and Africa CDC subsequently declared a Public Health Emergency of Continental Security. In Uganda, the outbreak has been reported in Kampala and Wakiso District and is epidemiologically linked to transmission originating in the DRC; an imported case has also been reported in France.

Country*	Cumulative Confirmed Cases	Recovered	Confirmed Deaths	Contact Follow-up Rate	Active health zones
DRC	2,344	466	930	39.7%	45
Uganda	21	17	3	100%	0
France	1	1	0	0	0

* **Data source:** 18th July 2026 | Ministry of Health Uganda | Ministry of Health DRC

Figure 1: Readiness status for BVD outbreak by pillar, Kenya, May 2026

At the beginning of the outbreak, the overall readiness for the BVD response was rated as moderate, with a score of 66% in May 2026. Efforts are ongoing to strengthen the areas identified as weak during the assessment. A reassessment is scheduled for this month to measure progress and inform further actions needed.

Contact Tracing	Rapid Response Teams	Laboratory	Public Awareness and RCCE	Safe and Dignified Burials	Coordination	Surveillance	Travel Points of Entry	Logistics	Case Management	IPC
100%	90%	87%	75%	75%	67%	67%	60%	49%	36%	25%

Kenya Preparedness and Readiness Actions

Risk assessment has identified 13 counties as very high risk, 12 counties as high risk, and the remaining 22 counties as medium risk (Figure 2).

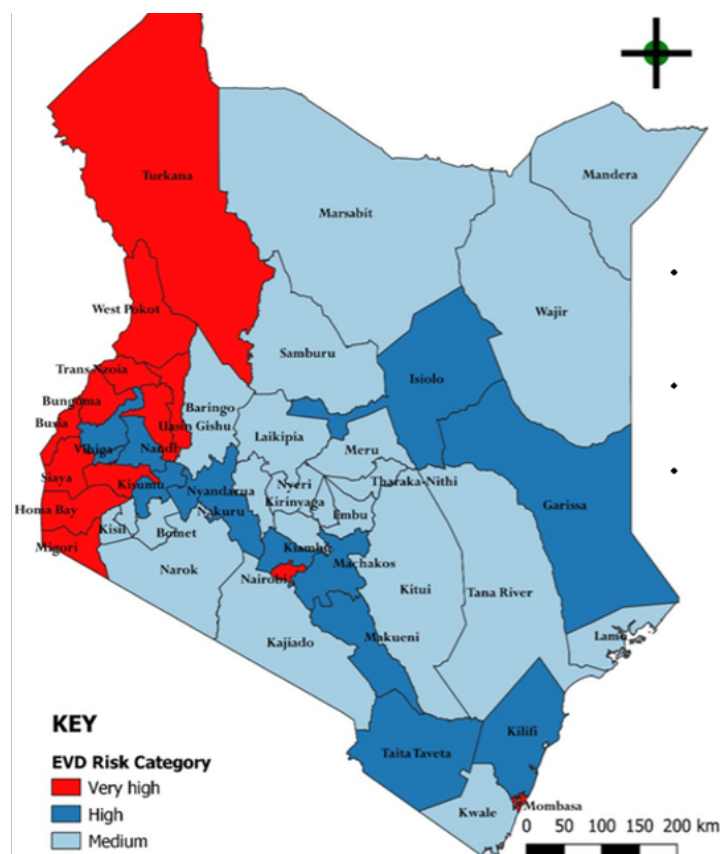


Figure 2: Risk classification status for BVD by county, Kenya, June 2026

Very High Risk: Counties sharing a border with Uganda and South Sudan or serving as international travel hubs (including Nairobi).

High Risk: Counties with significant population movement through Points of Entry (land borders and airports). Medium Risk: Counties near high-risk counties with potential spillover due to cross-county interaction.

Pillar	Capacity	Implementation of priority readiness actions
Surveillance and Data Management		- Cascade training started this week in Migori and Kisumu; next week the training will be conducted in Makueni, Mombasa and Nairobi. - As of 19 July 2026, a cumulative total of 147 alerts has been investigated, all of which tested negative; 18 alerts were investigated in the past week. - WHO and KNPHI, in collaboration with the Digital Health Agency (DHA) and partners, has developed a draft executive dashboard consolidating surveillance data from multiple reporting systems; a follow-up review meeting was conducted and finalisation is ongoing.
Points of Entry (PoE)		- Enhanced screening continues at high-risk Points of Entry for travellers arriving from DRC and Uganda. - A total of 5,149 travellers were screened in the last 24 hours. - As of 19 July 2026, a cumulative 266,904 travellers have been screened for Ebola Virus Disease since the outbreak was declared. As of 13 June 2026, a cumulative 3,694,897 people have been sensitized at Points of Entry.
Laboratory		WHO supported the Ministry of Health in developing a draft Advanced Laboratory Testing Strategy, currently awaiting approval and signing.

