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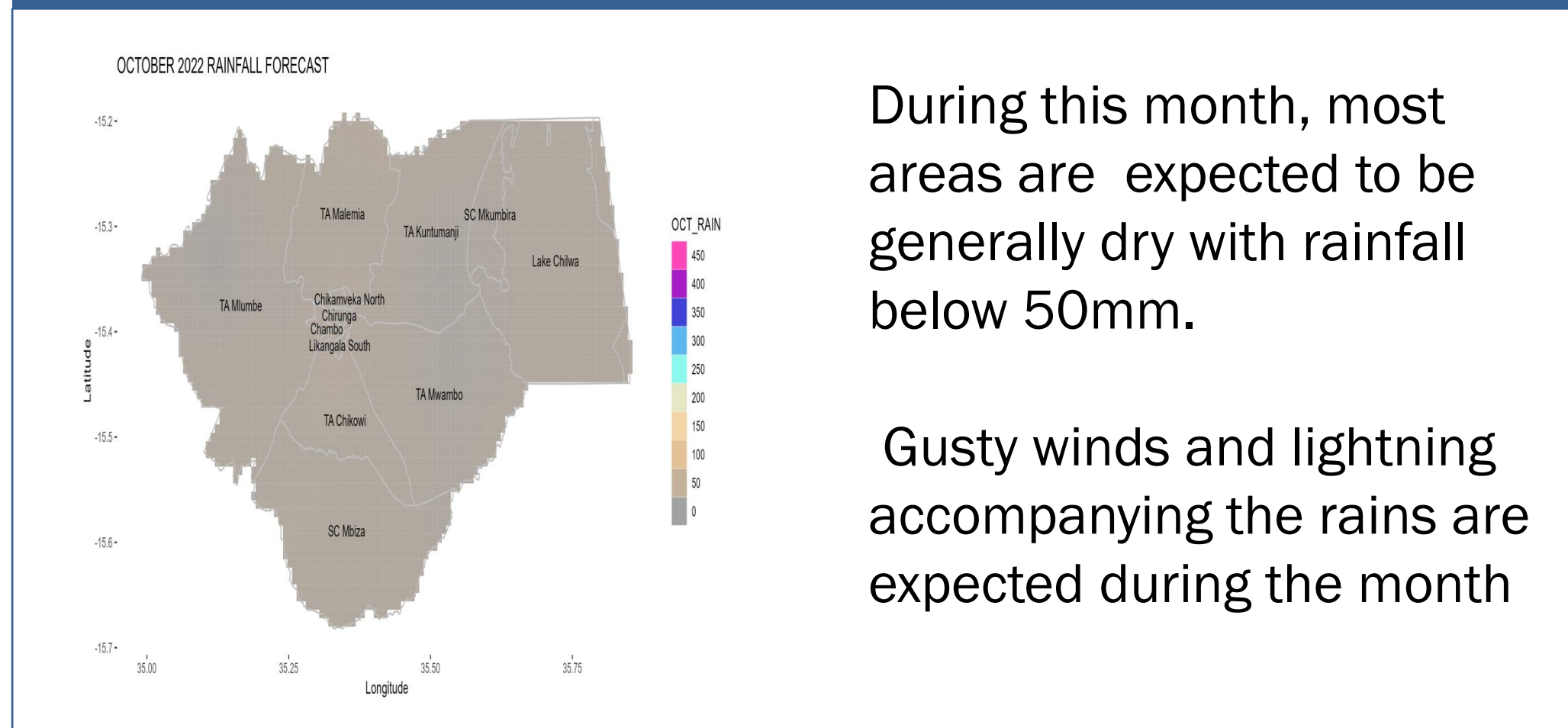
ZOMBA DISTRICT DOWN-SCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2022-2023

OVERVIEW OF 2022/2023 RAINFALL SEASON

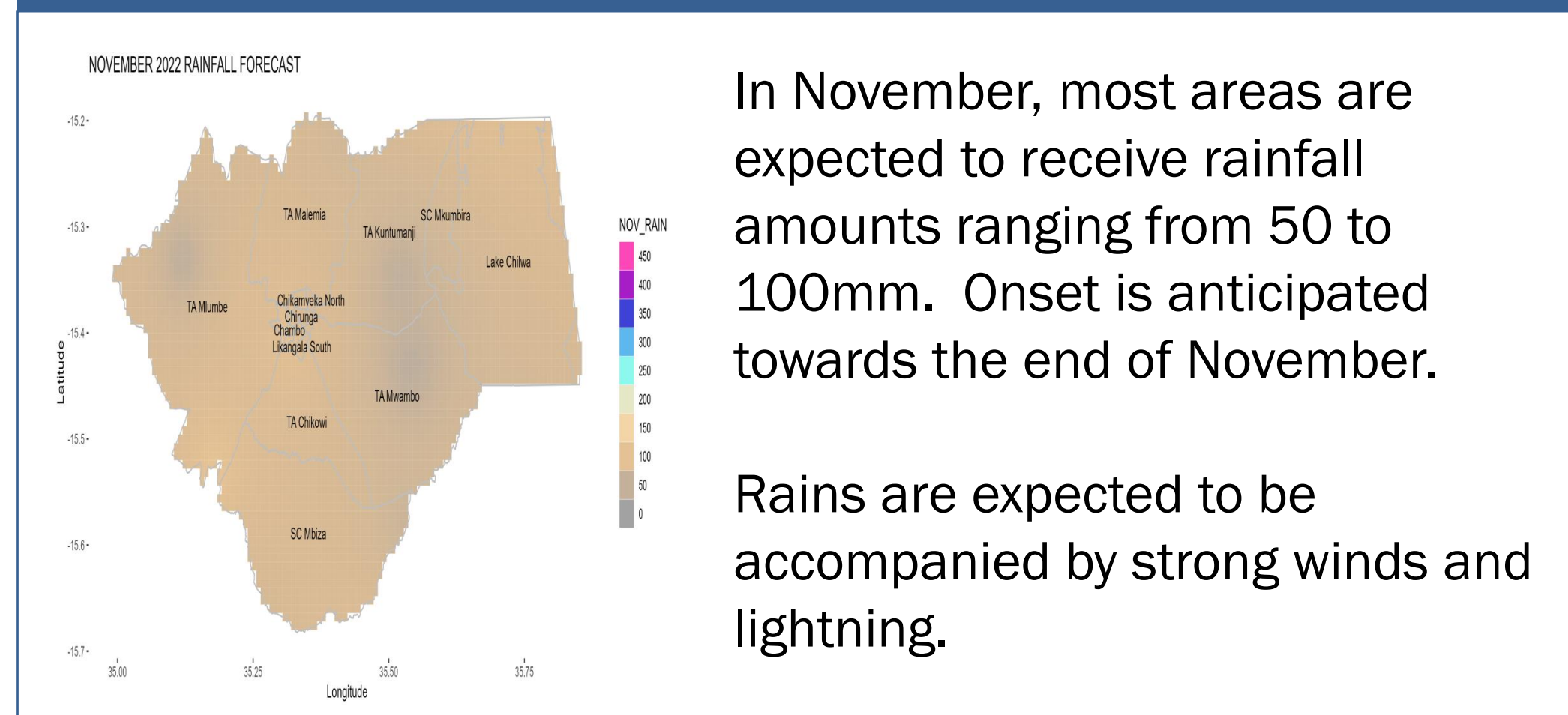
The 2022-2023 rainfall season is expected to be influenced by Nina in Malawi . La Nina is the unusual cooling of ocean waters over eastern-central equatorial Pacific Ocean.

Zomba District is expected to receive normal total rainfall amounts during the rainfall season from October 2022 to April 2023.

