



## **NATIONAL DROUGHT MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY**

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### **National Drought Early Warning Bulletin**

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## 1. Drought Situation Overview

Twenty-one (21) ASAL counties were categorized under the ‘Normal’ phase based on the range of environmental, production, access and utilization indicators monitored that fell within their usual ranges as result of good performance of MAM 2024 rainfall season and just ended JJAS light seasonal rains in Pastoral North West counties. Normal drought phase is expected to continue. Moreover, the situation is projected to improve in coming months as we near onset of short rains, OND season. Monitoring of the population flagged out in February food security assessment, Short Rains Assessment (SRA) 2023, number of people in need of assistance stands at 1.0. million. Acute

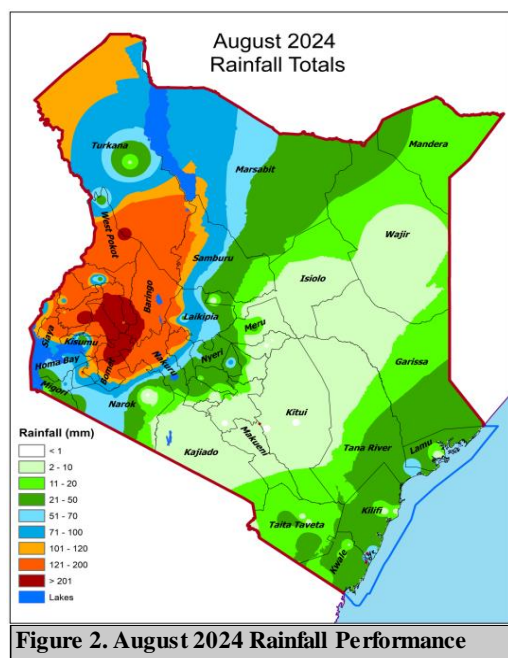
malnutrition has also improved been noted across the counties with the number of children 6 to 59 months requiring treatment for acute malnutrition having reduced from 847,932 (February 2024) to 760,488 reported in July 2024. In addition, the number of pregnant and breastfeeding women requiring treatment for acute malnutrition has reduced from 123,567 (February 2024) to 112,401 reported in July 2024. Figure 1.0 shows drought phase classification for the month of August 2024.



**Figure 1. August 2024 Drought Phase**

## 1.1 Observed drought indicators

### 1.1.1 August 2024 Rainfall Performance

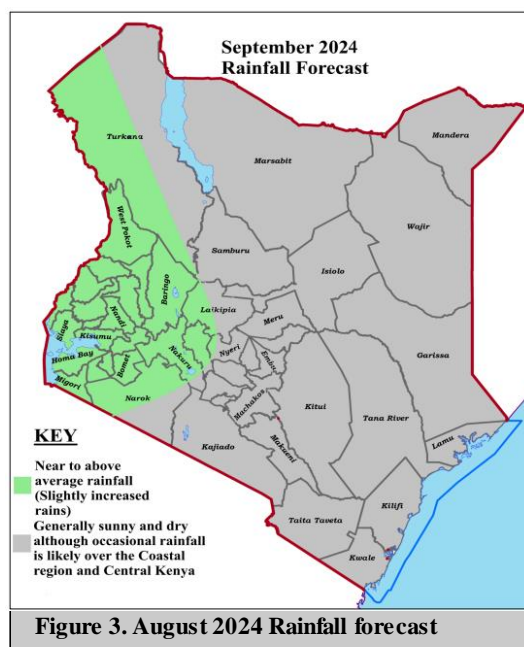


August 2024 monthly rainfall analysis indicates that several parts of ASAL counties received low rainfall amounts. Pastoral North East counties including; Mandera, Wajir, Isiolo, Tana River, Garissa received between 2 – 50 mm of rainfall. Pastoral North West counties including; Turkana, Marsabit and Samburu continued to receive good amounts of rainfall ranging between 51mm – 200mm. This is attributed to the JJA rainfall season. The South East Marginal Agriculture counties including; Tharaka Nithi, Embu, Kajiado, Meru, Makueni, Kitui counties received trace amounts of rainfall ranging between 2mm – 20mm. Agro Pastoral

cluster including; Kajiado, Laikipia, Narok, Baringo, Nyeri and West Pokot received considerable good rainfall amounts ranging between 11mm – 50mm. The Coast Marginal Agriculture counties including; Kwale, Kilifi, Taita Taveta and Lamu received trace rainfall ranging between 11 - 50mm as shown figure 2.0.

