



## Water Resources Authority

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### Flood Advisory

Advisory Class	Heavy Flooding
Advisory Note No.	3 /2023
Date	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Validity	7 <sup>th</sup> – 10 <sup>th</sup> November 2023
Present and Expected status	<p>Many parts of the Country have continued to receive substantial amounts of rainfall in the last five days. The sharp rise in Tana river levels has caused flooding in the adjacent low lying areas of Garissa and Tana River Counties. Flash floods, occasioned by excessive runoff have been experienced in the Upper Tana basin in Meru and Tharaka Nithi Counties as well as the lower Athi Basin at the coastal strip and parts of Ewaso Ng'iro North basin in Wajir, Mandera, Isiolo and Samburu Counties.</p> <p>The situation is expected to escalate and spread to other river basins across the country as the rains continue.</p>
River Basins of concern	<p>Lower Tana River at Garissa, Hola and Garsen; Lower Nyando, Lower Nzoia, Lower Sondu, Lower Kuja Migori and the shoreline streams of Lake Victoria Basin; Lower Perkerra, Ewaso Narok river at Rumuruti; Other areas to be on the lookout include the laggas within Mid-Tana basin (Kitui and Makueni Counties), Ewaso Ng'iro North basin (Wajir and Mandera Counties) and Northern Rift Valley Basin (Turkana and West Pokot Counties).</p> <p>Flash floods may be experienced in some areas, especially urban areas such as Nairobi City, Narok, Isiolo, Wajir and Mandera towns.</p>
Instructions	<p>a) Members of the public are advised to strictly comply with the following cautionary measures for their own safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adhere to flood advisories during this period</li><li>• Communities downstream of dams to remain vigilant and adhere to the alerts from the authorities and dam owners/operators</li><li>• Identify and use safe routes to evacuate to higher safe ground in the event of floods</li><li>• Approach river crossings with utmost caution</li><li>• Be aware of open channels/manholes during flooding</li></ul> <p>b) Dam owners/operators are required to notify and protect downstream inhabitants, infrastructure and environments from dam release (planned or accidental); and to ensure the spillways are properly maintained and free of any obstruction to attain their full design spill capacity.</p>
Advice addressed to	WRA Regional and Sub-Regional Managers, County Commissioners, Water Resource Users Associations, Affected Communities, Affected County Governments, National Disaster Operation Centre, Kenya Red Cross, KenGen, Dam Owners/Operators, Water Works Development Agency.

*Disclaimer: This advisory is based on KMD forecast and the current status of the rivers*

  
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