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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

**BALAKA
DISTRICT**

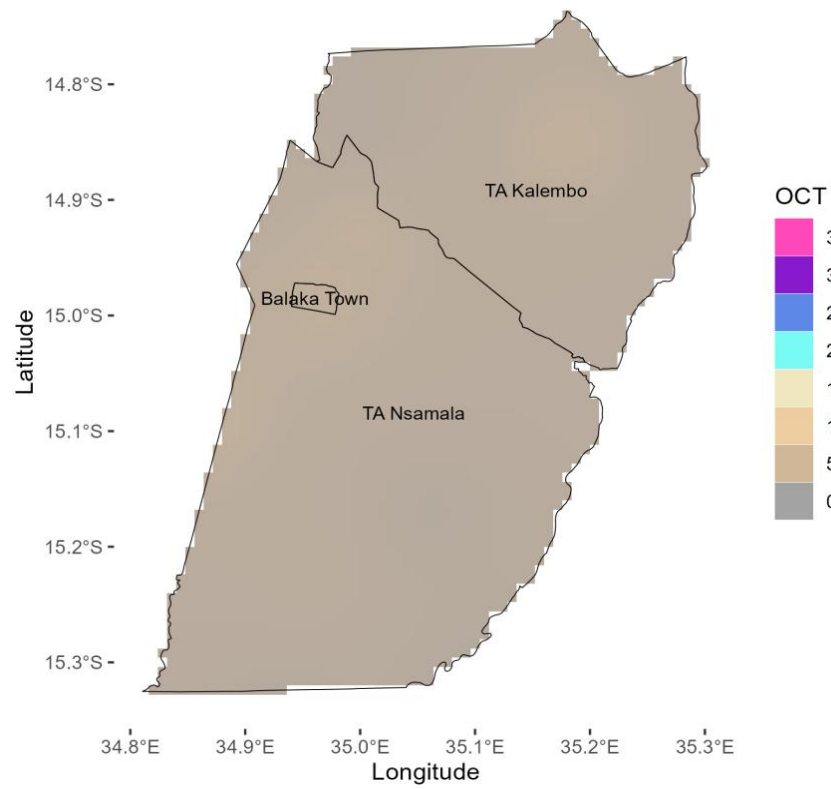
The 2026-2027 rainfall season is expected to be influenced by a strong El Niño. El Niño is the unusual warming of waters over the central-eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean which affects global rainfall patterns.

Overview

Balaka district is expected to receive **normal to below normal total rainfall amounts** from October to April 2027. However, there is high likelihood of normal to above normal rainfall in the month of March.

October 2026

October 2026 Rainfall Forecast

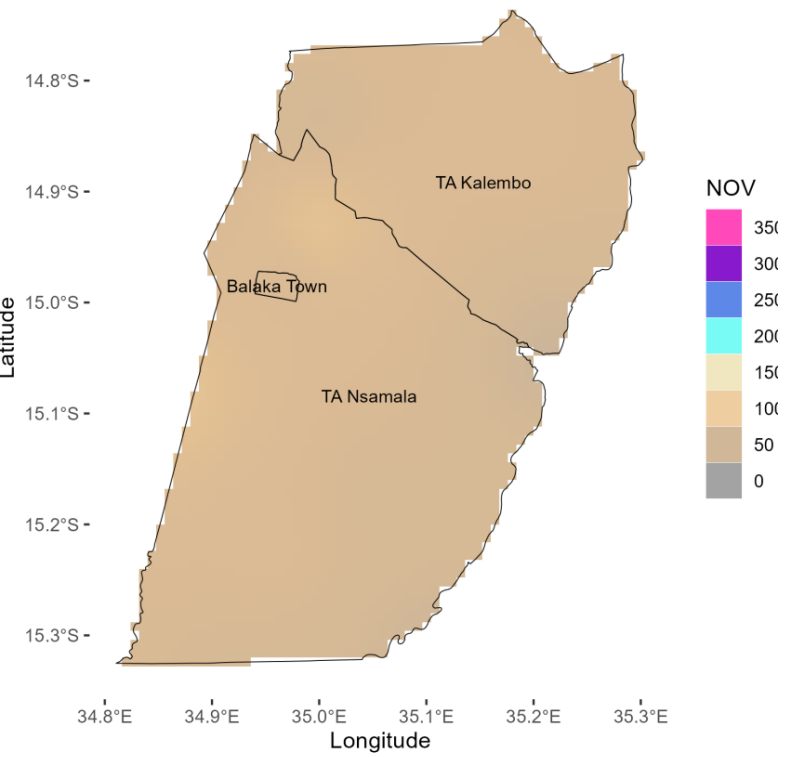


October is expected to be hot and mostly dry. Some areas may receive sporadic rain, also called Chizimalupsa rains.

