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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

CHITIPA DISTRICT



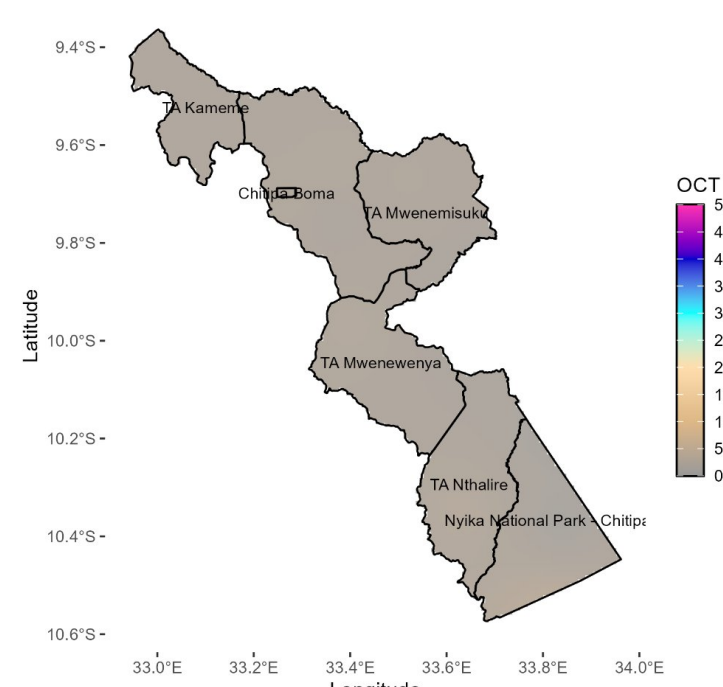
Overview

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.

Chitipa district is expected to receive normal to above normal cumulative rainfall during the 2026-2027 rainfall season.

October 2026

OCTOBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

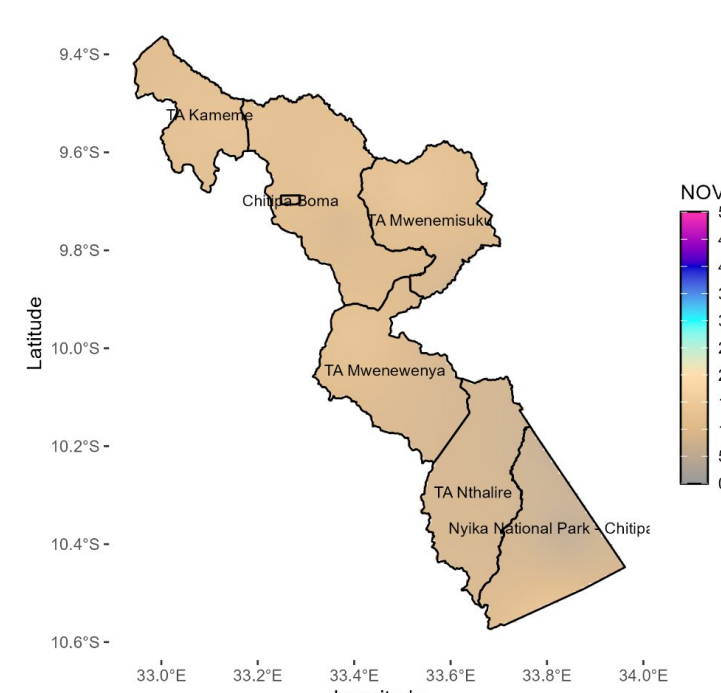


Chizimalupsa rain is expected in this month with amounts less than 50mm across the district.

Occurrences of gusty winds likely during this month.

November 2026

NOVEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

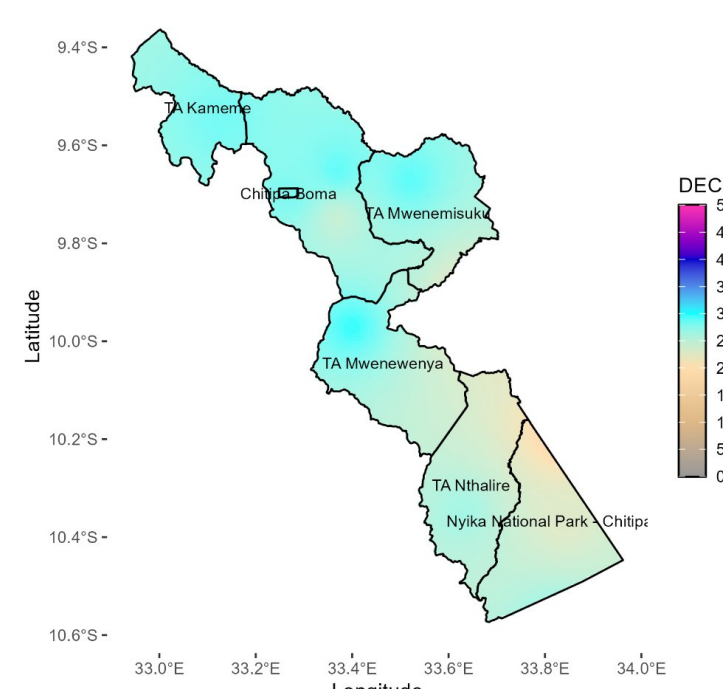


Most areas are expected to receive normal to above normal rainfall in the range between 150-200 mm.

