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WEATHER UPDATE FOR 19th TO 28th FEBRUARY 2026 OVER UGANDA

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Over Uganda, February is generally characterized by hot, dry, and sunny conditions, and marks the end of the December to February dry season. However, the Central region, particularly areas around Lake Victoria Basin, and Southwestern parts of the country are currently receiving heavy showers, while other parts of the country are receiving isolated outbreaks of showers. It is also important to note that in February, Kigezi region may experience occasional, isolated rainfall compared to the rest of the country which experiences a clear, dry, and hot season.

2.0 CLIMATE DRIVERS OF THE CURRENT RAINFALL

- The Madden-Julian Oscillation (MJO), a weather system characterized by an eastward-moving pulse of clouds and rainfall over the tropics, is currently strong and in a phase that enhances rainfall over many parts of Uganda. The MJO signal has been stationary over our region, with reduced speed of eastward movement. This has resulted in the ongoing rainfall over many parts of the country. The current condition is expected to persist, with relaxation towards the end of February.
- The High pressure systems over the southern Africa (St. Helena High and Mascarene High) have pushed the rain belt from its location in the southern part of Equator towards our region. The push has contributed to the ongoing rainfall over many parts of Uganda.

Mission

To promote and ensure the rational and sustainable utilization, development and effective management of water and environment resources for social economic development of Uganda

3.0 THE WEATHER UPDATE FOR 19th – 28th FEBRUARY 2026

The current rainfall being observed over parts of the country is expected to continue and spread to most parts of the country, with a slight relaxation towards the end of February.

Over this period, the regions expected to experience enhance rainfall include Western, Central and parts of Eastern region, particularly, Elgon region and districts around Lake Victoria Basin. The remaining parts of the country (Northern and Eastern regions) are expected to experience moderate isolated rainfall during this period.

Towards the end of February 2025, areas expected to experience enhanced rainfall are Kigezi region, parts of Central and Eastern region, especially, the Elgon areas. The rest of the country (Western, Northern, and many parts of Eastern and Central regions) are expected to go through a slight relaxation of the current conditions.



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