The Chizimalupsa may be accompanied by lightning and strong winds.

November 2026

November 2026 Rainfall Forecast

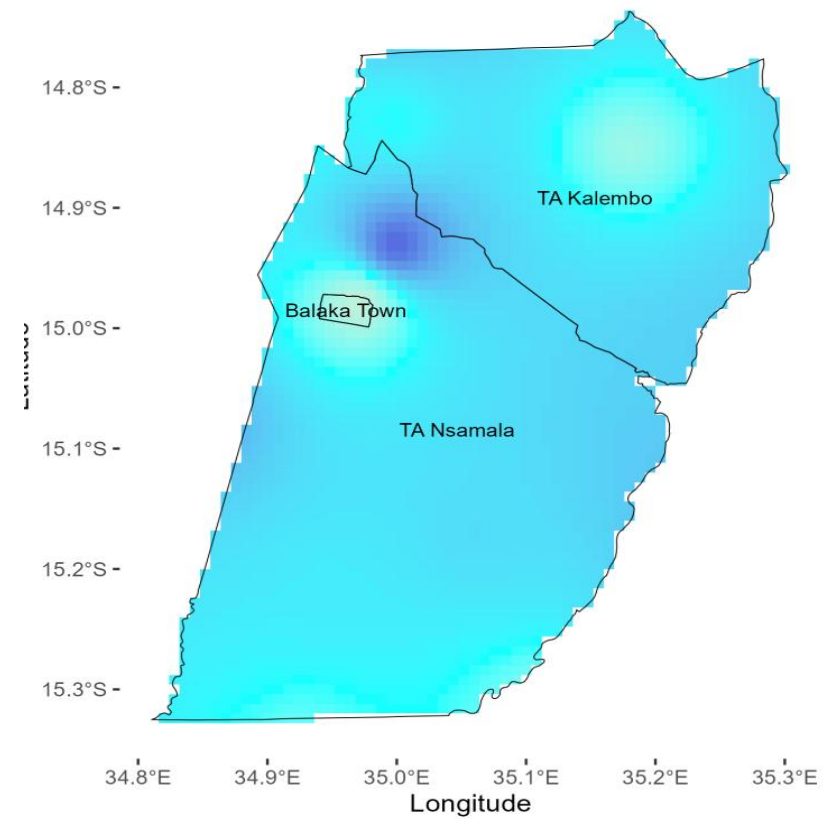


Rainfall amounts in the range of 50mm to 100mm are expected over most parts of the district.

Expect the rains to be accompanied by strong winds and lightning.

December 2026

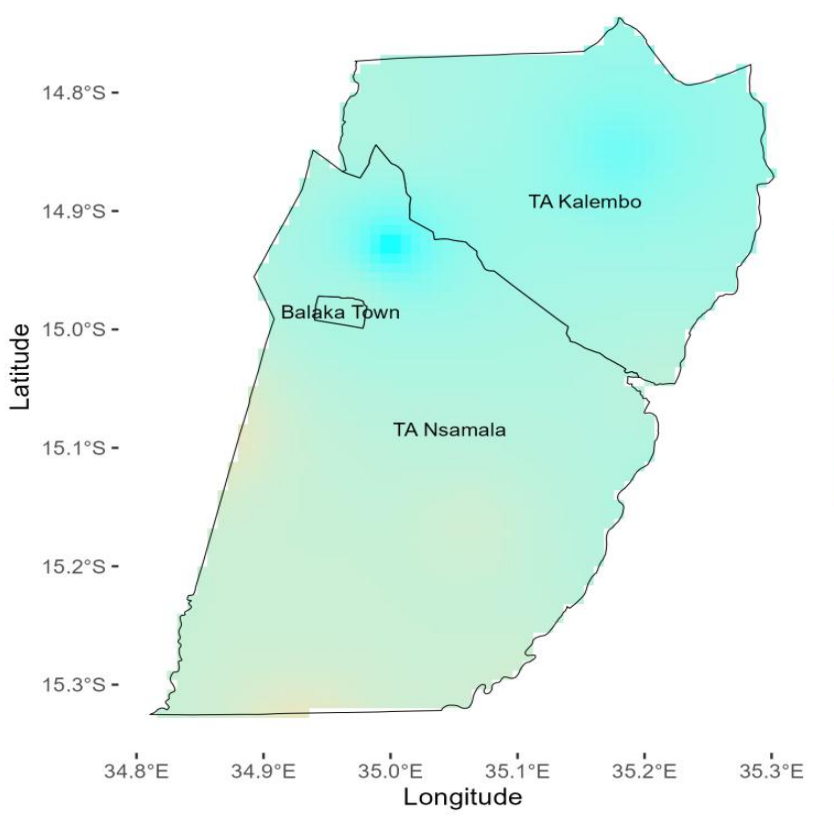
December 2026 Rainfall Forecast



Significant rainfall is expected, with amounts ranging from 200 mm to 250 mm over most areas. Rain onset is expected from around second week of December over most areas.

