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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

MANGOCHI
DISTRICT



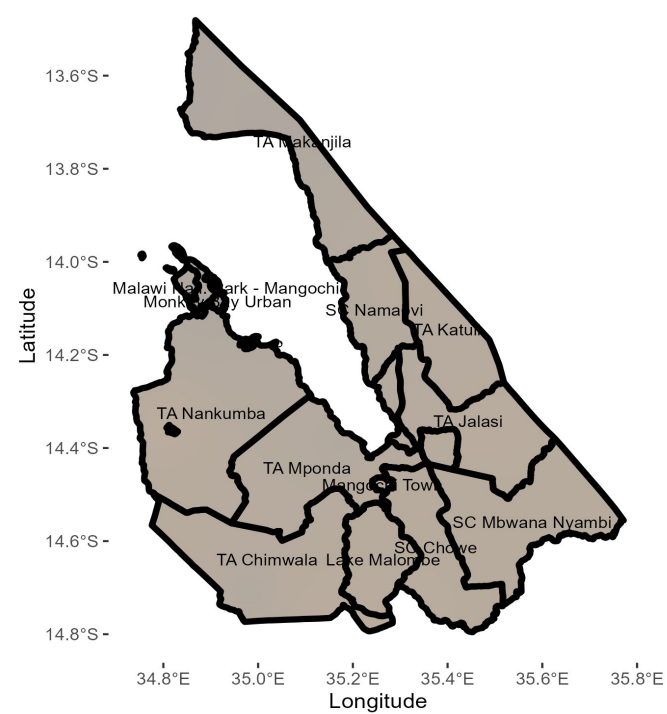
Overview

The 2026-2027 rainfall season is expected to be influenced by a strong El Niño. El Niño is the unusual warming of waters over the central-eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean which affects global rainfall patterns.

Mangochi district is expected to receive normal to below normal rainfall during the 2026-2027 rainfall season

October 2026

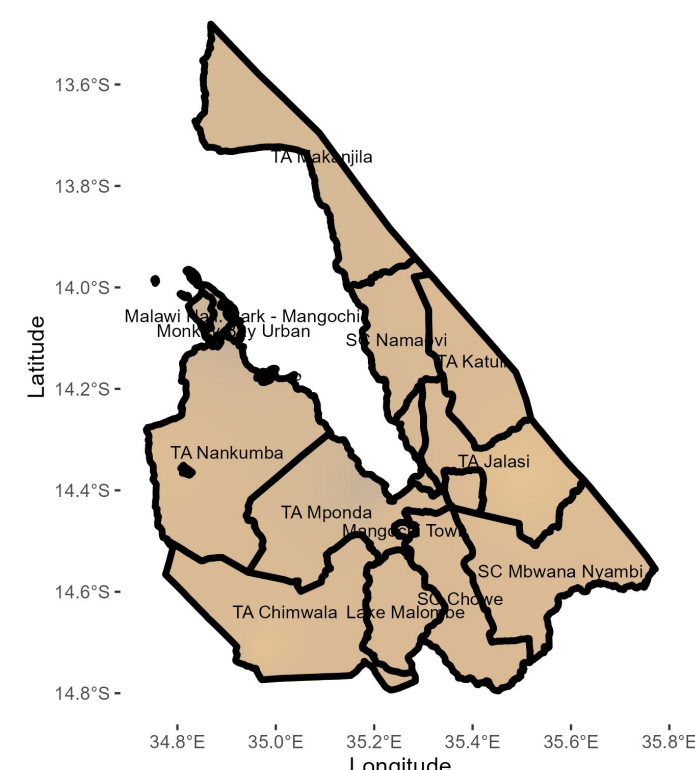
OCTOBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST



During the month of October, most areas in Mangochi are expected to be dry with few areas receiving Chizimalupsa rains of less than 30 mm, that will probably be accompanied by gusty winds and lightning.

