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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

MWANZA DISTRICT

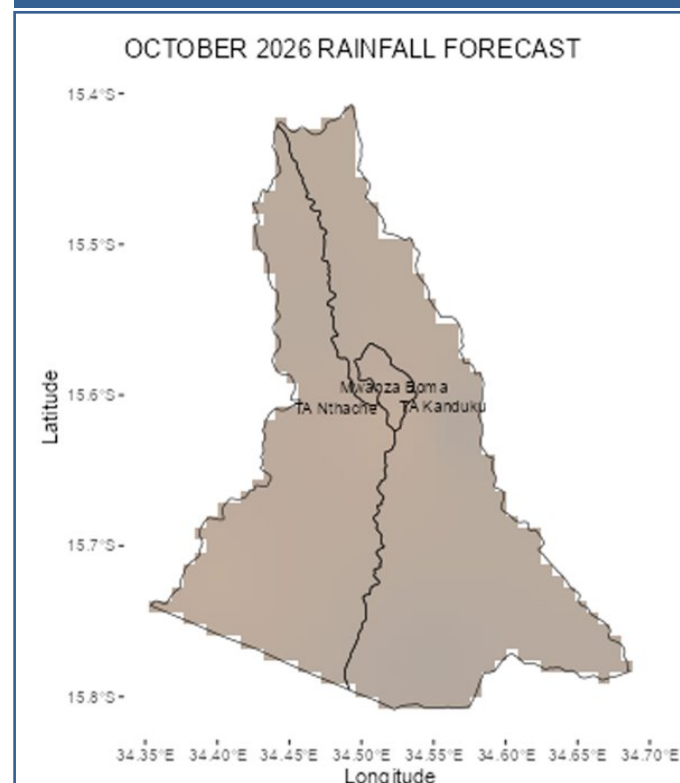


Overview

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.

Mwanza District is expected to receive generally **normal to below normal** cumulative rainfall during the 2026/2027 rainfall season.

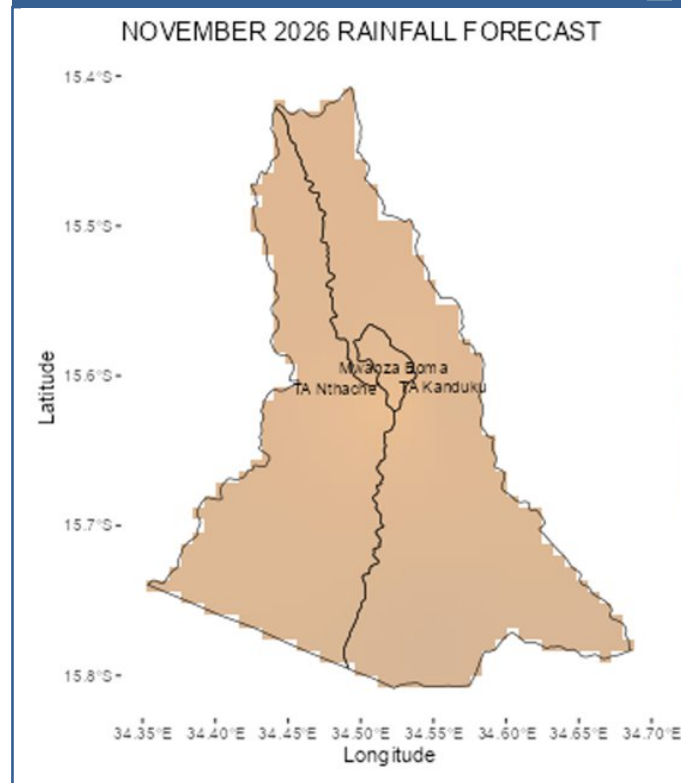
October 2026



Mwanza district is expected to experience mostly hot and dry conditions in October with a few areas receiving rainfall less than 40mm.

