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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

MZIMBA DISTRICT

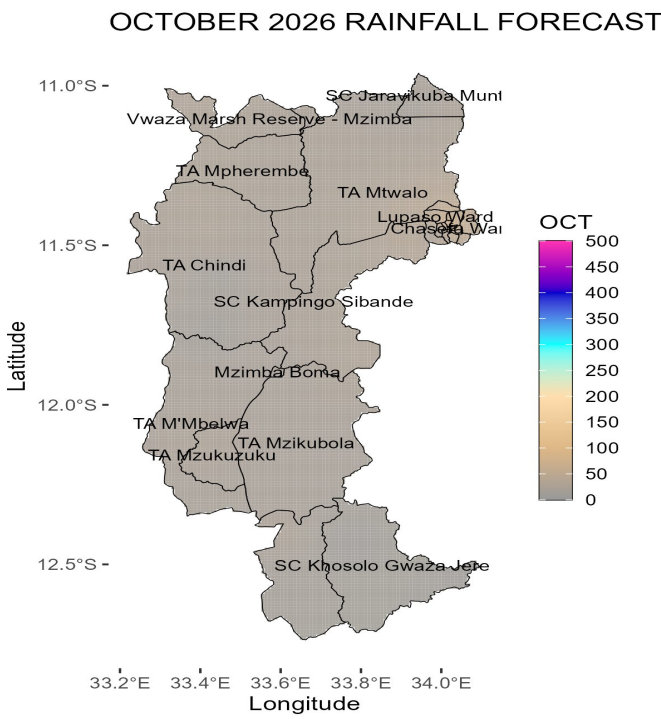


Overview

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.

Mzimba district is expected to receive generally **normal to above-normal** cumulative rainfall during the 2026/2027 rainfall season.

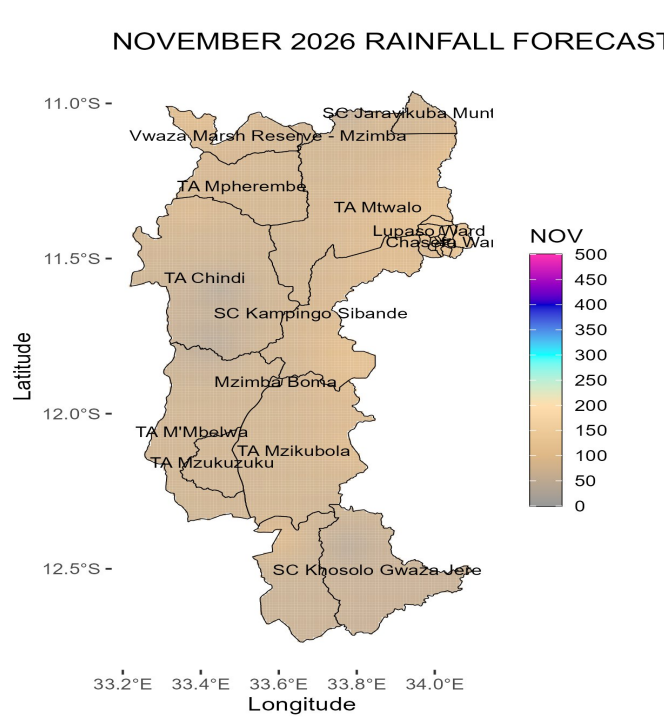
October 2026



Mzimba is expected to experience generally dry conditions in October.

However, *Chizimalupsya* rains are expected over few areas of the district which are likely to be associated with strong winds and lightning.

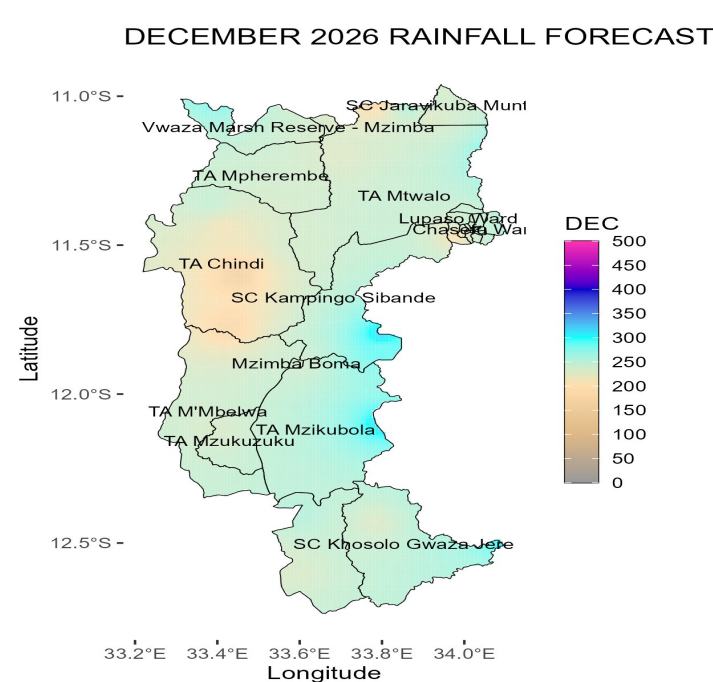
November 2026



Expect rainfall amounts of about 50 to 100mm over most parts of the district representing normal to above normal rainfall amounts in this month.