November 2026

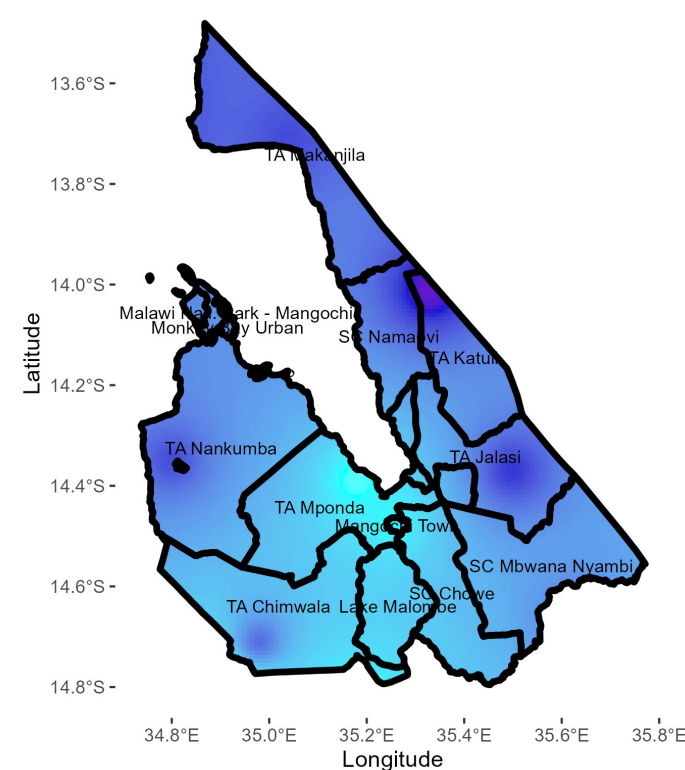
NOVEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST



The rainfall amounts during this month are expected to be within the range of 50-100 mm.

December 2026

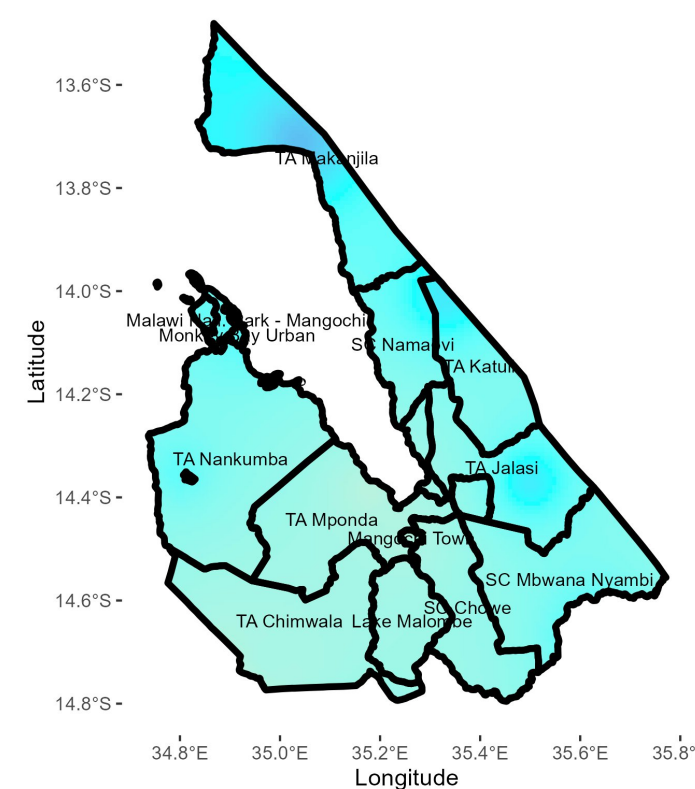
DECEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST



December is expected to be the wettest month of the season. Rainfall of more than 250mm are expected over most areas. The wettest areas include those of TA Makanjira, TA Katuli, TA Chimwala, TA Namkumba, TA Jalasi and SC Namavi expected to receive rainfall amounts of about 300mm. The start of rains is expected from first week of December 2026.