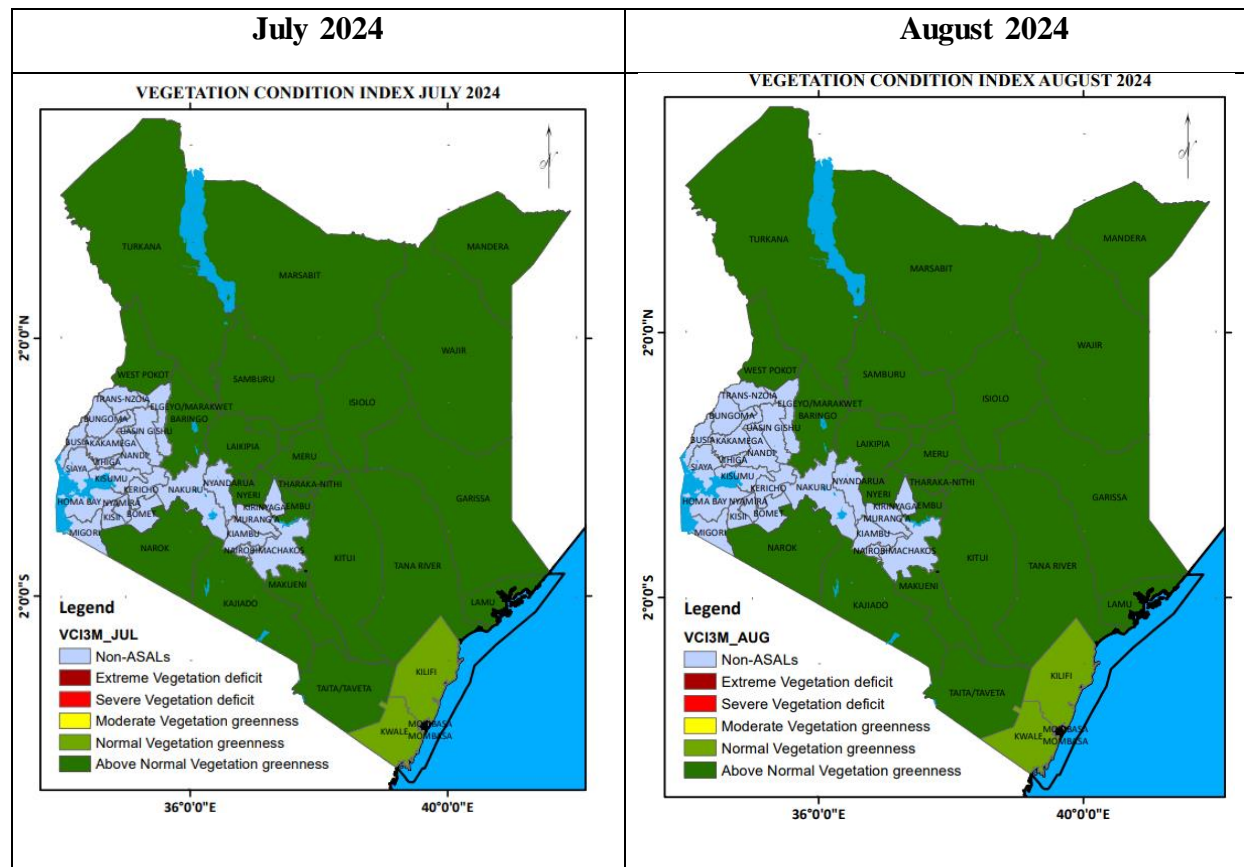
### 1.1.2 September 2024 rainfall outlook

Rainfall outlook for the month of September 2024 is illustrated in figure 3. Generally, Pastoral North East livelihood zone region (Isiolo, Mandera, Wajir, Tana River and Garissa; South East Marginal Agriculture including; Kitui, Makueni, Embu and Tharaka Nithi. Agro Pastoral livelihood zones including; Kajiado, Narok, Nyeri, Laikipia; The coastal marginal agriculture counties include; Taita Taveta, Kilifi, Lamu and Kwale counties; are forecasted to remain mainly sunny and dry conditions. Pastoral North West especially; Parts of Turkana and West Pokot counties are forecasted to receive near to above rainfall amounts.



## 1.2 Vegetation Condition

Figure 3 compares the vegetation condition index (VCI) in August 2024 with that of the previous month of July 2024. Generally, the vegetation condition in the month of August remained the same when compared to that of the month of July. However, few spots; Kilifi and Kwale counties were stable at normal vegetation greenness index.



**Figure 3: Maps comparing Vegetation Conditions (VCIs) of July and August 2024**

The month of August 2024 indicated stability in vegetation condition across the Arid and Semi-Arid Counties (ASAL) when compared to the previous July 2024. Stability in vegetation is due to the cumulative impacts of good MAM 2024 long rains season and moderate JJA rainfall season in Pastoral North West counties including Baringo, Samburu, West Pokot and Turkana. None of the counties recorded either extreme, severe or moderate vegetation deficit. Twenty-one (21) ASAL counties including; Samburu, Laikipia, Kajiado, Kitui, Turkana, Tana River, Garissa, Baringo, Narok, Nyeri, Makeni, Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Meru, Isiolo, Marsabit, Wajir, Mandera, Taita Taveta, West Pokot, Baringo and Lamu recorded Above normal vegetation greenness. Two counties (3); Kilifi and Kwale recorded normal vegetation greenness. The current vegetation

condition in August 2024 indicates a stability when compared to previous month, July 2024 as shown in (Figure 3).

A summary of the vegetation condition across ASAL counties as at end of August 2024 is provided in Figure 3. The situation for each county disaggregated by sub-county is provided in Table1.