January 2027

January 2027 Rainfall Forecast

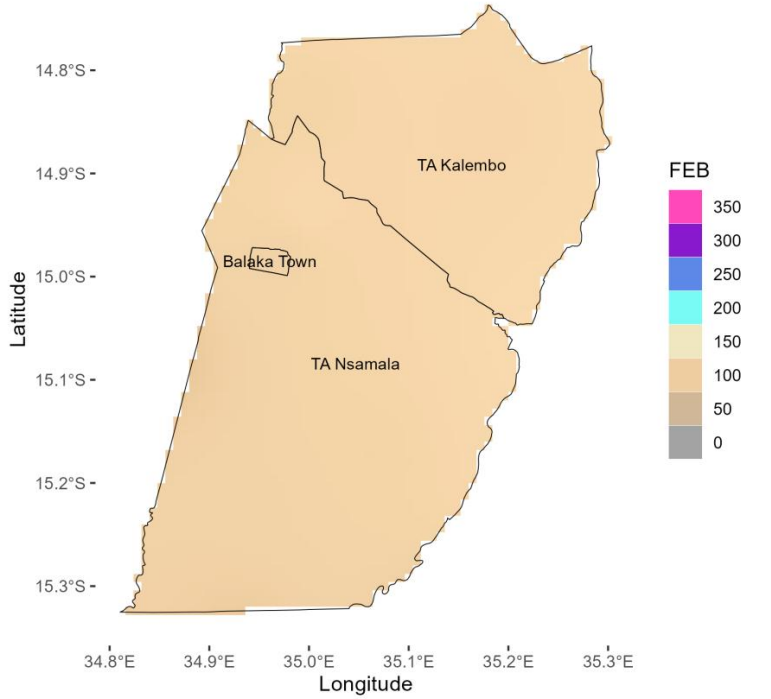


Most areas are likely to receive below normal rainfall ranging from 150 mm to 200mm

There is a high likelihood of a dry-spell of about a week.

February 2027

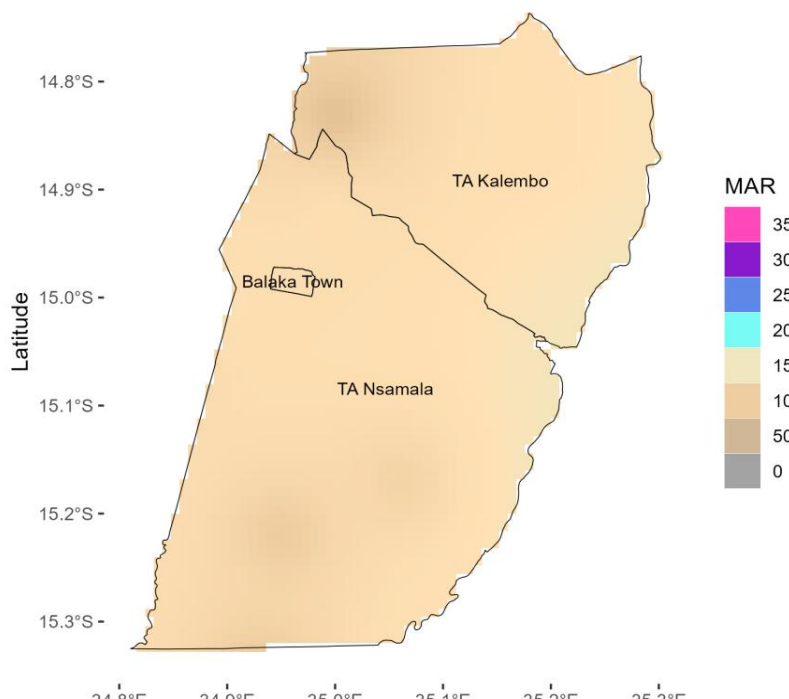
February 2027 Rainfall Forecast



Expect normal to below normal rainfall conditions during this month. Rainfall is likely to fall in the range of 100 mm to 150 mm over most areas of the district. There is a high likelihood of a dry spell lasting about 2 weeks.

