

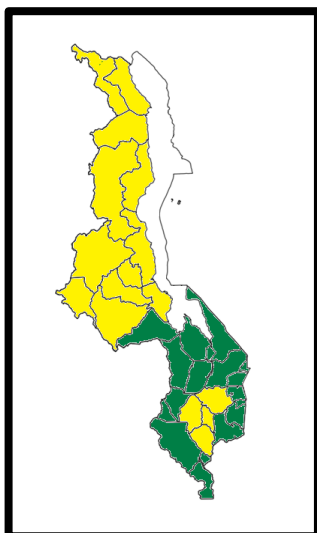
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AIR QUALITY FORECAST BULLETIN

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1. Expected Air Quality Distribution Map



Please refer to the [AQI Levels table](#) below for the interpretation of the colors.

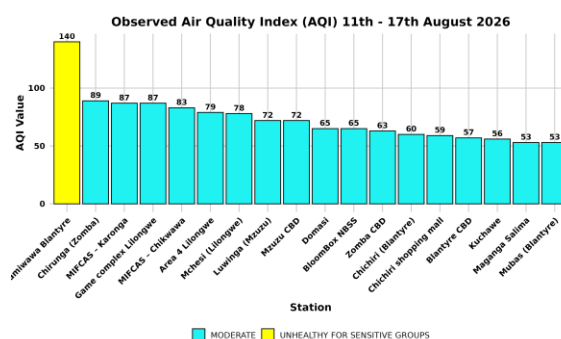
2. Forecast Summary

From Wednesday, 19 August 2026, air quality is expected to improve especially over most southern areas. However, conditions are likely to remain unhealthy for sensitive groups, particularly over most central and northern areas, where dusty

conditions are likely to persist. Daytime UV radiation levels are expected to range from high to very high over most areas. So take precautions against sun exposure.

3. Observed Air Quality Index

The observed average air quality index (AQI) during the past week were as follows;



Contributor of the observed data is MUBAS Air Quality with funding from University of Chicago EPIC Air Quality Fund

4. Expected Sources of Pollution

- Dust
- Smoke from active fires
- Vehicle and factory emissions

5. Air Quality Index (AQI) Levels Explained

AQI Color	Level of Concern	Value of Index	Description of Air Quality
Green	GOOD	0 to 50	Air quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Aqua Blue	MODERATE	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable. However, there may be a risk for some people, particularly those sensitive to pollution.
Yellow	UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is less likely to be affected.
Orange	UNHEALTHY	151 to 200	Some of the general public may experience health effects; sensitive groups may experience more serious effects.
Red	DANGEROUS	At least 201	Health Alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone.

6. Public Advice and Recommendations

- Promote vegetation cover/tree planting during this rainfall season to improve air quality.

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