**Table 1: Vegetation Condition Index (VCI), August2024**

| Category                                 | County   | Sub Counties (No)   |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Extreme</b>                           | <b>(0)</b>   | <b>(0)</b>  |
| <b>Severe vegetation deficit</b>         | <b>(0)</b>   | <b>(0)</b>  |
| <b>Moderate vegetation deficit</b>       | <b>(0)</b>   | <b>(1) Kilifi (Ganze)</b>   |
| <b>Normal vegetation greenness</b>       | <b>(2)<br/>Kilifi, Kwale</b>   | <b>(8)</b><br>Kilifi (Kaloleni, North, South, Malindi, Rabai Magarini), Kwale (Kinango, Lunga Lunga)  |
| <b>Above normal Vegetation greenness</b> | <b>(21)</b><br>Embu, Garissa, Isiolo, Kajiado, Kitui, Laikipia, Lamu, Makueni, Mandera, Marsabit, Meru, Nyeri, Samburu, Taita Taveta, Tana River, Tharaka Nithi, Wajir, Narok, Turkana and West Pokot, Baringo | <b>(104)</b><br>Embu (Manyatta, Mbeere North, Mbeere South, Runyenjes), Kajiado (Central, East, North, South, West), Kitui (Central, East, Rural, South, West, Mwingi Central, Mwingi North, Mwingi West), Kwale (Lunga, Matuga, Msambweni), Laikipia (East, North), Lamu (East, West), Makueni, (Kaiti, Kibwezi East, Kibwezi West, Kilome, Makueni, Mbooni), Meru (Buuri, Central Imenti, Igembe Central, Igembe North, Igembe South, North Imenti, South Imenti, Tigania East, Tigania West), Nyeri (Kieni, Mathira, Mukurweini, Nyeri Town, Othaya, Tetu), Taita Taveta (Mwatate, Taveta, Voi, Wundanyi), Tharaka Natha (Chuka/Igamba ng'ombe, Maara, Tharaka), West Pokot(Pokot South, Sigor, Kapenguria), Narok (Emurua Dikirr, Kilgoris, East, North, South, West), Mandera (Lafey, North, Banissa, West, South, East), Marsabit (Laisamis, Moyale, North Horr, Saku), Samburu:( East, North, West),Tana River (Bura, Galole, Garsen), Turkana:( South, Central, North, Loima, West), Wajir (Tarbaj, North, South, West, Eldas, East), Baringo (Central, North, Ravine), Isiolo (North, South), Garissa (Balambala, Fafi, Lagdera, Ijara, Daadab, Township), Baringo (South, Mogotio, Tiaty), Laikipia (West), Turkana (East) West Pokot (Kacheliba) |

## 1.3 Livestock production

### 1.3.1 Pasture and browse condition

The condition of forage was generally fair to good across the counties during the period under review. About 48 and 52 percent of the ASAL counties reported the condition of pasture and browse accordingly as being good (Table 2). Receipt of off-season rainfall in some counties coupled with the effect of the March to May rainfall sustained availability of forage throughout the month under review. However, moderate land surface temperatures prevailing in some areas contributed towards the slight deterioration witnessed in some pocket zones. Notably, the condition is projected to deteriorate albeit marginally but last into the Short Rains season.

**Table 2.0: Pasture and Browse Condition, August 2024**

| Pasture |  |   | Browse |   |  |
|---------|--|---|--------|---|--|
| Poor    | Fair   | Good  | Poor   | Fair  | Good   |
|         | Embu, Kajiado<br>Kitui, Makueni<br>Taita Taveta<br>Turkana<br>Garissa, Kwale<br>Mandera<br>Tana River<br>Tharaka Nithi<br>Kilifi | Laikipia, Lamu<br>Narok, Nyeri, Meru<br>Wajir, Baringo<br>West Pokot, Isiolo<br>Marsabit, Samburu |        | Embu, Kajiado<br>Kilifi, Kitui<br>Makueni<br>Taita Taveta<br>Turkana<br>Garissa, Mandera<br>Tana River<br>Tharaka Nithi | Laikipia, Lamu<br>Narok, Nyeri<br>Wajir, West Pokot<br>Baringo, Isiolo<br>Kwale, Marsabit<br>Meru, Samburu |

### 1.3.2 Livestock body condition

Majority of the areas reported the body condition for both cattle and goats as being good to fair. Consequently, roughly 57 and 65 percent of the counties reported the body condition of cattle and goats respectively to be good to very good (Table 3). Among the drivers of the observed body condition included: availability of quality palatable forage in desirable quantities along the normal grazing zones within household vicinity coupled with relatively shorter trekking distances to water sources as a consequence of the good recharge of the open water structures over the previous season. Comparatively, the observed livestock body throughout the month of August was normal to above normal to the one normally witnessed during the period.

**Table 3.0: Livestock Body Condition, August 2024**

| Cattle |  |   | Goats/Sheep |   |  |
|--------|--|---|-------------|---|--|
| Poor   | Fair   | Good  | Poor        | Fair  | Good   |
|        | Embu, Kajiado<br>Kilifi, Lamu<br>Nyeri, Garissa<br>Kwale, Mandera<br>Tana River<br>Tharaka Nithi | Kitui, Laikipia<br>Makueni, Narok<br>Taita Taveta<br>Turkana, Wajir<br>West Pokot<br>Baringo, Isiolo<br>Marsabit, Meru<br>Samburu |             | Embu, Kajiado<br>Lamu, Nyeri<br>Garissa, Mandera<br>Tana River<br>Tharaka Nithi | Kilifi, Taita Taveta<br>Kitui, Laikipia<br>Makueni, Narok<br>Turkana, Wajir<br>West Pokot<br>Baringo, Isiolo<br>Kwale, Marsabit<br>Meru, Samburu |

### 1.3.3 Milk production

Stabilization in milk production attributable to improved yields from all species more so the small stock due to high birth rates was recorded in 61 percent of the counties (Table 4). Among other factors influencing the observed stable to improving trend included; minimal disease incidents, good body condition advanced by forage availability, limited migration and fairly better tropical livestock units. The production level over the reporting month was above the usual seasonal range.

