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PRESS RELEASE

Kampala, 4th November 2025 — The Department of Meteorological Services (DMS) under the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) has issued the official rainfall outlook for the month of November 2025. According to the Department, November marks the continuation of the October peak rainfall period within the September–October–November–December (SOND) 2025 rainfall season. The prevailing weather conditions are attributed to the sustained presence of rain-bearing systems over the country during this period.

A. Rainfall Outlook for November 2025

Forecasts indicate that the **Northern and Eastern regions**—currently experiencing peak rainfall—will continue to receive significant rainfall until mid-November, followed by a gradual decline towards the end of the month. Meanwhile, **Central and Western regions** are expected to experience continued rainfall throughout November.

Enhanced rainfall is particularly expected around **Lake Victoria**, the **Elgon highlands**, the **Ruwenzori ranges**, and **Southwestern Uganda**. The overall rainfall outlook for the month is illustrated in **Figure 1: Expected Spatial Rainfall Outlook for November 2025**.

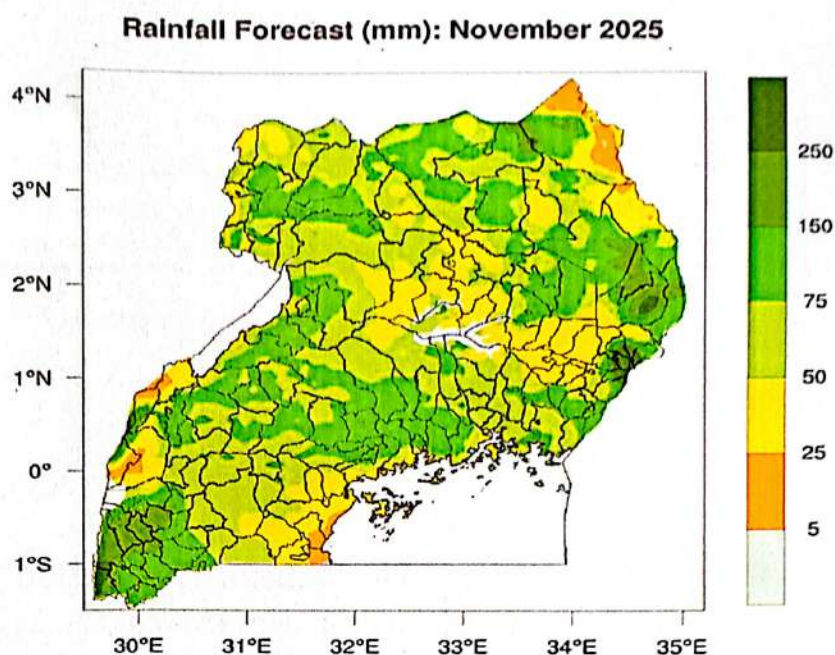


Figure 1: Expected Spatial rainfall outlook for October 2025

The current rainfall pattern is projected to have both positive and negative impacts on communities, livelihoods, infrastructure, and the environment. The **Office of the Prime Minister (OPM)**, in collaboration with the **Ministry of Water and Environment**, has therefore issued the following guidance to ensure preparedness and resilience across all sectors.

B. Advisory to Ministries, Departments, Agencies and Businesses

1. All Ministries, Departments, Agencies, and businesses are urged to **review their business continuity plans** to ensure the steady flow and movement of goods, services, and essential personnel.
2. With roads and bridges in flood or landslide-prone areas potentially compromised, **health facilities** across these zones should **stock essential medicines** and supplies in advance.
3. The **Department of Meteorological Services**, and **Department of Water Resources Monitoring and Assessment** should continue to **provide timely updates** on weather forecasts, water levels in lakes and rivers, including potential implications for nearby communities and ecosystems.

C. Guidance for District Local Governments

1. Districts experiencing heavy rainfall and related impacts—such as floods, storms, and landslides—should **identify safe evacuation grounds** near high-risk communities and **educate residents** on safety and evacuation procedures.
 - Evacuation centers may include public places such as markets, administrative centers, or health facilities.
 - Schools should **not** be used as evacuation centers to avoid disrupting ongoing national examinations.
2. **Children crossing flood-prone areas** on their way to and from school should be accompanied by adults and allowed to attend school only when conditions are safe.
3. Communities should **avoid open areas, tall objects, and metallic materials** during thunderstorms to reduce the risk of lightning strikes.
4. Institutions and households are advised to **trim tree branches near buildings** to minimize potential damage from falling trees or branches.
5. **Disease surveillance and water quality monitoring** should be intensified to ensure early detection and response to any disease outbreaks.
6. **District Disaster Management Committees (DDMCs)** are urged to **disseminate early warning information** and meteorological advisories promptly.

D. Guidance to the General Public and Communities

1. **Motorists** should exercise caution by observing speed limits, as reduced visibility and slippery road surfaces can increase the risk of accidents.
2. **Road users** are strongly advised **not to cross flooded roads or bridges** until the water levels have reduced.
3. **Communities in landslide- and flood-prone areas** should remain vigilant for warning signs such as ground cracks and promptly report them to local authorities and the National Emergency Coordination and Operations Centre on **Toll Free Line: 0800177777**.
4. This advisory complements sector-based warnings issued periodically and aims to **enhance preparedness and coordinated response** among all stakeholders.
5. While safeguarding lives and livelihoods, communities in regions experiencing ongoing rainfall are **encouraged to utilize the wet conditions** to maximize food production. Farmers should adhere to **best agronomic practices** including timely weeding, pruning, and pest & disease control.

Conclusion

The Government of Uganda, through the Ministry of Water and Environment and the Office of the Prime Minister, remains committed to ensuring the safety and resilience of all citizens. The public is encouraged to stay informed through official weather updates and to take the necessary precautions to minimize risks associated with the ongoing rainfall.

Stay Safe!!



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