		Two EVD testing kits were handed over to the National Public Health Laboratory (NPHL) to strengthen diagnostic capacity.
Risk communication and community engagement		- Community engagement activities are ongoing in counties identified as high risk and in areas designated for isolation centres. - Positive public feedback on screening measures at points of entry, including JKIA, Malaba and Busia, was reported through social media monitoring. - Development of the National Multi-Sectoral All-Hazards RCCE Strategy is nearing completion; RCCE and infodemic management SOPs developed.
Leadership and Coordination		Convened and facilitated planning meetings and initiated discussions on the upcoming simulation exercise designed to test the National Preparedness Plan. The exercise is a joint initiative led by KNPHI, in collaboration with Africa CDC (AFCDC) and other key stakeholders and partners.

2. Mpox

New cases*	Cumulative cases	Deaths	Recovered	Case Contacts	Counties
19	1,189	19	1,147	1,376	39

* Data source: Ministry of Health Kenya

Nineteen new confirmed cases reported from Nairobi (13), Kiambu (3), Embu (2) and Machakos (1) in the past week. A total of 240 cases, including three deaths, have been reported across 21 counties in 2026. Only 23 cases are currently active, with four in facility care and 19 in home-based isolation and care. Cumulatively, 1,189 cases have occurred across 39/47 counties since the onset of the outbreak in July 2024. Of these,

- 69% (456) of the cases are aged 15-44 years
- A total of 19 deaths, 10 (53%) females; 13 (68%) are HIV Positive
- 1,376 contacts listed and followed up; 16 contacts confirmed as cases after developing symptoms
- Nairobi County accounted for the majority of the 2026 cases (39%, 94/240) and is the current hotspot.
- A total of 10,436,287 travellers screened at 26 points of entry since the beginning of the outbreak in July 2024
- Laboratory testing: 3,045 total samples tested, 1,189 positive (positivity rate 39%); twenty tests done in the past one week.
- Genomic sequencing: 257 samples sequenced, Sub-clade 1b virus identified in all positive samples