There is likelihood of gusty winds and lightning during this month.

December 2026

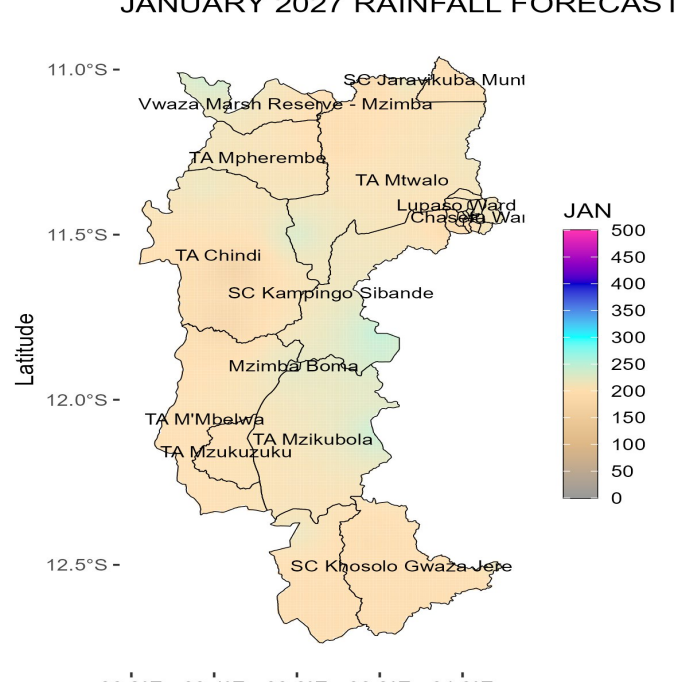


Normal to above normal rainfall amount are expected.

Most areas are expected to receive amounts of between 200mm and 300mm.

Onset of the season is expected from mid December, 2026.

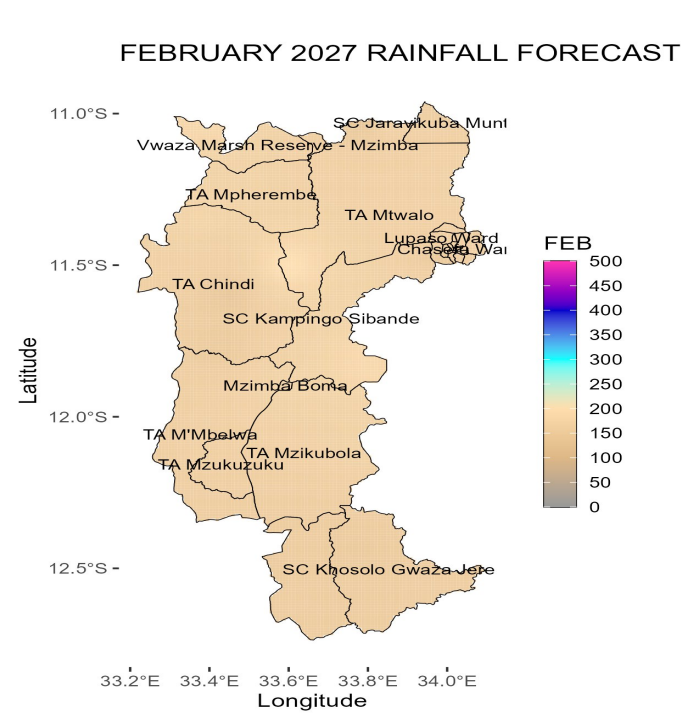
January 2027



Normal to above-normal rainfall amounts exceeding 200 mm are expected in most areas of Mzimba.

A dry spell of a week is expected over most areas in the district.

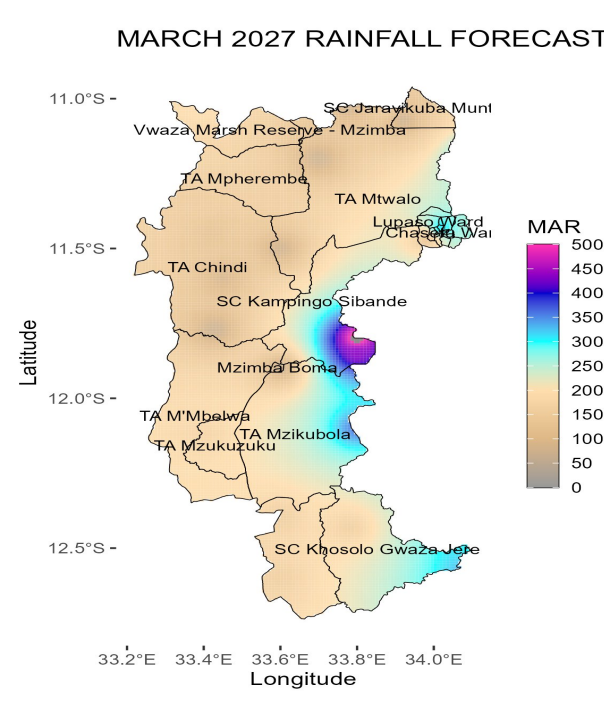
February 2027



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

Dry spells of about a week are also expected.