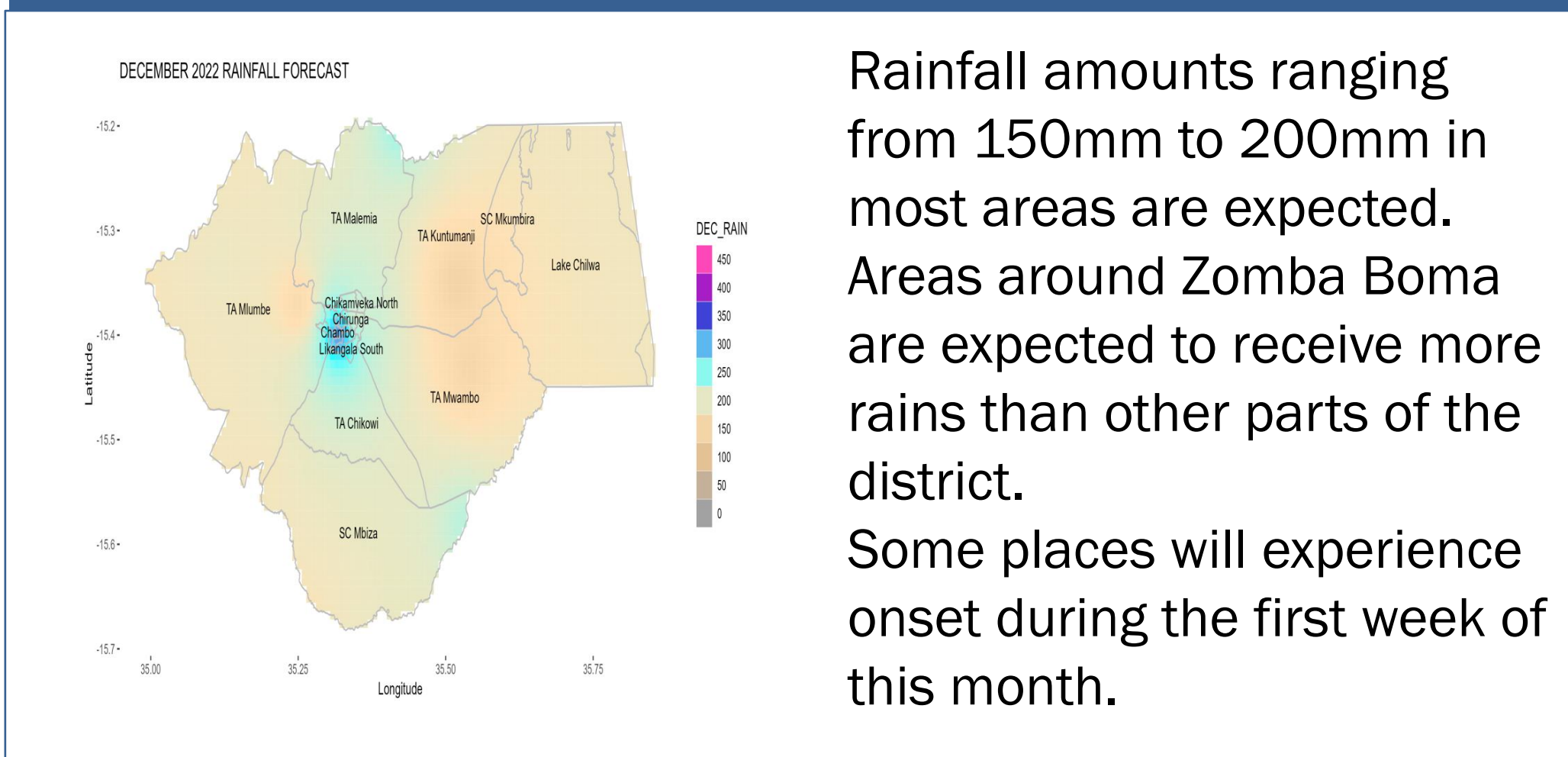
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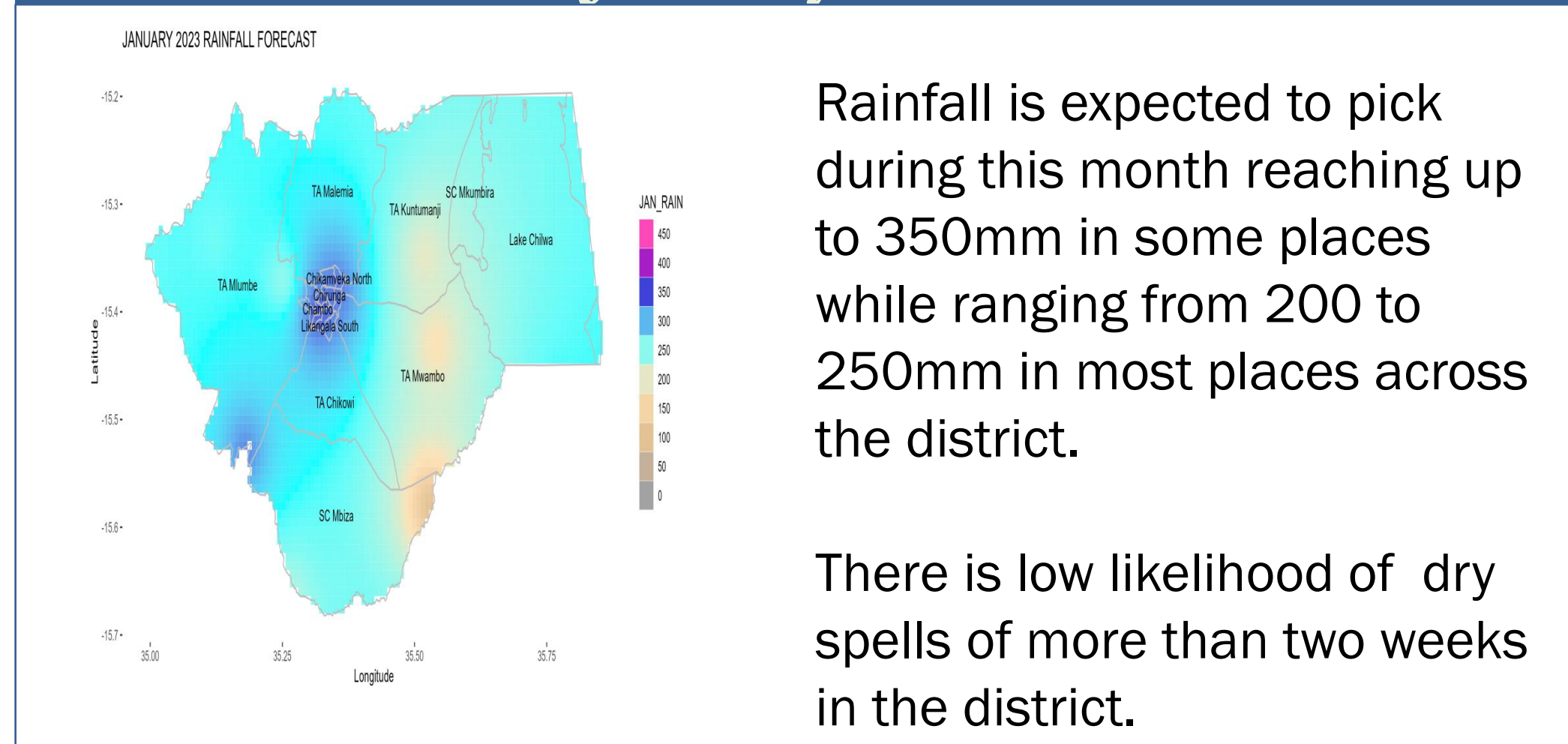
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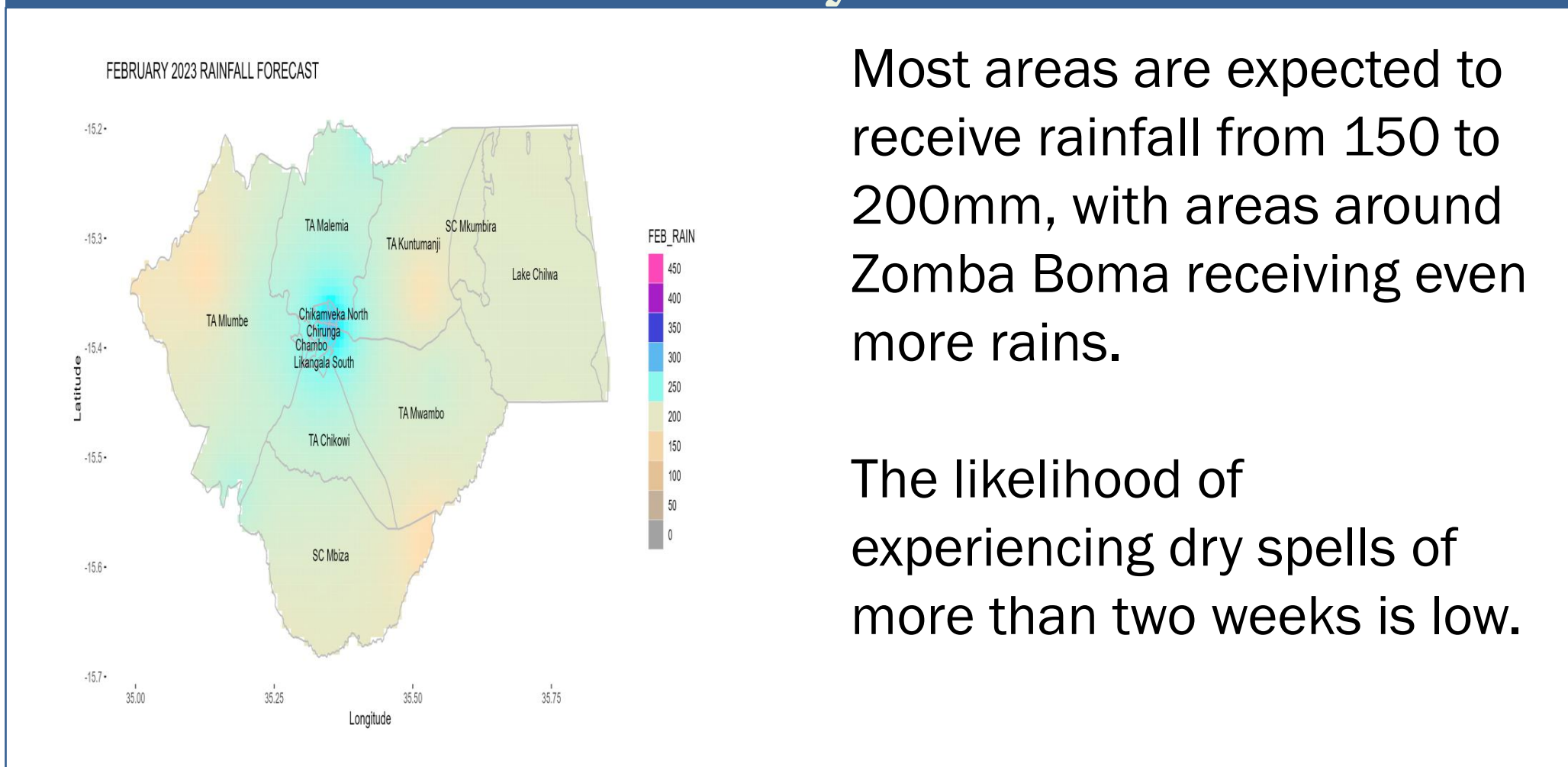
