



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE
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WEEKLY WEATHER STATEMENT
26TH FEBRUARY TO 3RD MARCH 2024

SUMMARY OF WEATHER AHEAD

During the period from Monday 26th February to Friday 1st March 2024 expect **windy and cloudy conditions coupled with cooler temperatures, fog patches and scattered thunderstorms with locally heavy rain** due to the influence of the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ). Later into the weekend less rains are likely mainly over Southern areas. **Threat of Flash Floods will be very high mainly over lakeshore areas like Karonga, Salima and low lying and flood prone areas. Mwera winds with speed of around 40km/h which are likely to cause high water waves of 1.5 metres are also expected to blow over Lake Malawi and other lake water bodies from the night on 26 February 2024 and will gradually weaken by Friday 1ST March, 2024.**

WEATHER DURING PAST WEEK

The better part of the week was characterized by hot and dry weather conditions mainly over central and southern areas. However many areas received rains on Friday and Saturday as shown on the maps below. Most areas experienced hotter than normal conditions for the month of February with Chileka (Bt) registering the highest maximum temperature anomaly of **+5.6 °C**.

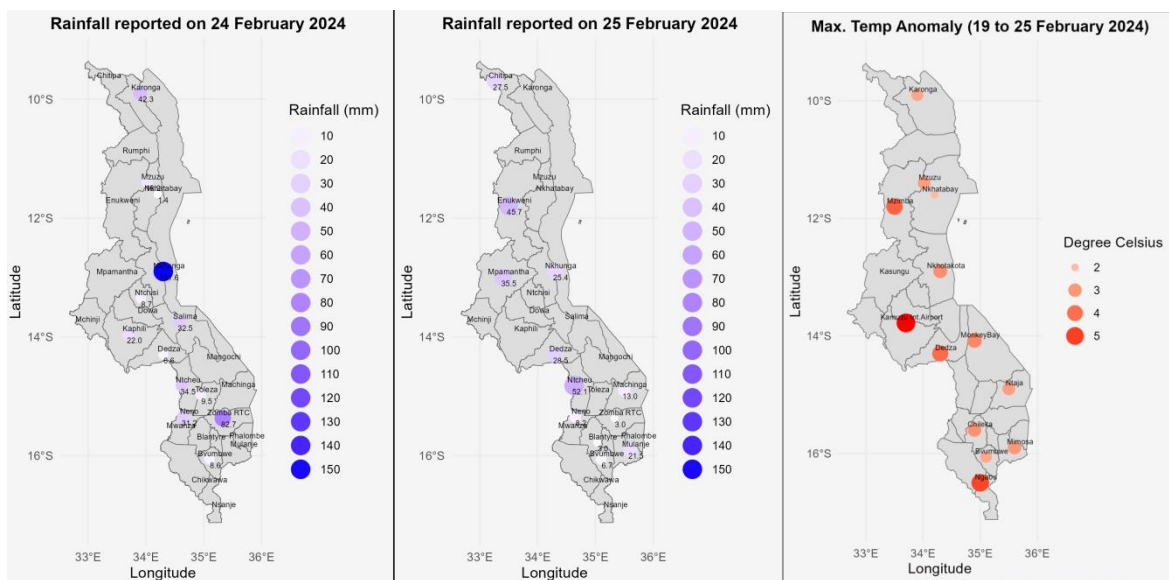


Figure: Rainfall figures (first 2 maps) and Maximum temperature anomalies reported from 19TH to 25TH February 2024.

ADVISORIES FOR THE COMING WEEK

- 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.
- Lake users such as fishermen, sailors and swimmers are advised to take all the necessary precautionary measured to avoid loss of life and property.

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