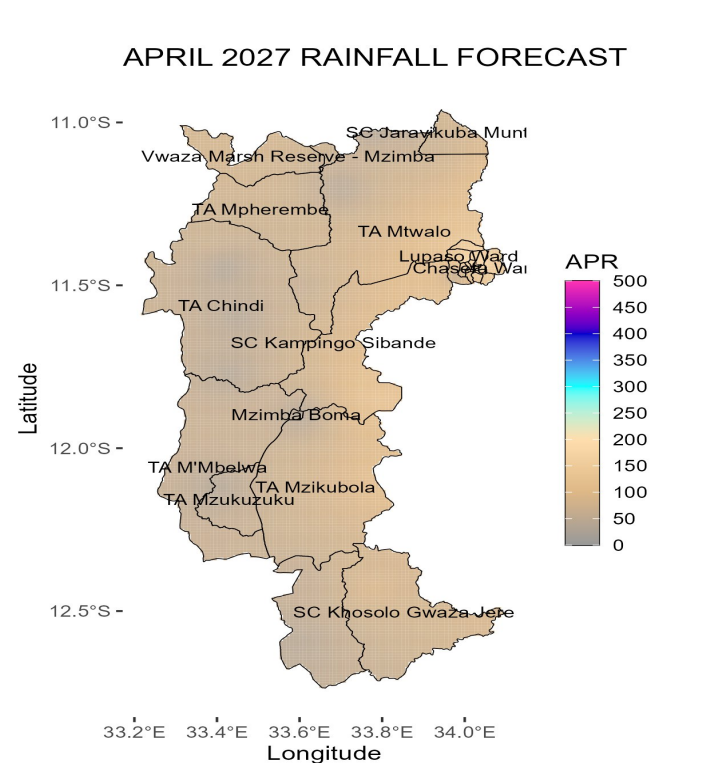
March 2027



Most areas are expected to receive rainfall amounts of between 100mm and 200mm.

Some areas over Sc Kampingo Sibande, Mzimba Boma, Lupaso, TA Mzikubola and Sc Khosolo Gwaza Jere are expected to receive more than 300mm..

April 2027

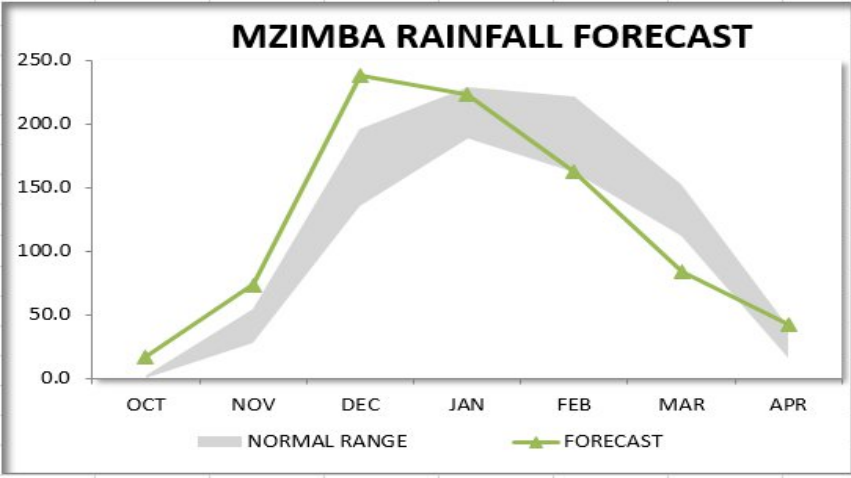


Normal to above normal rainfall in the range of 50 mm to 250mm is expected.

Rainfall Cessation is expected second week of April, 2027 in most parts.

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset	Dry Spells	Seasonal Length	Cessation
Excepted in mid December 2026	High likelihood of a week-long dry spell in January and February	Expected to last 130 to 140 days	Likely in second week of April 2027
MONTH	NORMAL RANGE FORECAST		
OCT	0.0	2	16.6
NOV	28.1	54.5	73.5
DEC	135.4	196.1	237.9
JAN	188.4	229.2	223.2
FEB	161.3	221.2	161.8
MAR	111.3	151.8	83.1
APR	16.0	40.9	42.4



The table and figure above show monthly rainfall distribution at Mzimba with a normal band in grey.

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