

**HEAVY RAINFALL FORECAST BULLETIN No: 202603007**

**CATEGORY OF FORECAST: WATCH**

**ISSUED ON 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026**

**Valid: From 0000UTC of 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026 to 2359UTC of 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026.**

**1.1 INTERPRETATIONS**

**Moderate to Heavy Rainfall** is anticipated during the forecast period (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>) over parts of Cross River, Akwa Ibom, Rivers, Bayelsa, Delta, Ondo, Edo, Ogun and Lagos states (See places in Orange). **Light to Moderate Rainfall** is anticipated during the forecast period (Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> and Friday 20<sup>th</sup>) over parts of Adamawa, Taraba, Nasarawa, the Federal Capital Territory, Kogi, Kwara, Niger, Oyo, Benue, Ekiti, Ebonyi, Enugu, Cross River, Abia, Imo, Rivers, Akwa Ibom, Anambra, Bayelsa, Edo, Delta and Ogun states (See places in yellow). **light or no Rainfall** is expected over the rest of the country (See places in green).

**1.2 CAUTION**

Strong winds may accompany the rains. The public is advised not to drive through surface runoff waters. Other likely hazards include slippery road surfaces, reduced visibility during the rain which can disrupt road traffic. Strong winds are a threat to weak structures, trees and mast. Disconnect electrical appliances before and not during the rains. Elsewhere (See places in Green), no hydrometeorological hazards are anticipated. The public is however advised to watch out for updates.

**LEGEND AND ITS INTERPRETATIONS**

LIKELIHOOD	≥ 60%	2	6	10	
	≥ 40%	1	5	9	
	≥ 20%		4	8	
	≥ 10%		3	7	
		Very light	Light	Moderate	Heavy
IMPACT					

- 1:** Probability between 40 and 60% to have a cumulative rainfall between 10 and 20 mm in 24 hours
- 2:** Probability of more than 60% to have a cumulative rainfall between 10 and 20 mm in 24hours
- 4:** Probability between 20 and 40% to have a cumulative rainfall between 20 and 50 mm in 24 hours
- 5:** Probability between 40 and 60% to have a cumulative rainfall between 20 and 50 mm in 24 hours
- 6:** Probability of more than 60% to have a cumulative rainfall between 20 and 50 mm in 24 hours
- 8:** Probability between 20 and 40% to have a cumulative rainfall greater than 50 mm in 24 hours
- 9:** Probability between 40 and 60% to have a cumulative rainfall of greater 50 mm in 24 hours
- 10:** Probability of more than 60% to have a cumulative rainfall greater than 50 mm in 24 hours

S/N	Range	Category
1.	< 10mm	Very Light Rainfall
2.	10 – 20mm	Light Rainfall
3.	20 – 50mm	Moderate Rainfall
4.	> 50mm	Heavy Rainfall

