



OFFICIAL STATEMENT

The daily weather forecast for early warning in Narok County by the Meteorological department indicates persistent heavy rainfall across the County in the forthcoming days. These sustained heavy rainfalls give rise to potential hazards, including but not limited to flooding and infrastructural damage.

In light of this, the County Government is continually conducting surveillance and issuing alerts on the potential hazards as mapped out in its Elnino Preparedness, Mitigation and Reponse Plan. Proactive interventions like unclogging drainages and desilting dams carried out by the county Government have spared Narok town from flooding despite the ongoing heavy rains. However, challenges still remain.

The high rainfall has caused excessively loose soils which has in effect compromised the structural integrity of some of the ongoing projects. A case in point is the Ewaso Ngiro washrooms that have been compromised by the heavy downpour.

Contrary to suggestions implicating the structural integrity of the infrastructure, it is essential to clarify that the current issues are primarily a result of unprecedented heavy rainfall rather than inherent flaws in the design or construction of these structures. The wet weather conditions have placed unprecedented burden on our infrastructure, exceeding the anticipated capacity and resilience levels.

Other old bridges whose banks have been washed away by the rains include: Enaramatishoreki Bridge that connects Enaramatishoreki to Oletukat and the vital Kimelok Bridge linking Mosiro and Majimoto/ Naroosura wards. Active efforts are underway to expedite the restoration and repair of these critical components that were installed in 2015 and 2018 to ensure the safety and mobility of all residents.





The County government, in collaboration with relevant authorities, is diligently conducting assessments to determine the extent of the impact caused by the heavy rains. Swift measures are being implemented to reinforce and enhance the affected structures, demonstrating our commitment to ensuring the long-term structural integrity and safety of these critical components. It is crucial to distinguish between weather-induced challenges and any misperceptions regarding the structural soundness of the infrastructure.

The County Government of Narok strongly advises all residents to remain vigilant and stay informed by regularly monitoring local news sources and official weather updates. It is the cautionary actions of avoiding crossing swollen rivers, moving to higher grounds, not sheltering under trees during rains, among other safety guidelines, that will go along way in minimizing casualties and ensuring the safety of each and every one of us during this period. Through collective efforts, we can navigate this challenging period and emerge resilient.

This official statement serves as a directive and guidance to all residents, emphasizing the gravity of the situation and the importance of collective responsibility. For additional information and emergency support, please contact our Ward and Subcounty Administrators, who are on call 24/7, or reach us on our Toll free line **0800722984**

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