**Table 4.0: Milk production, August 2024**

| Current status  |   |           | Trend                                      |  |  |
|---|---|-----------|--|--|--|
| Above LTA   | At LTA  | Below LTA | Improving                                  | Stable   | Worsening  |
| Baringo,<br>Garissa<br>Isiolo, Mandera<br>Marsabit,<br>Turkana, Wajir<br>Embu, Kajiado<br>Laikipia, Nyeri | Kitui, Kwale<br>Makueni,<br>Meru<br>Narok, Taita-Taveta<br>Tharaka Nithi<br>West Pokot<br>Samburu<br>Tana River<br>Kilifi<br>Lamu |           | Baringo<br>Turkana,<br>Kwale<br>West Pokot | Garissa, Isiolo<br>Mandera, Lamu<br>Marsabit, Nyeri<br>Tana River<br>Kitui, Laikipia<br>Taita Taveta | Samburu<br>Wajir, Embu<br>Kajiado<br>Kilifi, Meru<br>Makueni<br>Narok<br>Tharaka-Nithi |

### 1.3.4. Livestock diseases

Cases of Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) were reported across Kitui and Kajiado counties with Trypanosomiasis being recorded in Mutha and Kaziku wards in Kitui South Sub county. Increased incidences of endo and ecto parasites were reported in congested water points in Garissa while suspected cases of sudden death syndrome (SDS) in camels and Peste des Petits ruminants (PPR)



in goats was reported in Fafi and Dadaab sub counties. In Marsabit, an estimated 2,865 goats presented PPR symptoms while 572 deaths have been reported with a 20 percent case fatality rate (CFR). In addition, about 1,021 sheep had clinical symptoms while 184 died with 18 percent case fatality rate. Increasing incidences of respiratory and septicemic diseases in camels have also been reported affecting about 1,618 out of which 185 have died. Samburu county reported increased cases of abortions in small stock.

### 1.3.5 Cattle prices

Stability in the market price of cattle was noted over most areas during the reporting period (Table 5). Cattle body condition remained fair to good due to availability of pasture and water within shorter trekking distances hence the observed trend in market price. Counties reporting a negative trend in market price cited reduced demand as a result of the high and unattractive price for the usual buyers, market disruptions occasioned by disease and conflicts, and market surplus some driven by distress sales due to poor harvests as the drivers of the observed situation. Overall, the sustained good body condition during the month under review had resulted to prevailing price being comparably better to the one reported for a similar period over the past three years.

**Table 5.0: Cattle prices, August 2024**

| Current status  |        |           | Trend  |  |   |
|---|--------|-----------|--|--|---|
| Above LTA   | At LTA | Below LTA | Improving  | Stable   | Worsening   |
| Baringo, Garissa, Isiolo<br>Mandera, Marsabit<br>Samburu, Tana River<br>Turkana, Wajir, Embu<br>Kajiado, Kilifi, Kitui<br>Kwale, Laikipia, Lamu<br>Makueni, Meru, Narok<br>Nyeri, Taita Taveta<br>Tharaka Nithi, West Pokot |        |           | Baringo, Mandera<br>Marsabit, Samburu<br>Tana River, Wajir<br>Embu, Kitui, Meru<br>Nyeri, Narok,<br>Taita Taveta<br>West Pokot | Garissa<br>Kilifi<br>Lamu<br>Tharaka<br>Nithi<br>Makueni | Isiolo<br>Turkana<br>Kajiado<br>Kwale<br>Laikipia |

### 1.3.6 Goat Prices

Throughout the month under review, a stable trend in the price of goat at the market was recorded in all areas except in Kilifi and Wajir (Table 6). The noted positive trend could be attributed to a good goat body condition occasioned by availability of quality palatable browse in most areas while the negative trend in the aforementioned counties was due to low demand coupled with high supply in the market and increasing trekking distance to water sources in some areas that had impacted on the health of the species. Notably, the reported price was higher than the



corresponding three-year average in all the counties and that was down to the sustained good body condition over the period driven by above average rangeland conditions across most areas following the above normal consecutive rainfall seasons.

**Table 6.0: Goat prices, August 2024**

| Current status  |        |           | Trend                             |   |                 |
|---|--------|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Above LTA   | At LTA | Below LTA | Improving                         | Stable  | Worsening       |
| Baringo, Garissa, Isiolo<br>Mandera, Marsabit, Embu<br>Samburu, Tana River, Lamu<br>Turkana, Wajir, Kajiado<br>Kilifi, Kitui, Kwale, Meru<br>Laikipia, Makueni, Narok<br>Nyeri, Taita Taveta<br>Tharaka Nithi, West Pokot |        |           | Embu<br>Meru<br>Tharaka-<br>Nithi | Baringo, Garissa<br>Isiolo, Mandera<br>Marsabit, Samburu<br>Tana River, Kitui<br>Turkana, Kajiado<br>Kwale, Laikipia<br>Lamu, Makueni<br>Narok, Taita Taveta<br>Nyeri, West Pokot | Wajir<br>Kilifi |

#### 1.4 Crop production

Agricultural activities entailing food and horticultural crops production usually take place in the Agro-pastoral, Coastal Marginal Agriculture (CMA), South East Marginal Agriculture (SEMA) clusters. However, within the other clusters, a notable proportion of households practice crop production along the riverine areas and reclaimed productive lands. The summary table below illustrates the situation across the ASAL counties during the month of August.