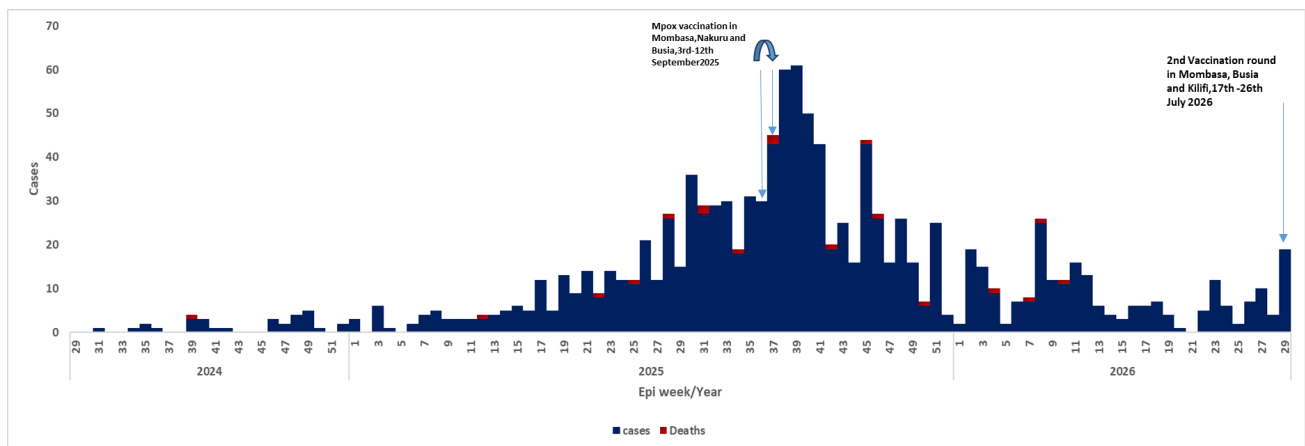


Figure 3: Epi curve of mpox cases in Kenya, July 2024 - July 2026

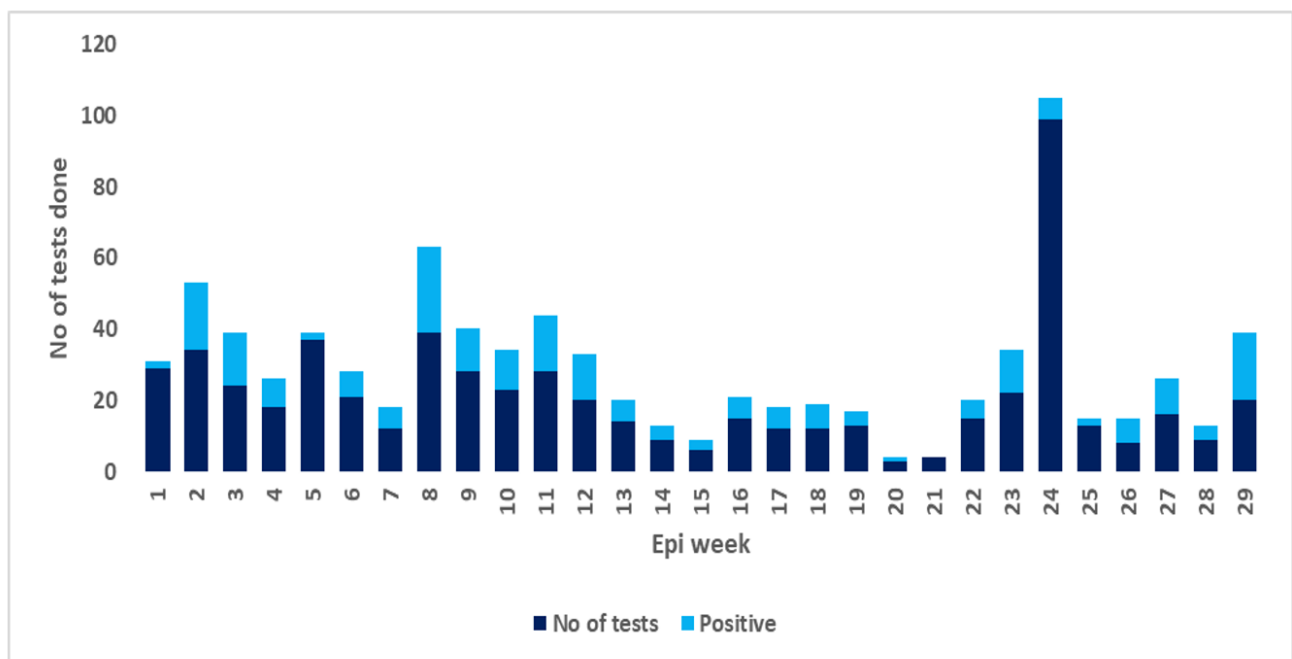


Figure 4: Trends in Laboratory testing of mpox, Kenya, January - July 2026

Response Activities

- A vaccination campaign utilizing the 20,000 available vaccine doses started on 17th July 2026 in Mombasa, Kilifi, and Busia counties. The campaign will run for ten (10) days.
- In-process Risk Communication and Community Engagement (RCCE) activities are ongoing in the three target counties.
- Ongoing clinical care and isolation of active cases in health facilities and home-based care
- Surveillance and screening at PoEs underway
- Decision on transitioning of the response to routine health system under review in line continental IMST guidance

3. Dengue Fever

* Source: Ministry of Health of Kenya

New cases	Cumulative cases	Deaths	Recovered	Case Contacts	Counties
0	1,679	5 suspected	0	0	3

* Source: Ministry of Health Kenya

An upsurge of dengue fever has been reported in Garissa and Wajir Counties. In Wajir County, a total of 96 cases has been reported across five sub-counties, with Wajir East accounting for the majority (91%) of the cases. Transmission in Wajir remains active, though no new cases were reported in the past week. In Garissa County, a cumulative total of 1,583 cases has been recorded since April 2026, with five suspected deaths attributable to dengue (four in Garissa Township and one in Hagadera refugee camp). The most recent case was reported on 9 June 2026, with no new cases in the past week, suggesting the outbreak in this county may be waning.

