

Experts warn of more landslides on Mt Elgon

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KAMPALA. Weather experts have warned of more landslides in the areas of Mt Elgon in eastern Uganda and around Mt Rwenzori in south western.

Already, nine people are feared to have been buried in mudslides that ravaged Mt Elgon areas 10 days ago.

Their bodies have not been recovered.

According to a weather forecast for the period between September and December released by Uganda National Meteorological Authority (UNMA) yesterday, the said areas are expected to receive heavy rains that will overburden steep soils leading to mudslides.

"Our forecast indicates that most hilly areas are expected to receive above normal rains and are expected to experience landslides," Mr Deus Bamanya, the UNMA director of Applied Meteorology, Data and Climate Services, said in Kampala yesterday. High incidences of lightning, Mr Bamanya said, are expected during this period.

Much of the country, Mr



Tragedy. Residents stand at the area that was affected by landslides in Sironko District recently. FILE PHOTO

Bamanya said, is expected to receive above average rainfall, although parts of south western Uganda with exception of Mt Rwenzori areas will receive average rains.

Karamoja Sub-region, which is experiencing heavy rains currently that have resulted in floods that have made the already run-down roads impenetrable, will receive less rainfall,

according to the forecast.

Farmers, experts said, should

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continue planting as the country is expected to receive enough rainfall to support both short and long maturing crops.

Mr Festus Luboyera, the UNMA executive director, asked urban authorities to open drainage channels to allow smooth running of water to avoid floods and maintain proper sanitation to avoid outbreak of malaria and cholera.