Occurrences of gusty winds and thunderstorms are more likely in this month.

December 2026

DECEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

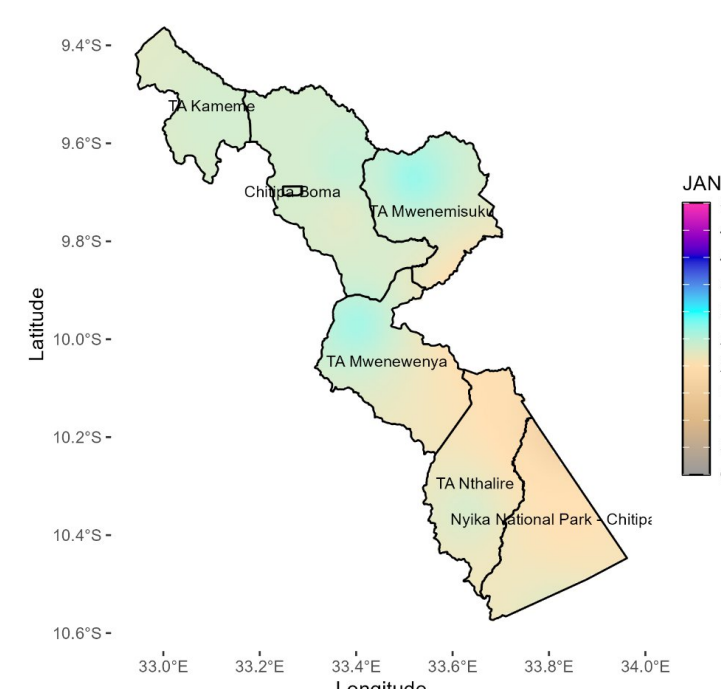


Above normal rains are expected across the district with amounts of about 250 to 300mm during this month whilst some areas in TA Nthalire and Nyika National Park expected to receive less than 250 mm.

Rainfall onset is expected towards the first week of the month of December.

January 2027

JANUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

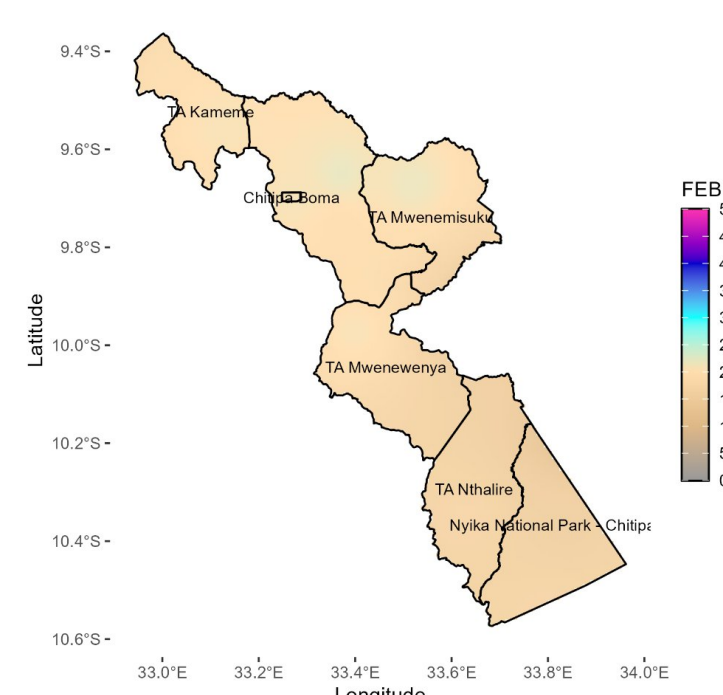


Normal to above normal rainfall amounts expected in the range of 250-300 mm over most areas. However, most areas in the southern parts of the district including TA Mwenewenya, Nthalire and Nyika National Park are expected to receive rainfall amounts below 200mm

A dry spell of a week is expected during the month of January.