Table₁ : Demographic characteristics of Dengue fever cases, January – July 2026, Garissa County Kenya

Characteristic	Frequency (%) N=1583
Age	
<5 yrs	232 (14.7%)
5 – 14 yrs	227 (14.3)
15- 24 yrs	289 (18.3)
25-44 yrs	621 (37)
45- 64 yrs	174 (11.0)
≥65 years	69 (4.4)
Sex (Female)	642 (50.6%)
Deaths (suspected)	5 (CFR –0. %)
Sub county	
Dadaab	1276 (76%)
Fafi	56 (3.3%)
Garissa Township	251 (14.9%)
Wajir East (Wajir)	88 (5.2%)
Wajir Weast (Wajir)	3 (0.2%)
Eldas (Wajir)	3 (0.2%)
Tarbaj (Wajir)	1(0.1%)
Wajir south (Wajir)	1(0.1%)
Case classification	
Confirmed (PCR)	60(3.6 %)
RDT	547 (32.6 %)
Suspected	1072 (63.8 %)

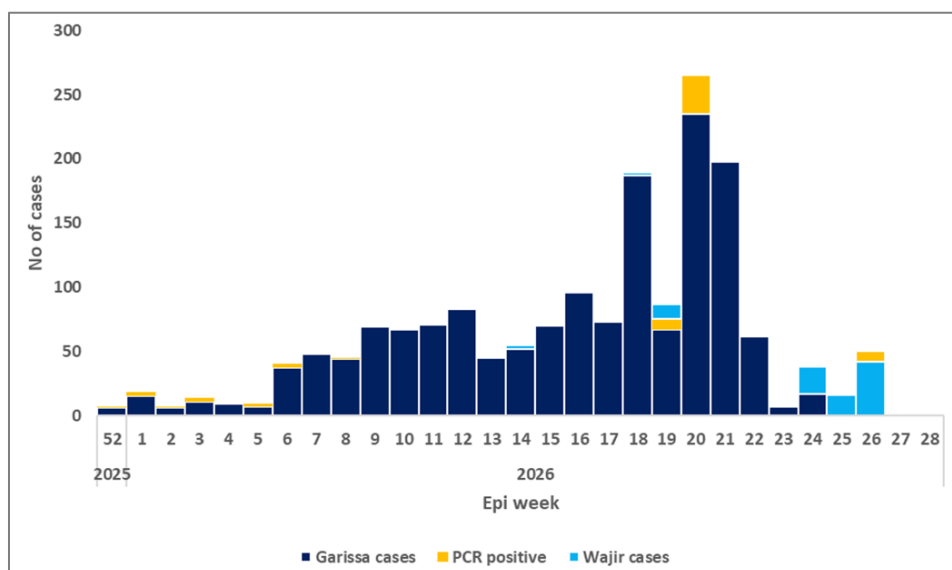


Figure 5: Epi curve of Dengue fever in Garissa County January – July 2026

4. Measles

New cases	Cumulative cases	Deaths	Case Contacts	Counties
4	484	1	0	6

* Source: Ministry of Health of Kenya

Four new cases were reported in the past week, from Kaloleni sub county, Kilifi County. Since onset in November 2025, a total of 484 cases including 89 laboratory-confirmed and one death have been reported in the country. The outbreak affected eight counties in 2026 but Baringo, Marsabit and Garissa (Fafi and Dadaab) are not reporting new cases. The outbreak is active in six counties: Wajir, Mandera, Kilifi, Tana River, Nairobi, and Kiambu. Of the 484 cases.

- 89 are laboratory-confirmed and 395 are epi-linked cases
- 45% (211) of cases aged 10 years and above.
- 59% (273) of cases are male.