**Table 7.0: Current status of crop production**

| Cluster              | Counties       | Current state of crop production   |
|----------------------|----------------|--|
| <b>SEMA</b>          | <b>Makueni</b> | Harvesting was still on-going in parts of the county with the yield expected to be roughly 60 percent of the long-term average.  |
|                      | <b>Meru</b>    | Cereals production is expected to be below average due to the early cessation of the March to May rainfall at the critical stage of pod and grain filling. In addition, crops were destroyed through leaching that resulted to stunted growth of maize and yellowing of beans. |
| <b>Agro-pastoral</b> | <b>Kajiado</b> | Farmers were harvesting pigeon peas with the yields being above normal due to the good performance of the rainfall season.   |

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|--|-----------------|---|
|  | <b>Narok</b>    | Majority of crops in the Mixed Farming Livelihood Zone were at harvesting stage and in fairly good condition.   |
|  | <b>Laikipia</b> | Maize harvesting was ongoing across most areas and households were already consuming the green maize. There was invasion of migratory <i>Quelea quelea</i> birds in Laikipia West Sub-County that destroyed wheat and maize at the milking stage. Approximately 500 acres of wheat and 150 acres of maize had been affected. Meanwhile, the department of agriculture was managing the situation through ground spraying by use of motorist sprayers. |

#### 1.4.1 Maize prices

Maize prices remained stable in all the areas over the period under analysis (Table 8). Price stabilization could be ascribed to availability of the commodity in the market from internal sources (own farm production) plus supplementation by external supplies (with large stocks being held by traders and millers) from high agricultural potential areas whose market prices were not experiencing any volatility. Equally, the prevailing price was above the respective long-term average in about 78 percent of the counties attributable to above average production over the past two seasons, increased cross-border imports acquired at fairly low prices coupled with availability of other cereals like sorghum and rice that households supplemented their diets with hence low demand on maize. However, elevated prices above the historical three-year averages and basically deviating from typical price patterns was noted in about 22 percent of the ASAL areas with high transportation cost, local demand dynamics and potentially constrained local supply being the major drivers of the witnessed scenario.

**Table 8.0: Maize prices, August 2024**

| Current status                                  |                 |   | Trend     |   |           |
|---|-----------------|---|-----------|---|-----------|
| Above LTA                                       | At/close to LTA | Below LTA   | Improving | Stable  | Worsening |
| Garissa<br>Mandera<br>Marsabit<br>Wajir<br>Lamu |                 | Baringo, Isiolo,<br>Embu<br>Samburu, Tana<br>River<br>Turkana, Kajiado<br>Kilifi, Kitui, Kwale<br>Laikipia, Makueni |           | Baringo, Wajir, Lamu<br>Garissa, Isiolo, Meru<br>Mandera, Kitui, Embu<br>Samburu, Kwale<br>Tana River, Kilifi<br>Turkana, Kajiado<br>Laikipia, Makueni, |           |

|  |  |  |  |   |  |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|
|  |  | Meru, Taita Taveta<br>Narok, West Pokot<br>Nyeri, Tharaka<br>Nithi |  | Taita Taveta, Marsabit<br>Tharaka Nithi, Narok<br>West Pokot, Nyeri |  |
|--|--|--|--|---|--|

## 1.5 WATER ACCESS

### 1.5.1 Access to water for households

During the period under review, majority of the counties constituting about 78 percent reported unchanged trekking distances to water sources in relation to the previous period with Samburu recording a significant decline (Table 9). Increase in trekking distance noted in about four counties could be attributed to continued depletion of surface water sources as a result of the high land surface temperatures. The longest distance of approximately nine(9) and 6.9 kilometres was recorded in Mandera and Kitui among the Arid and Semi-Arid counties respectively. Recorded distance in a significant proportion of the ASAL counties was below the respective five-year averages and that was as a consequence of the enhanced rainfall over the previous long and short rain seasons that promoted remarkable recharge.

**Table 9.0: Distance from Households to Main Water Sources, August 2024**

| Current status   |   |   | Trend     |   |                                       |
|--|---|---|-----------|---|---------------------------------------|
| Above LTA  | At LTA  | Below LTA   | Improving | Stable  | Worsening                             |
| Garissa<br>Tana River<br>Kwale<br>Lamu<br>Taita Taveta | Turkana<br>Wajir<br>Kitui<br>Makueni<br>Nyeri<br>West-Pokot | Baringo, Isiolo<br>Mandera, Embu<br>Marsabit, Kajiado<br>Samburu, Kilifi<br>Laikipia, Meru<br>Narok,<br>Tharaka Nithi | Samburu   | Baringo, Garissa<br>Isiolo, Mandera<br>Marsabit, Turkana<br>Wajir, Kilifi, Nyeri<br>Kitui, Kwale, Narok<br>Laikipia, Makueni<br>Taita Taveta, Meru<br>Tharaka Nithi<br>West Pokot | Tana River<br>Embu<br>Kajiado<br>Lamu |

### 1.5.2 Access to water for livestock

Stabilization in trekking distance from grazing zones to water points was noted in about 60 percent of the counties while the remaining recorded an increase (Table 10). The worsening trend observed in the later counties could be attributed to reduced number of surface water sources due to drying up, insufficient water infrastructure in some sites hence inadequate water was impounded and

decrease in alternative water sources. Notably the longest distance of 15.9 and 8.1 kilometres was recorded in Garissa and Kitui among the Arid and Semi-Arid counties accordingly. In addition, the prevailing distance was within the normal distance for the period in about 78 percent of the areas and that could be ascribed to availability of forage within sites in close proximity to water sources following the notable regeneration witnessed over the previous rainfall seasons.

