



## **El Nino Rainfall Monitoring Report 1 on October 6, 2015**

### **Situation Overview**

Most parts of the country have reported average rainfall over the last two days and into this morning. The areas that have received rainfall so far include; Kisumu, Kakamega, Homabay, Busia, Marsabit, Mombasa, Meru, Nyeri, Kericho, and Kisii.

The rains resulted in no major incidents in most parts of the country except for Meru, Garissa and Homabay as highlighted below:

#### ***Meru County***

In Meru County, sporadic rainfall has continued to be witnessed over the last few days. The rains have resulted in the collapse of quarries, the most recent incident being on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015, when a quarry collapsed at Kithurine in Meru south that led to 4 deaths and leaving 1 person injured. The County Government supported by KRCS and local community leaders are leading a campaign to stop all mining activities in landslide prone areas in view of the increased risk due to the rainfall being witnessed in the areas.

#### ***Garissa County***

Flash flooding was witnessed in Bonane and Gurafa, Modogashe Sub-County, Garissa County on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The flooding resulted from increased surface run off from parts of Meru County where heavy rainfall had been witnessed on Sunday (4<sup>th</sup> October 2015) evening. An unconfirmed number of households were affected by the flash flooding but no fatalities or injuries were reported. KRCS Garissa will carry out an assessment in the affected areas to determine the extent of damage and guide on further action by the Society and other partners.

#### ***Homabay County***

In Homabay county, heavy rainfall accompanied by strong winds were witnessed on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The storms blew off a roof in Misani Primary School in Ndiwa Sub-County. No injuries were reported as there were no students in the school at the time.

### **Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) Response**

KRCS is working with both National and County Governments in planning for enhanced rainfall in various parts of the country. To achieve this, KRCS has supported the County Governments of Busia, Mombasa, Nakuru, Kisumu, Homabay and Migori Counties in developing contingency plans.

In Busia and Mombasa Counties, mapping of flood prone areas has been done and evacuation sites identified in anticipation of enhanced rainfall.

Currently, there is heightened alert and surveillance especially in the Coastal Region where storms are expected to occur as was forecast by the Kenya Meteorological Department