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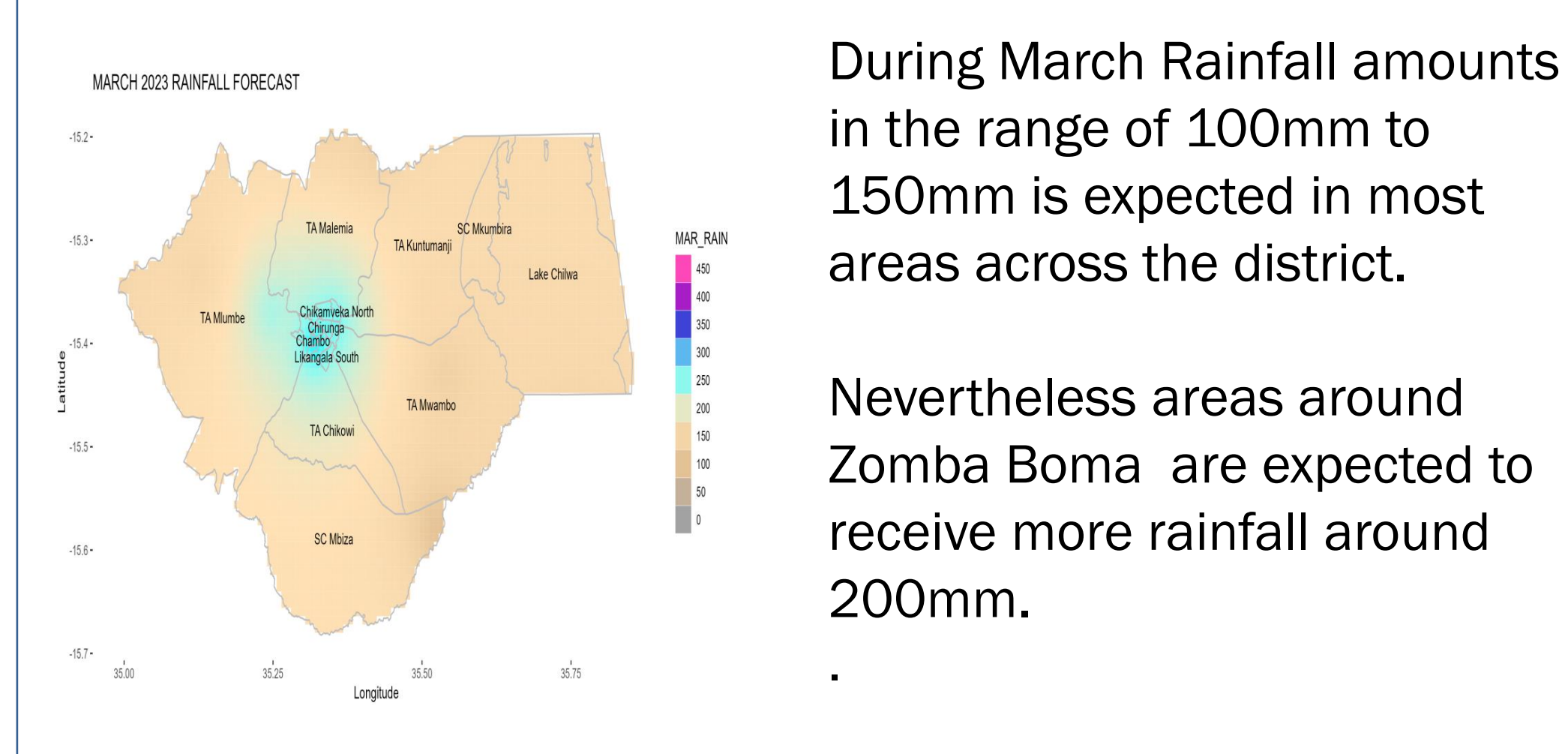
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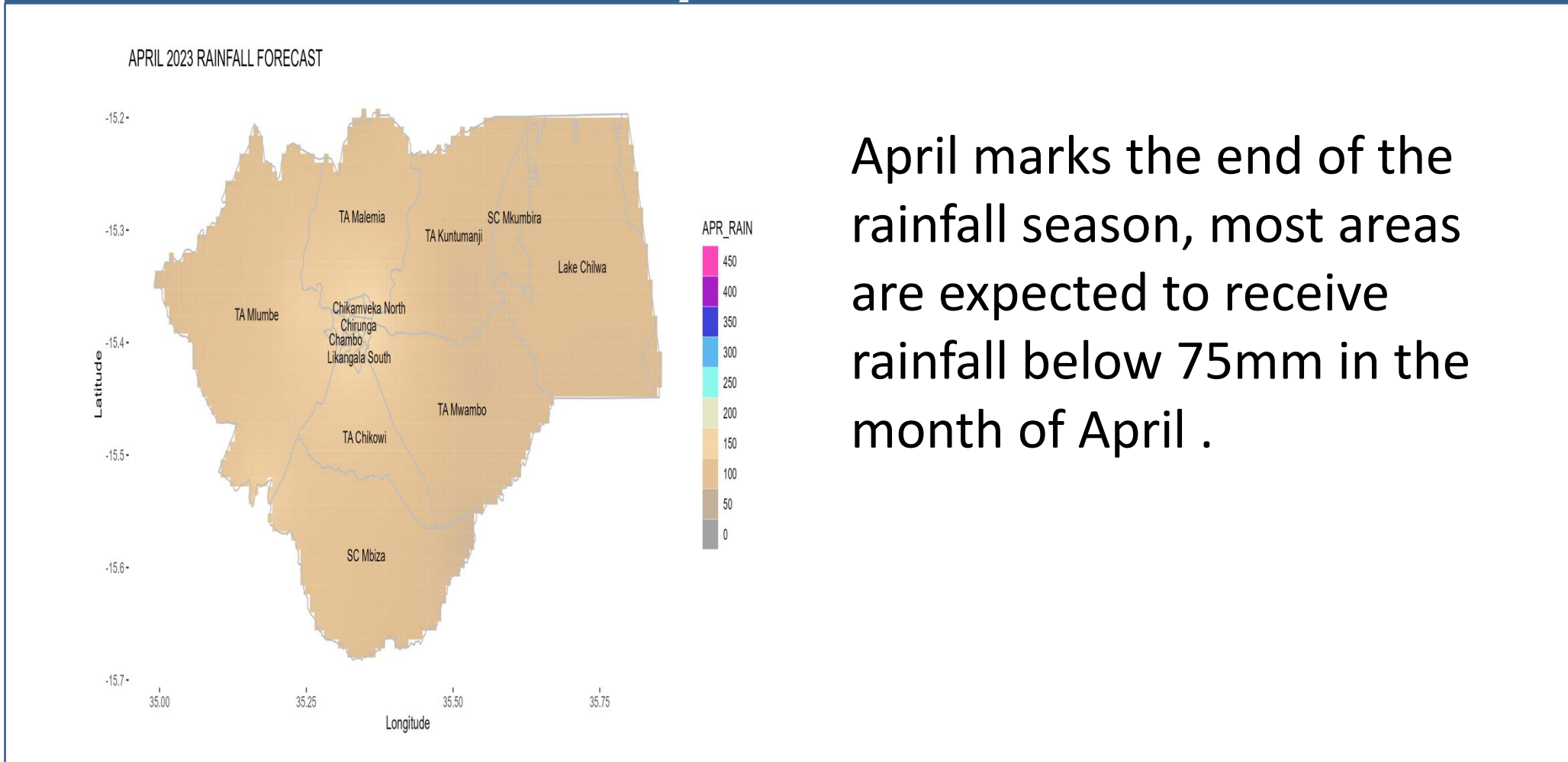
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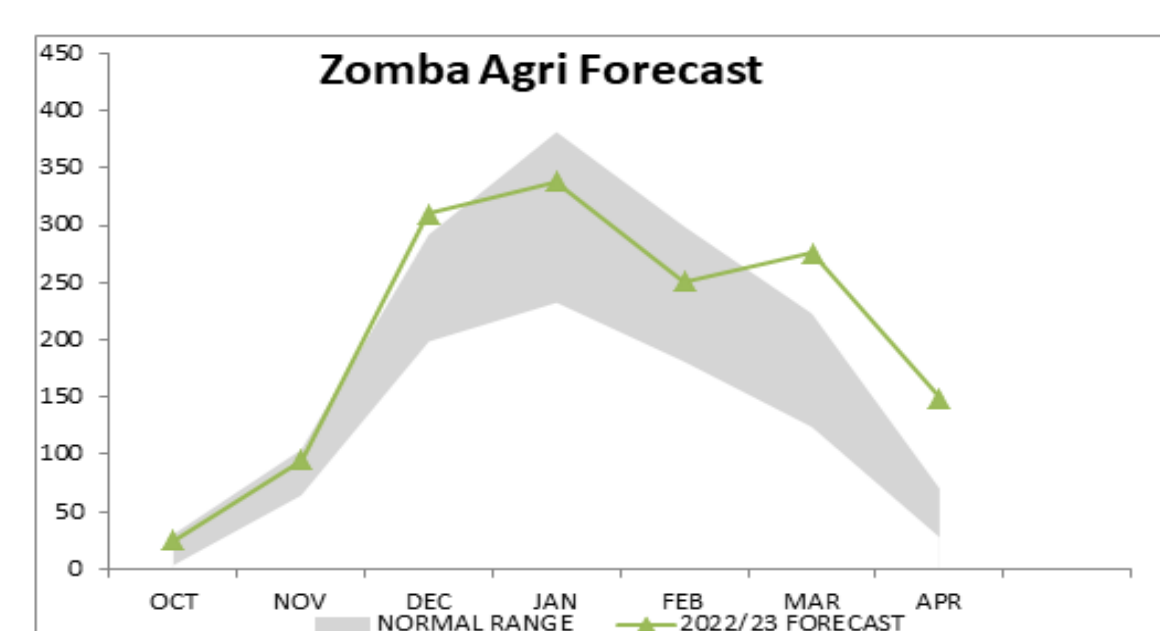
April 2023



Rainfall Onset in Zomba is expected from the last week of November to the first week of December 2022. There is a low chance of dry spells of more than two weeks occurring during the season in January and February. Rainfall cessation is expected during the first two weeks of the month of April. The 2022/2023 rainfall season is expected to last 115 to 140 days.

The table and figure below show monthly rainfall distribution for the season with a normal band in grey.

Zomba Agriculture		
MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	2022/23 FORECAST
OCT	3.668	30.521
NOV	64.379	104.198
DEC	198.67	291.949
JAN	232.528	381.297
FEB	181.073	298.955
MAR	124.117	222.92
APR	27.747	70.106



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