February 2027

FEBRUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

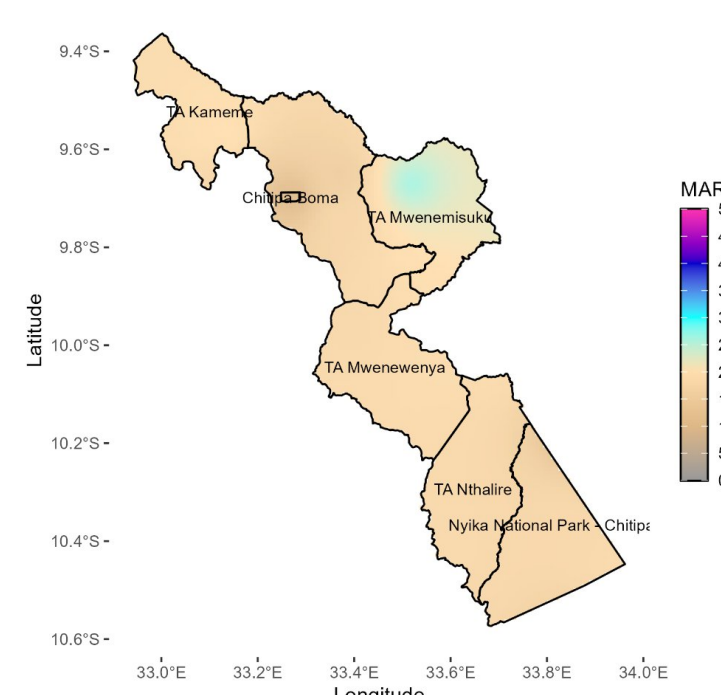


Most areas in the district are expected to receive about 200 mm of rainfall. These amounts are in the normal to above normal range.

A week-long dry spell is anticipated over most areas.

March 2027

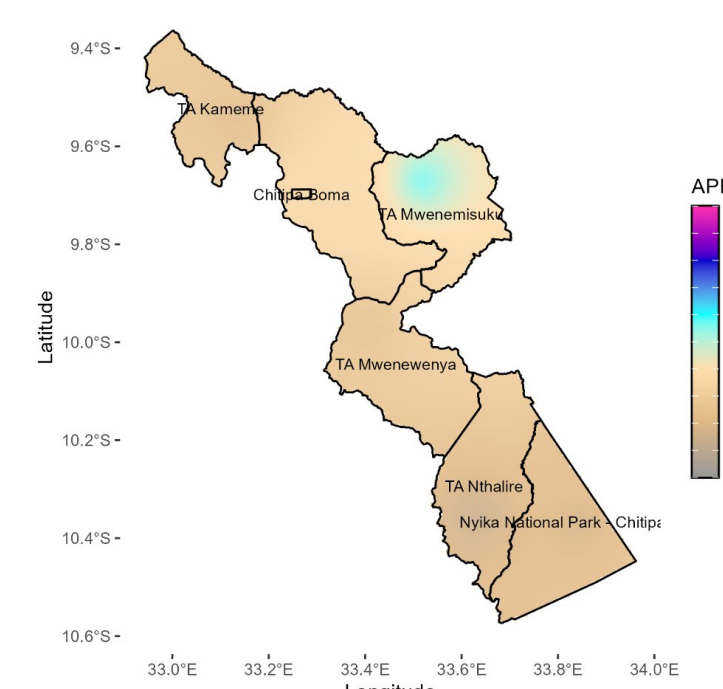
MARCH 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Most areas in the district are expected to receive normal to below normal rainfall amounts, generally less than 200 mm, except for areas in T/A Mwenemisuku which could receive rain of more than 250mm.

April 2027

APRIL 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Normal to above normal rainfall amounts are expected over most areas with most expected to receive around 100 - 150 mm. Whilst in areas like TA Mwenemisuku, rainfall of about 250mm is expected.

Cessation is expected towards the second week of April 2027

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset

Excepted in the first week of December 2026

Dry Spells

High likelihood of a week dry spell in January and February

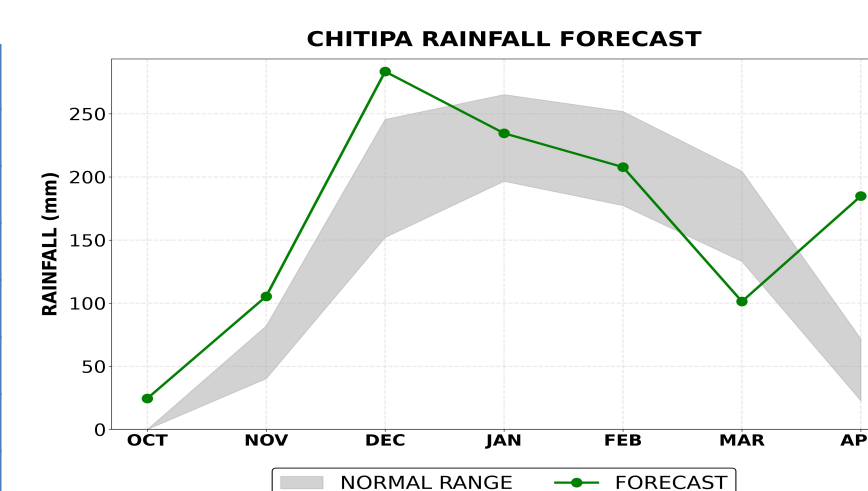
Seasonal Length

Expected to last 120 to 140 days

Cessation

Likely in mid April 2027

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	0.0 - 0.2	24.5
NOV	40.2 - 82.0	105.4
DEC	152.0 - 245.7	283.5
JAN	196.6 - 265.3	234.6
FEB	177.3 - 251.8	207.8
MAR	133.0 - 204.5	101.3
APR	22.7 - 71.7	184.9



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