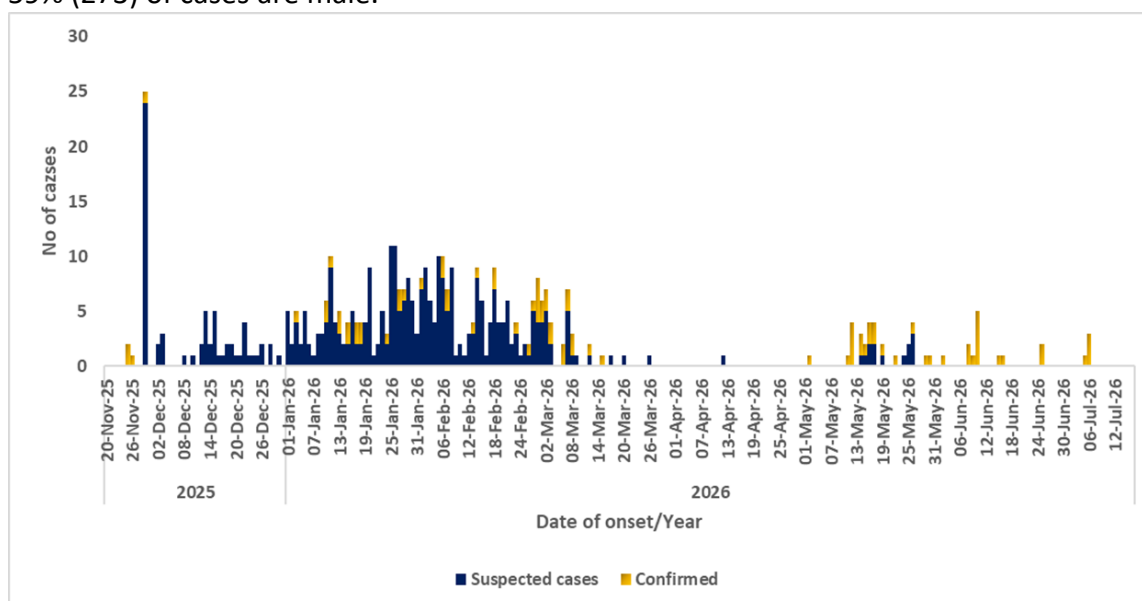


Figure 7: Epi Curve of Measles Cases, Kenya Nov 2025 - July 2026

6. Misinformation Risks and RCCE Actions (30th June-13th July 2026)

Health issue	Key misinformation & disinformation	RCCE & infodemic management response
Bundibugyo Virus Disease (BVD)	'Ebola is a hoax' claims - Laikipia/minerals conspiracy - Suspicion over US\$14.5M preparedness funding Sensational headlines causing fear	- Rapid myth-busting - Transparent preparedness updates - Daily situation updates Community engagement & media briefings
HIV/AIDS	Low public attention Limited awareness of PrEP, PEP, U=U & testing	- Strengthen prevention campaigns - Youth-focused communication Promote testing & treatment
Mpox	- Dormant vaccine myths - Biological weapon claims Outbreak fatigue	- Routine social listening - County updates Pre-bunk vaccine misinformation
Cholera	- Rumours on unsafe water - Home remedies Sanitation misinformation	- Continue monitoring - WASH messaging Promote early care-seeking

7. Integrated Disease Surveillance (IDSR) Overview

* Source: Weekly IDSR reports, KHIS

Kenya has implemented the third edition of the Integrated Disease Surveillance and Response (IDSR) strategy, which supports the routine surveillance and weekly reporting of 46 priority diseases, conditions, and public health events. These priorities are classified into four categories: epidemic-prone diseases, diseases targeted for elimination or eradication, diseases of public health importance, and public health events of international concern.