**Table 10.0: Distance from Grazing area to Main Water Sources, August 2024**

| Current status                                     |                          |   | Trend              |  |   |
|--|--------------------------|---|--------------------|--|---|
| Above LTA  | At LTA                   | Below LTA   | Improving          | Stable   | Worsening   |
| Garissa<br>Kitui<br>Kwale<br>Nyeri<br>Taita Taveta | Lamu<br>Makueni<br>Narok | Baringo, Isiolo<br>Mandera, Marsabit<br>Samburu, Turkana<br>Tana River, Wajir<br>Embu, Kajiado,<br>Kilifi, Laikipia,<br>Meru, Tharaka Nithi<br>West Pokot | Samburu<br>Turkana | Baringo, Mandera<br>Marsabit, Wajir<br>Tana River, Kilifi<br>Laikipia, Meru<br>Narok<br>Nyeri<br>Taita Taveta<br>Tharaka Nithi | Garissa<br>Isiolo, Embu<br>Kajiado<br>Kitui<br>Kwale, Lamu<br>Makueni<br>West Pokot |

## 1.6 Terms of trade

Unchanged terms of trade were recorded in majority of the counties with respect to the previous month while improvements were noted in Samburu, Tana River, Embu and Meru as a consequence of the drop in maize prices reported (Table 11). Stable goat and maize prices in most of the ASAL counties contributed to a greater extent towards the stability observed in the terms of trade across August. Turkana and Lamu counties reported the lowest terms of trade of 43 and 84 among the Arid and Semi-Arid counties in that order. Notably, the prevailing terms of trade over the month under review were within the seasonal range in all counties driven by the enhanced maize stocks in the market and good body condition for goat that resulted to reduced prices for the commodity and better market returns for goat above the historical averages.

**Table 11.0: Terms of Trade, August 2024**

| Current status   |        |           | Trend                                 |  |           |
|--|--------|-----------|---------------------------------------|--|-----------|
| Above LTA  | At LTA | Below LTA | Improving                             | Stable   | Worsening |
| Baringo, Garissa, Samburu<br>Isiolo, Mandera, Wajir<br>Marsabit, West Pokot<br>Tana River, Turkana, Lamu<br>Embu, Kajiado, Kwale |        |           | Samburu<br>Tana River<br>Embu<br>Meru | Baringo, Garissa<br>Isiolo, Mandera<br>Marsabit, Turkana<br>Kilifi, Kitui, Kwale<br>Laikipia, Lamu |           |

|   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Kilifi, Kitui, Laikipia<br>Makueni, Meru, Narok<br>Nyeri, Taita Taveta<br>Tharaka Nithi, Lamu |  |  |  | Makueni, Kajiado<br>Nyeri, Taita Taveta<br>Tharaka Nithi, Wajir<br>West Pokot, Narok |  |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|

## 1.7. Health and nutrition

The nutrition situation remained stable in majority (57 percent) of the counties across the period under analysis while about 21 percent of the counties reported a worsening trend (Table 12). Among the factors contributing to the stable with a tendency to improve in the nutrition situation in about 22 percent of the areas included: milk availability hence improved consumption levels and consumption of diverse diets driven by improved agricultural production and slightly elevated purchasing power that promoted access via the markets. The rise in malnutrition in the mapped counties could be linked to households selling their harvests to cover other costs often at the expense of maintaining healthy eating and chronic challenges associated with stunting and scale down of supplies to facilities in the management of malnutrition. Save for Baringo, Lamu, Makueni, Turkana and Garissa whose reported malnutrition rates were outside the seasonal range attributable to closure of some health outreach sites, high prevalence of morbidities that affect nutrient absorption, poor health environments and child feeding practices, the rates in all the other counties were within their usual ranges.

**Table 12.0: Children at risk of malnutrition (MUAC), August 2024**

| Current status                                   |                                |   | Trend  |   |  |
|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Above LTA  | At LTA                         | Below LTA   | Improving  | Stable  | Worsening                                      |
| Baringo<br>Garissa<br>Turkana<br>Lamu<br>Makueni | Samburu<br>Kitui<br>West-Pokot | Isiolo, Mandera<br>Marsabit, Laikipia<br>Tana River, Wajir<br>Embu, Kajiado<br>Kilifi, Kwale, Meru<br>Narok, Taita Taveta<br>Nyeri, Tharaka Nithi | Tana River<br>Wajir<br>Embu<br>Laikipia<br>Narok | Baringo, Garissa<br>Mandera, Marsabit<br>Turkana, Kajiado<br>Kilifi, Kitui, Kwale<br>Lamu, Makueni<br>Nyeri, Taita Taveta<br>Isiolo | Samburu<br>Meru<br>Tharaka-Nithi<br>West Pokot |

## 2.0 Drought phase classification

Based on the range of early warning indicators monitored through the drought early warning system, all the 23 ASAL counties except Garissa and Kilifi were classified to be at the ‘Normal’ phase with a stable to worsening trend as shown in table 13. -

**Table 13.0: Drought phase classification, August 2024**

| Drought status   | Trend     |   |   |
|------------------|-----------|---|---|
|                  | Improving | Stable  | Worsening/<br>Deteriorating                     |
| <b>Normal</b>    | Isiolo    | Baringo, Mandera, Samburu, Turkana, Wajir, Embu, Kajiado, Laikipia, Lamu, Makueni, Meru, Narok, Nyeri, Taita Taveta, West Pokot | Marsabit, Tana River Kitui, Kwale Tharaka Nithi |
| <b>Alert</b>     |           |   | Garissa, Kilifi                                 |
| <b>Alarm</b>     |           |   |   |
| <b>Emergency</b> |           |   |   |
| <b>Recovery</b>  |           |   |   |

