



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE
DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES
WEEKLY WEATHER STATEMENT
4TH TO 10TH MARCH 2024

SUMMARY OF WEATHER AHEAD

From tomorrow on Monday 4TH March to Sunday 10TH March 2024 **expect cloudy conditions coupled with scattered thunderstorms with locally heavy rain.** The rains are expected to be locally heavy mainly over highlands, northern and lakeshore areas. This will be due to the influence of the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ). **Threat of Flash Flood will be very high mainly over lakeshore, low lying and flood prone areas.** Meanwhile, the department is also monitoring low pressure developments in the Mozambique Channel that are likely to develop into a Cyclone later this week. Currently, there is no clear path that the impending Cyclone will take if it develops. As such, DCCMS will keep monitoring the situation and update the Malawi nation accordingly.

WEATHER DURING PAST WEEK

The week was generally wet, with heavy rainfall reported from many parts of central areas including Nkhotakota where heavy Flash Flooding occurred from 27TH February 2024. On 29TH February, 2024 Nkhunga and Dwangwa in Nkhotakota reported 475.1 mm and 185.6mm respectively. While on 28TH February, 2024 Nkhotakota met station reported 215.2 mm, Nkhunga reported 283.1mm with Dwangwa reporting 126mm.

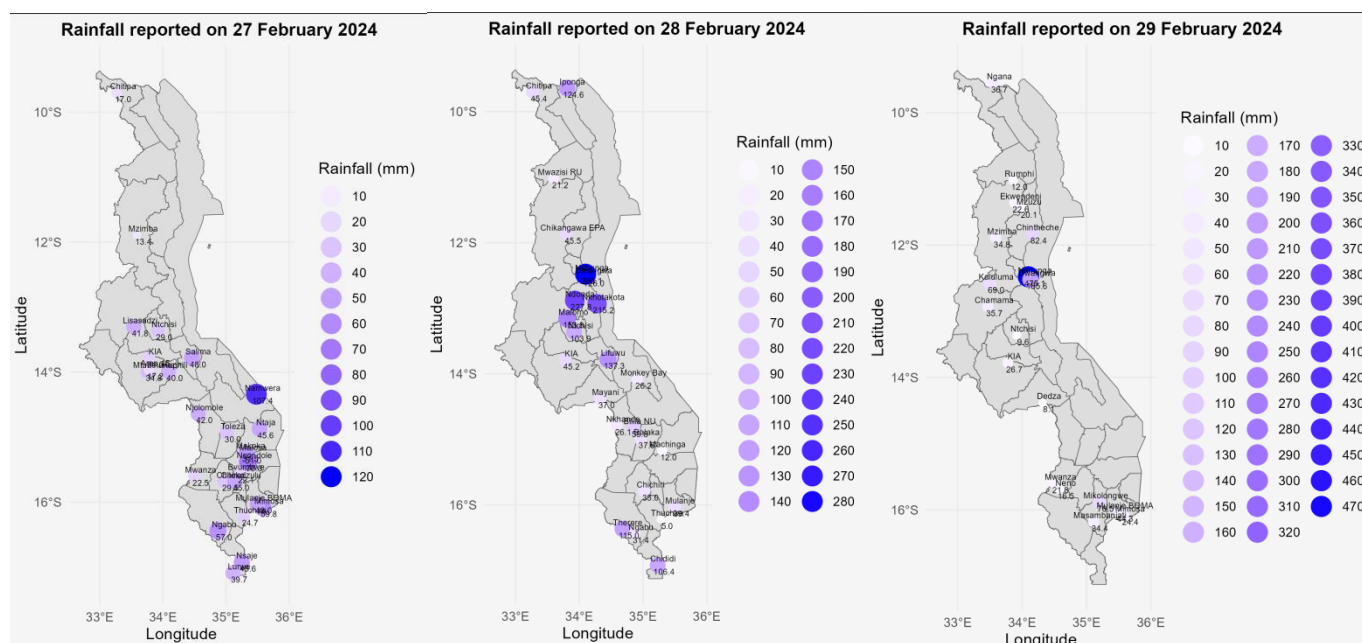


Figure: Rainfall reported from 27TH to 29TH February 2024.

ADVISORIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- Follow weather updates with keen interest.
- Thunderstorms are often times associated with lightning and possible damaging winds. Seek refuge in a secure, enclosed shelter until the thunderstorm dissipates.
- Do not attempt to walk or drive through flooded and fast flowing waters.
- You are further advised to reduce the risk of flash flooding by clearing debris and trash from drainage systems.

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