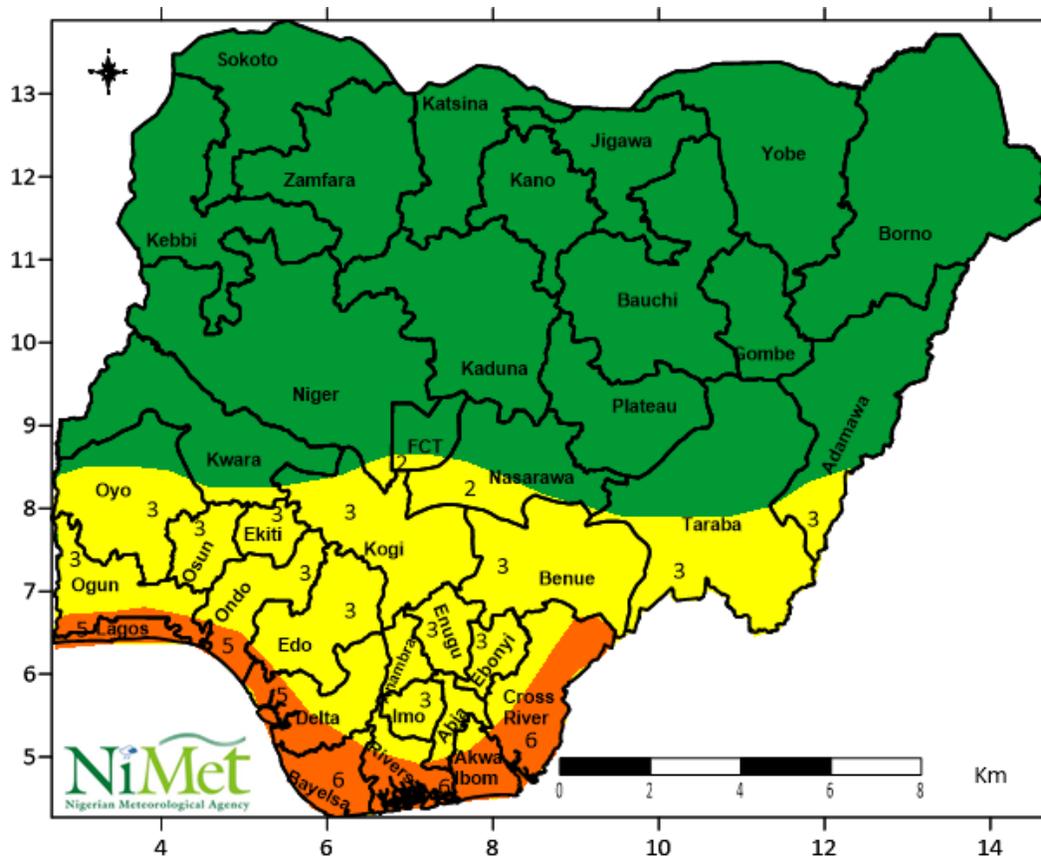


Fig 1.0: Spatial display of rainfall and probability valid from 0000UTC of 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH to 2359UTC of 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026.

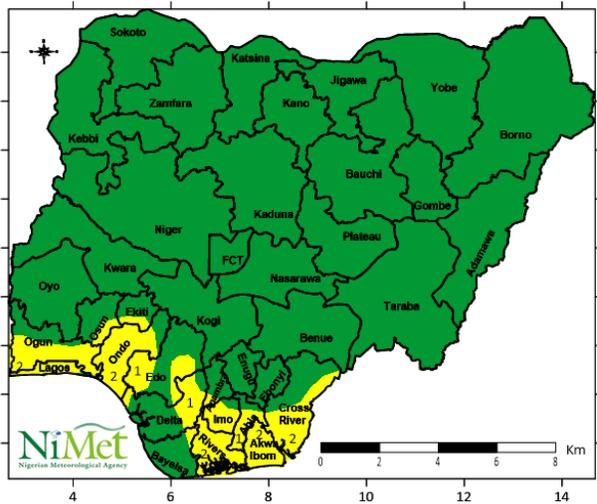
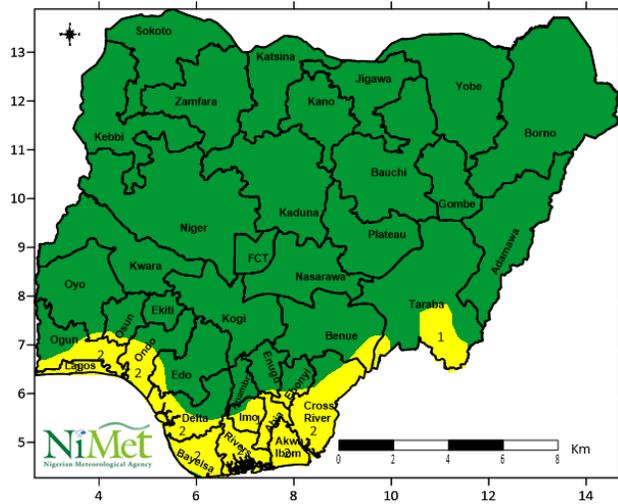


Fig 2.0: Spatial display of rainfall and probability valid from 0000UTC of 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH to 2359UTC of 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026.

Fig 3.0: Spatial display of rainfall and probability valid from 0000UTC of 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH to 2359UTC of 20<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2026.