**Table 15: Vegetation Condition Index (VCI-3 month) as at 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

| ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT |            | VEGETATION GREENNESS                         |  | DROUGHT CATEGORIES/REMARKS                                       |                      |                                   |
|---------------------|------------|--|--|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| COUNTY              | Sub County | VCI-3 month as at 28 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 | VCI-3 month as at 25 <sup>th</sup> August 2024 | Colour   | VCI values (3-month) | Drought Category                  |
|                     |            |  |  |  | $\geq 50$            | Vegetation greenness above normal |
|                     |            |  |  |  | $\geq 35$ - $< 50$   | Normal vegetation greenness       |
|                     |            |  |  |  | $\geq 20$ - $< 35$   | Moderate vegetation deficit       |
|                     |            |  |  |  | $\geq 10$ - $< 20$   | Severe vegetation deficit         |
|                     |            |  |  |  | $< 10$               | Extreme vegetation deficit        |
| BARINGO             | County     | 82.6   | 88.9   | The county recorded above normal vegetation greenness in August. |                      |                                   |
|                     | Central    | 90.34  | 85.78  |  |                      |                                   |
|                     | North      | 87.43  | 86.89  |  |                      |                                   |
|                     | South      | 83.73  | 87.22  |  |                      |                                   |

|          |            |        |        |   |
|----------|------------|--------|--------|---|
|          | Ravine     | 77.84  | 69.36  |   |
|          | Mogotio    | 77.64  | 85.24  |   |
|          | Tiaty      | 81.58  | 85.4   |   |
| MANDERA  | County     | 111.03 | 119.68 | The county remained stable as compared to previous month of June at above normal vegetation greenness.                    |
|          | Lafey      | 118.65 | 125.72 |   |
|          | North      | 113.89 | 117    |   |
|          | Banissa    | 91.64  | 96.04  |   |
|          | West       | 117.97 | 122.21 |   |
|          | South      | 105.89 | 115.24 |   |
|          | East       | 116.45 | 117.35 |   |
| TURKANA  | County     | 72.92  | 88.4   | The county recorded above normal vegetation greenness during the month under review.                                      |
|          | East       | 73.07  | 73.12  |   |
|          | South      | 80.58  | 82.06  |   |
|          | Loima      | 84.04  | 82.16  |   |
|          | Central    | 91.63  | 99.72  |   |
|          | West       | 65.82  | 70.28  |   |
|          | North      | 63.93  | 65.45  |   |
| MARSABIT | County     | 92.67  | 101.58 | The county recorded above normal vegetation greenness in August which was stable when compared to previous month of July. |
|          | Laisamis   | 102.17 | 101.36 |   |
|          | Moyale     | 90.67  | 88.72  |   |
|          | North Horr | 86.95  | 92.58  |   |
|          | Saku       | 108.98 | 112.66 |   |
| WAJIR    | County     | 84.32  | 100.42 | The county maintained at above normal vegetation greenness in August, as compared to the previous month of July.          |
|          | Tarbaj     | 83.5   | 94.84  |   |
|          | North      | 127.07 | 127.22 |   |
|          | South      | 67.16  | 75.15  |   |
|          | West       | 63.07  | 77.03  |   |
|          | Eldas      | 100.9  | 106    |   |



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|------------|-----------|--------|--------|---|
|            | East      | 87.51  | 91.44  |   |
| SAMBURU    | County    | 95.72  | 95.69  | The county remained stable at above normal vegetation greenness during the month under review.                            |
|            | East      | 91.9   | 96.16  |   |
|            | North     | 101.18 | 93.62  |   |
|            | West      | 92.33  | 89.45  |   |
| GARISSA    | County    | 75.56  | 76.3   | The county remained the same in vegetation greenness at above normal vegetation greenness during the month of August.     |
|            | Balambala | 97.68  | 99.29  |   |
|            | Township  | 72.07  | 76.48  |   |
|            | Ijara     | 68.62  | 57.8   |   |
|            | Fafi      | 63.57  | 60.43  |   |
|            | Lagdera   | 89.68  | 98.08  |   |
|            | Dadaab    | 83.62  | 80.21  |   |
| ISIOLO     | County    | 77.02  | 107.99 | The county recorded stability in above vegetation greenness in August, which was stable when compared to last month.      |
|            | North     | 77.07  | 90.52  |   |
|            | South     | 76.94  | 88.75  |   |
| TANA RIVER | County    | 66.67  | 80.6   | The county recorded above normal vegetation greenness in the month of August.   |
|            | Bura      | 85.2   | 90.19  |   |
|            | Galole    | 56.14  | 63.04  |   |
|            | Garsen    | 57.52  | 62.05  |   |
| KAJIADO    | County    | 88.34  | 114.07 | Kajiado county recorded stability in vegetation greenness at above normal vegetation greenness in the month of August.    |
|            | Central   | 81.9   | 88.92  |   |
|            | East      | 92.59  | 102.43 |   |
|            | North     | 81.15  | 88.03  |   |
|            | South     | 77.53  | 84.83  |   |
|            | West      | 99.09  | 115.09 |   |
| LAIKIPIA   | County    | 92.42  | 103.11 | The county recorded stability in vegetation greenness at above normal vegetation greenness during the month under review. |
|            | East      | 87.81  | 91.9   |   |
|            | North     | 95.18  | 98.81  |   |