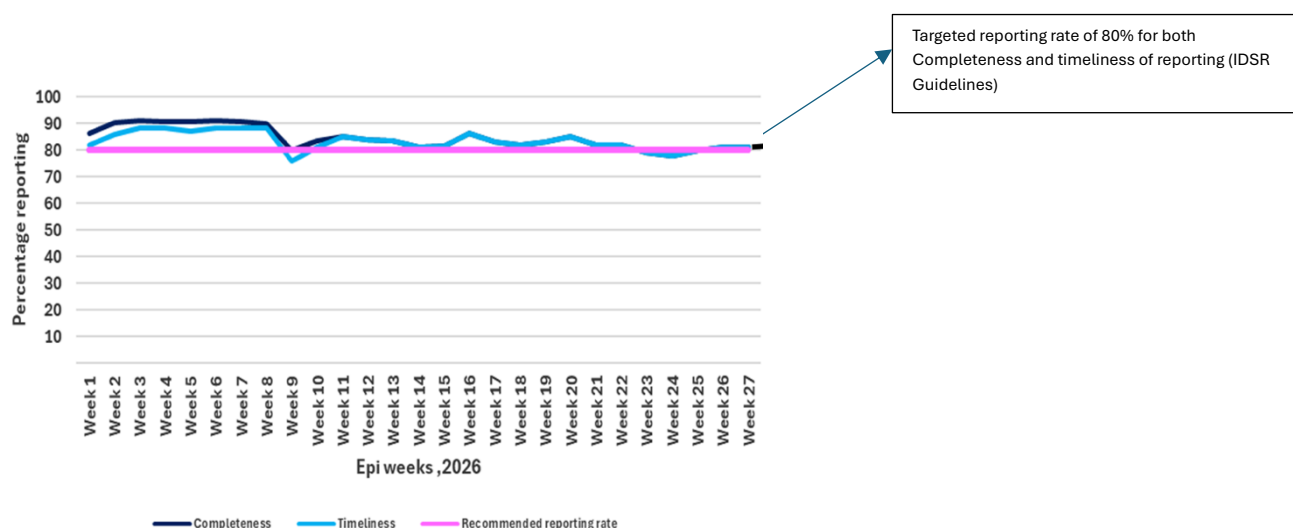


Figure 8: Overview of key indicators of IDSR, Kenya from Epi week 1-28,2026

- The average overall completeness of reporting from Epidemiological Week 1 to 28 was **85%**.
- The average overall timeliness of reporting during the same period was **84%**.
- Notably, **Epi Week 9** recorded the lowest timeliness at **76%**

The National IDSR reporting rate

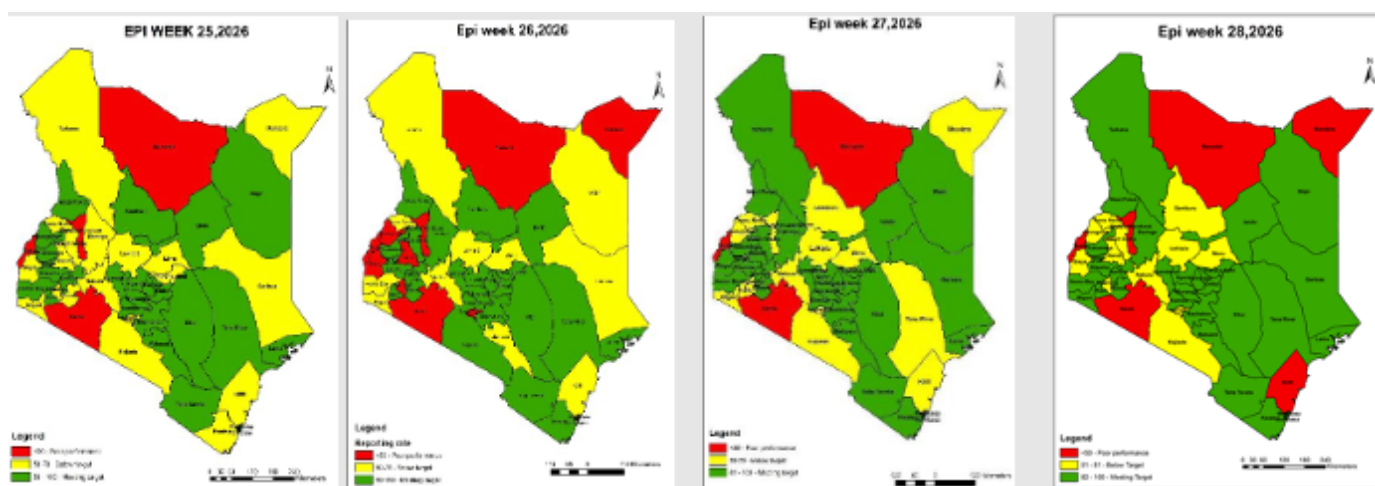


Figure 9: Completeness of IDSR reporting Epi 20-28,2026

- Targeted reporting rate of 80% for both Completeness and timeliness of reporting (IDSR Guidelines.)
- Notably several counties are below the recommended reporting rate (counties with yellow).
- Marsabit, Narok and Nandi County has consistently reported below 50%

unit_name	reported	verified	% verified	verified true	% verified true	risk assessed	% risk assessed	responded	% responded	summarized	% summarized	% escalated	escalated
Baringo County	49	42	85.7	7	16.7	7	100	7	100	7	100	0	0
Busia County	124	14	11.3	6	42.9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embu County	2	2	100	2	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Isiolo County	16	4	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kajiado County	149	148	99.3	9	6.1	1	11.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kiambu County	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilifi County	363	296	81.5	81	27.4	12	14.8	12	100	12	100	0	0
Kitui County	98	45	45.9	3	6.7	3	100	3	100	3	100	0	0
Meru County	191	78	40.8	22	28.2	14	63.6	14	100	14	100	0	0
Mombasa County	11	10	90.9	9	90	9	100	9	100	9	100	0	0
Nairobi County	201	139	69.2	16	11.5	8	50	8	100	8	100	0	0
Nakuru County	133	123	92.5	55	44.7	55	100	55	100	47	85.5	7.3	4
Nyeri County	24	10	41.7	4	40	1	25	1	100	0	0	0	0
Siaya County	58	43	74.1	17	39.5	15	88.2	15	100	15	100	0	0
Test County	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Community Event Based Surveillance, Kenya