January 2027

JANUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

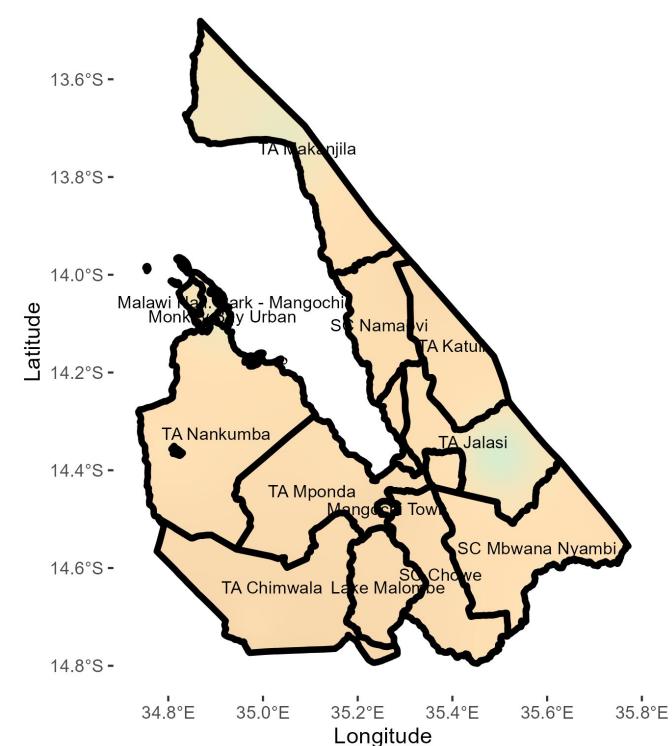


Most areas of the district are expected to receive rainfall amounts in the range of 200 - 240mm during the month of January.

Dry spells of more than a week are likely in this month

February 2027

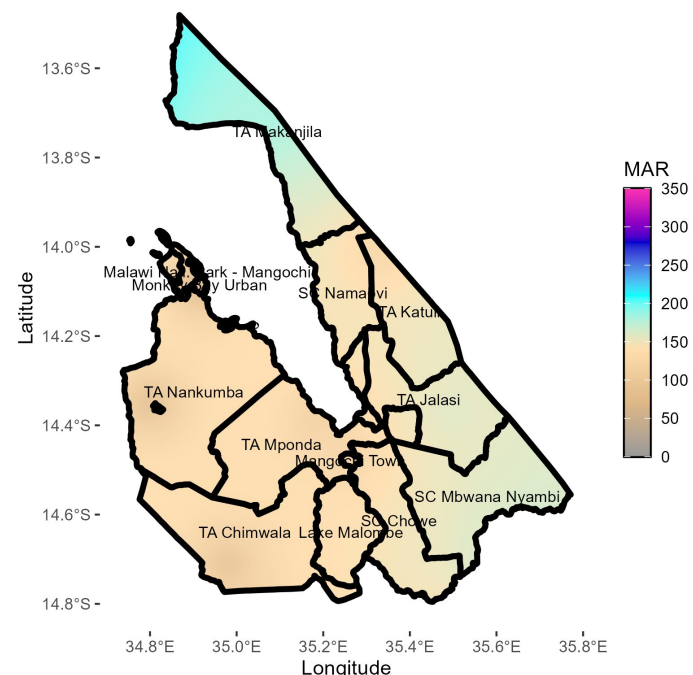
FEBRUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Expect significant reduction in rainfall amounts in the month of February 2027. Rainfall amounts in the range of 60-130mm are expected in most areas across the district. However, areas around TA Makanjira are expected to receive rainfall amounts of about 200 mm. There is a high likelihood of dry spell of more than two weeks during this month.