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|------------------|----------------|--------|--------|--|
|                  | West           | 89.49  | 92.54  |  |
| THARAKA<br>NITHI | County         | 81.31  | 100.8  | The county recorded above normal vegetation greenness in the month under review.   |
|                  | Chuka          | 90.59  | 99.96  |  |
|                  | Maara          | 84.27  | 90.55  |  |
|                  | Tharaka        | 76.86  | 85.61  |  |
| WEST<br>POKOT    | County         | 73.47  | 79.32  | The county recorded stability in vegetation greenness in normal vegetation greenness during the month of August          |
|                  | Kacheliba      | 67.41  | 72.66  |  |
|                  | Kapenguria     | 77.93  | 79.59  |  |
|                  | Pokot south    | 87.34  | 81.63  |  |
|                  | Sigor          | 72.55  | 72.56  |  |
| EMBU             | County         | 92.36  | 116.12 | The county recorded above normal vegetation greenness during the month under review.                                     |
|                  | Manyatta       | 84.33  | 89.34  |  |
|                  | Mbeere north   | 97.25  | 110.87 |  |
|                  | Mbeere south   | 92.4   | 104.39 |  |
|                  | Runyenjes      | 90.3   | 96.5   |  |
| KITUI            | County         | 87.82  | 103.34 | The county recorded a stability in vegetation greenness at above normal vegetation greenness during the month of August. |
|                  | Kitui central  | 108.56 | 121.29 |  |
|                  | Kitui east     | 93.31  | 98.83  |  |
|                  | Kitui rural    | 116.67 | 134.98 |  |
|                  | Kitui south    | 71.81  | 79.06  |  |
|                  | Kitui west     | 113.33 | 127.86 |  |
|                  | Mwingi central | 101.01 | 103.66 |  |
|                  | Mwingi north   | 92.19  | 97.36  |  |
|                  | Mwingi west    | 113.98 | 126.43 |  |
| MAKUENI          | County         | 95.56  | 119    |  |
|                  | Kaiti          | 98.49  | 115.35 |  |
|                  | Kibwezi east   | 70.53  | 77.16  |  |

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|--------|----------------|--------|--------|--|
|        | Kibwezi west   | 95.52  | 103.04 | The county recorded above normal vegetation greenness in August, which was stable when compared to previous month of July. |
|        | Kilome         | 94.01  | 113.55 |  |
|        | Makueni        | 117.83 | 131.77 |  |
|        | Mbooni         | 119.42 | 137.64 |  |
| MERU   | County         | 85.64  | 95.22  | The county recorded above normal vegetation greenness across the sub-counties during the month of August.                  |
|        | Buuri          | 90.84  | 91.94  |  |
|        | Central Imenti | 83.57  | 82.48  |  |
|        | Igembe central | 85.91  | 92.3   |  |
|        | Igembe north   | 81.31  | 89.81  |  |
|        | Igembe south   | 84.24  | 85.59  |  |
|        | North Imenti   | 82.72  | 77.67  |  |
|        | South Imenti   | 84.28  | 86.76  |  |
|        | Tigania east   | 85.12  | 92.47  |  |
|        | Tigania west   | 87.11  | 97.05  |  |
| NYERI  | County         | 86.76  | 88.94  | The county recorded above normal vegetation greenness in August.   |
|        | Kieni          | 87.43  | 92.69  |  |
|        | Mathira        | 89.44  | 88.99  |  |
|        | Mukurweini     | 90.19  | 91.69  |  |
|        | Nyeri town     | 84.73  | 84.18  |  |
|        | Othaya         | 83.82  | 83.39  |  |
|        | Tetu           | 82.03  | 85.55  |  |
| KILIFI | County         | 41.22  | 41.01  |  |
|        | Ganze          | 35.4   | 31.21  |  |
|        | Kaloleni       | 42.62  | 36.6   |  |
|        | Kilifi north   | 54.1   | 47.18  |  |
|        | Kilifi south   | 50.71  | 44.87  |  |

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|-----------------|---------------|-------|--------|--|
|                 | Magarini      | 40.33 | 40.15  | The county recorded normal vegetation greenness in the month of August. Ganze, worsened to moderate vegetation deficit while the remaining sub counties recorded normal vegetation greenness |
|                 | Malindi       | 50.62 | 47.42  |  |
|                 | Rabai         | 55.98 | 49.38  |  |
| KWALE           | County        | 47.11 | 40.4   | The vegetation condition index recorded was normal vegetation greenness in August which was stable when compared to last month. Kinango and Lungalunga recorded normal vegetation greenness  |
|                 | Kinango       | 42.11 | 37.84  |  |
|                 | Lunga Lunga   | 48.22 | 37.67  |  |
|                 | Matuga        | 62.23 | 53.33  |  |
|                 | Msambweni     | 62.59 | 58.01  |  |
| LAMU            | County        | 80.33 | 68.5   | The county and all its sub counties recorded stability in vegetation condition at above normal vegetation greenness condition during the month of August.                                    |
|                 | Lamu east     | 85.43 | 79.39  |  |
|                 | Lamu west     | 77.38 | 70.88  |  |
| TAITA<br>TAVETA | County        | 68.97 | 87.02  | The county remained stable at above normal vegetation greenness during the month of August.  |
|                 | Mwatate       | 74.24 | 76.56  |  |
|                 | Taveta        | 76.97 | 85.15  |  |
|                 | Voi           | 62.23 | 70.75  |  |
|                 | Wundanyi      | 90.57 | 96.58  |  |
| NAROK           | County        | 82.54 | 94.6   | The County recorded above normal vegetation greenness in the month of August which was stable when compared to the last month of July.   |
|                 | Emurua Dikirr | 82.29 | 81.59  |  |
|                 | Kilgoris      | 67.13 | 68.05  |  |
|                 | Narok east    | 84.45 | 90.38  |  |
|                 | Narok north   | 76.64 | 78.72  |  |
|                 | Narok south   | 87.99 | 101.97 |  |
|                 | Narok west    | 87.08 | 89.97  |  |