March 2027

March 2027 Rainfall Forecast

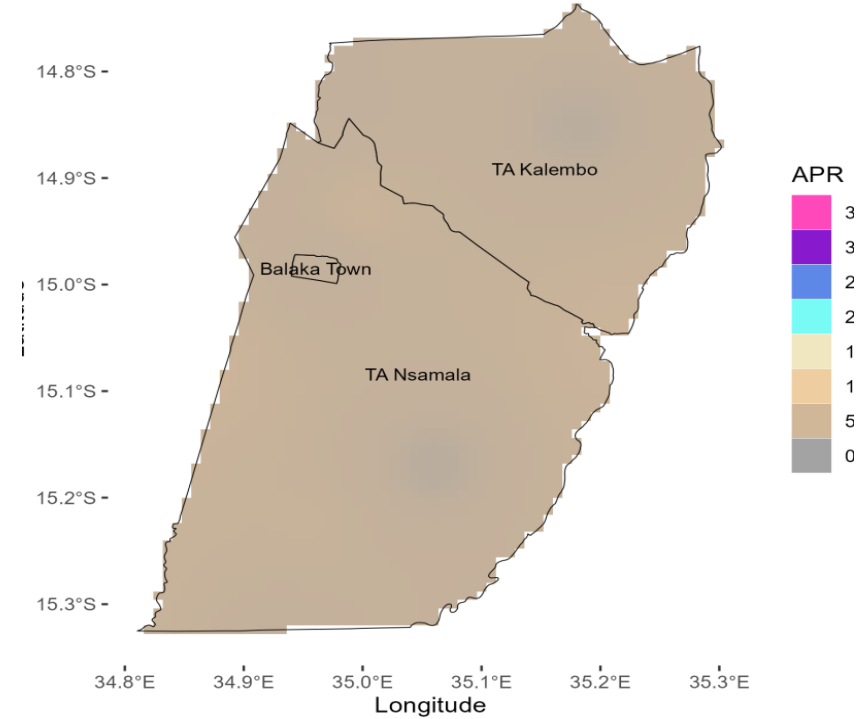


Rainfall amounts ranging from 50 mm to 100 mm are expected in majority of areas of the district. The anticipated amounts are within the normal to above normal category.

Rainfall cessation is anticipated from fourth week of March.

April 2027

April 2027 Rainfall Forecast



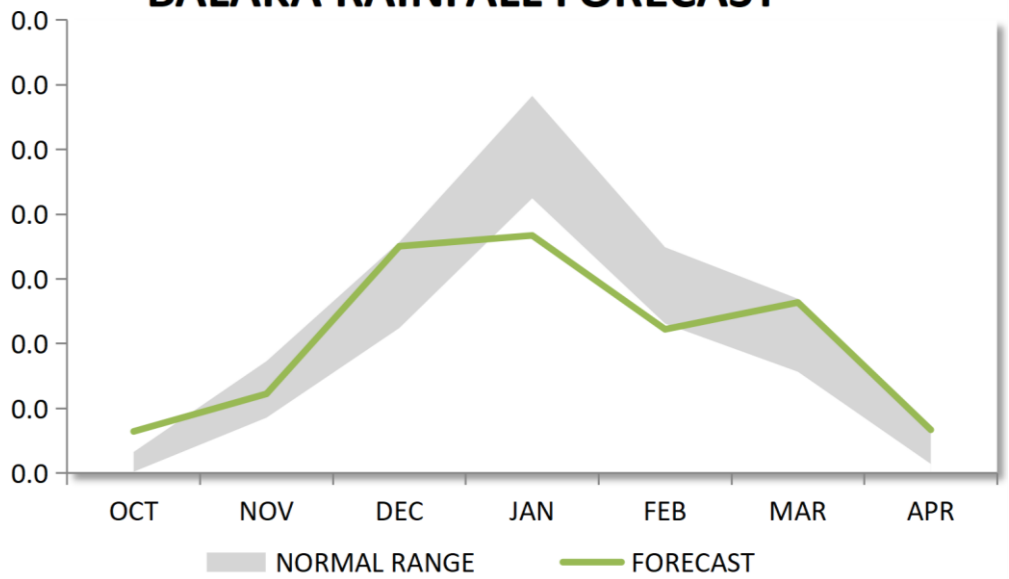
In April 2027, the district is expected to receive rainfall amount of below 50 mm, which falls within the normal to below-normal range.

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset	Dry Spells	Seasonal Length	Cessation
Expect around Second week of December	One week long possible in January and two weeks long in February	From 105 to 120 days	Expected from end March 2027

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE LOW	NORMAL RANGE HIGH	FORECAST
OCT	1.2	16.4	32.3
NOV	42.9	86.5	61.3
DEC	112.1	178.6	175.3
JAN	212.3	291.4	183.6
FEB	115.5	174.5	111.1
MAR	78.3	134.7	131.9
APR	7.2	32.9	33.6

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