- Kilifi County reported most of the signals (363).
- In terms of signal verification: Nakuru, Baringo, Kajiado, Kilifi, Mombasa and Embu hit the set target.
- In terms of event investigation: Mombasa, Kitui, Siaya and Nakuru hit the set target Meru County reported most of the signals (238).

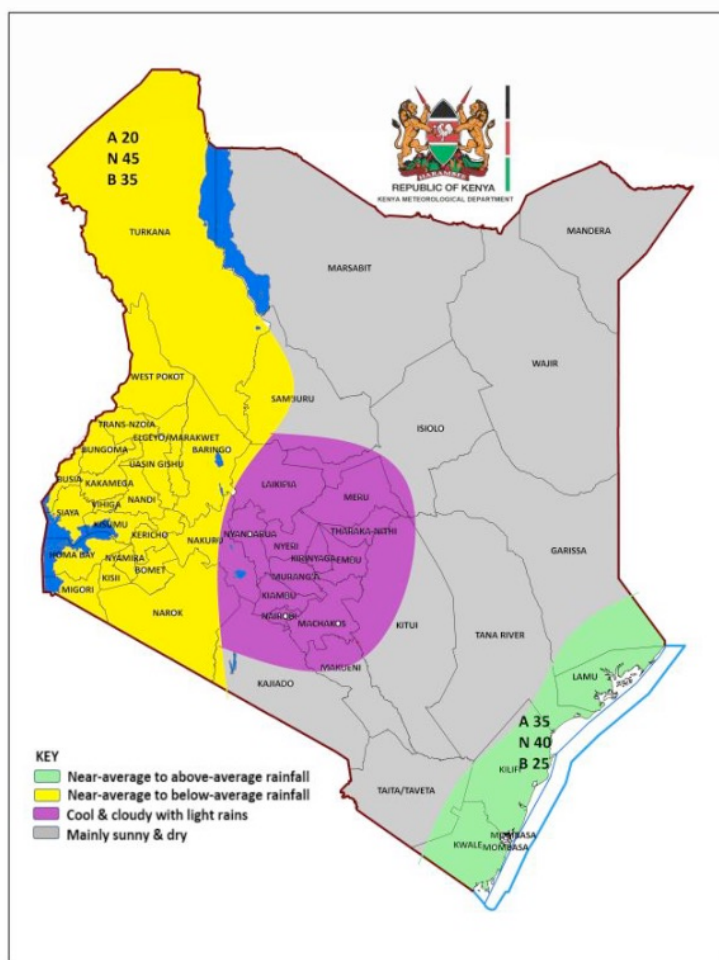
Hospital Event Based Surveillance

unit_name	reported	verified	% verified	verified true	% verified true	risk assessed	% risk assessed	responded	% responded	summarized	% summarized	escalated	escalated
Baringo County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Busia County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Embu County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Isiolo County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kajado County	10	3	30	3	100	2	66.7	2	100	2	100	0	0
Kiambu County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kilifi County	2	2	100	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kitui County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Meru County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mombasa County	11	11	100	10	90.9	7	70	7	100	7	100	0	0
Nairobi County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nakuru County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nyeri County	1	1	100	1	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siaya County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Test County	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

- Mombasa HCWs reported most of the signals (11)
- In terms of signal verification: All Signals verified except in Nyeri, Kilifi and Mombasa
- In terms of Events investigation: All counties in red

7. Rainfall forecast for June-July-August 2026

* Source: REF, Kenya Metrological Department



The outlook indicates that near-average to below-average rainfall is likely to occur in the Highlands West of the Rift Valley, the Lake Victoria Basin, the Rift Valley and Northwestern Kenya. The Coast is expected to receive near-average to above-average rainfall

The Highlands East of the Rift Valley are likely to experience light rains. The South-eastern Lowlands and Northeastern Kenya are expected to be generally sunny and dry.



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