March 2027

MARCH 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

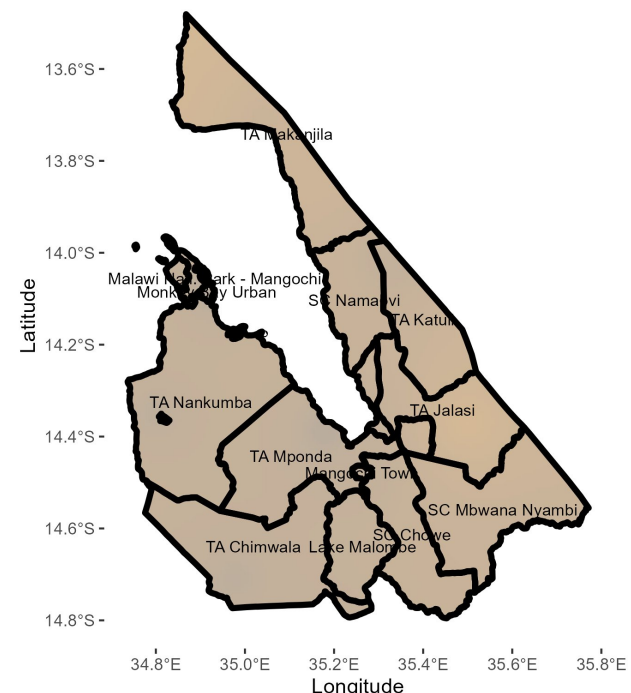


Most areas of Mangochi District are expected to receive between 70 and 150 mm of rainfall in March 2027. Highest accumulated rainfall is expected in areas around TA Makanjira, with at least 200mm.

Cessation is expected from the last week of this month for most areas.

April 2027

APRIL 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

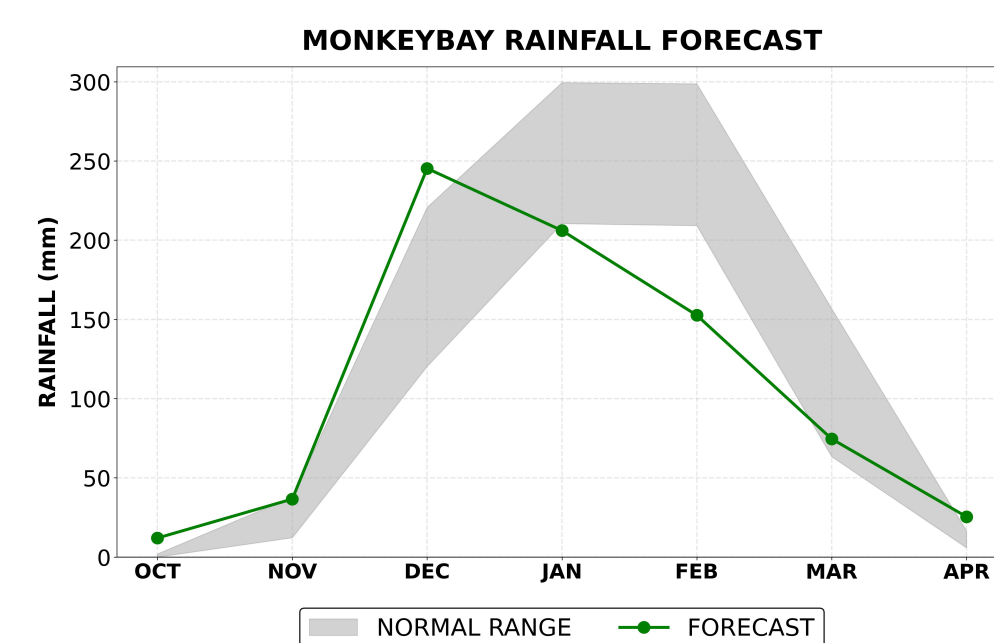


During this month, rainfall amounts of less than 50mm is likely to be received across all TAs in Mangochi.

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset	Dry Spells	Seasonal Length	Cessation
Expected from the first week of December 2026	Likelihood of prolonged dry spells of more than two weeks in January and February 2027	likely to have 80-100 days	Expected from the last week of March 2027

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE LOW	NORMAL RANGE HIGH	FORECAST
OCT	0	2	12
NOV	12.2	37.9	36.6
DEC	120.3	220.8	245.3
JAN	210.5	299.5	206.1
FEB	209.2	298.8	152.6
MAR	63.4	156.8	74.6
APR	5.8	16.5	25.4



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