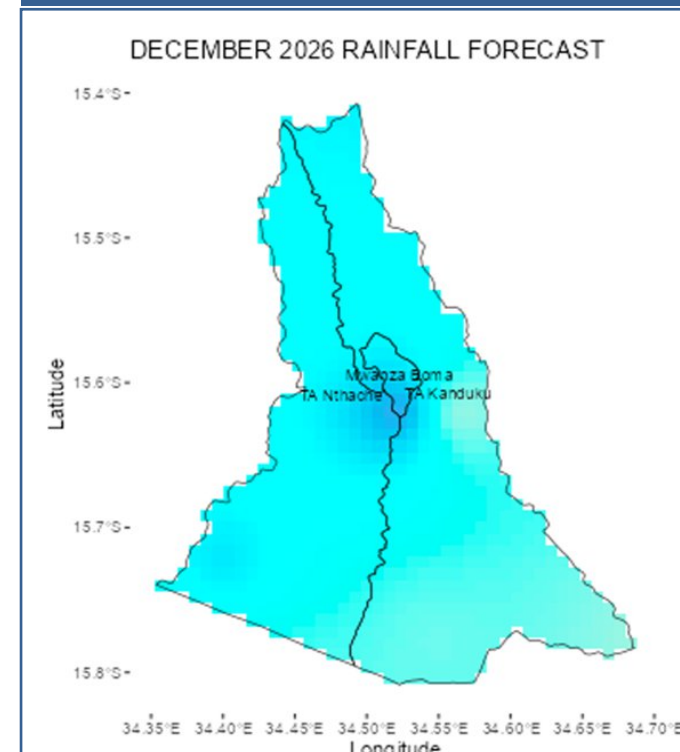
Chizimalupsya rainfall are expected in this month accompanied by gusty winds and lightening.

November 2026



In November, rainfall amounts ranging from 60mm to 80 mm which are within the normal range for this month are expected. The rains will be accompanied by strong winds and lightening in most areas.

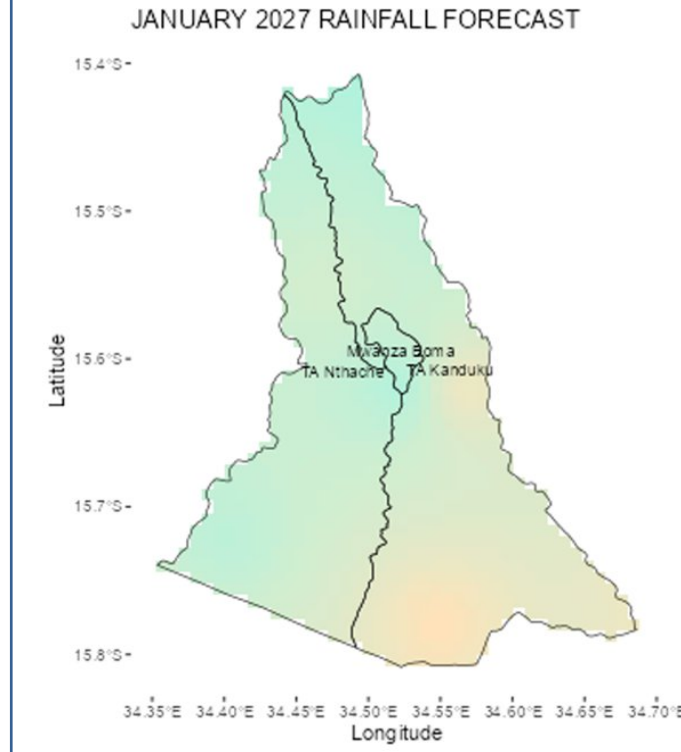
December 2026



Normal rainfall amounts between 180mm and 220mm are expected in most parts of the district.

Most areas may experience their onset during the second week of this month.

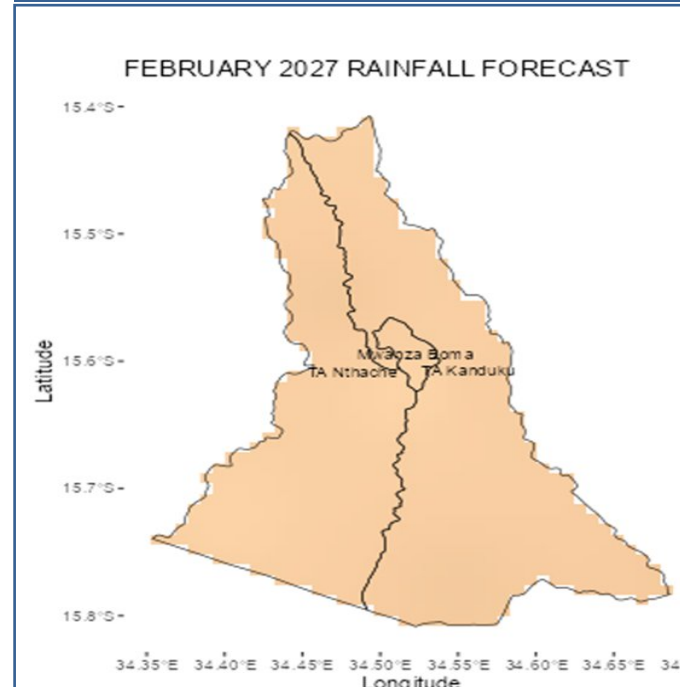
January 2027



In January, normal rainfall amounts are expected and will be in the range of 120mm to 180mm in most parts of the district.

There is likelihood of dry spells of about two week during the month.

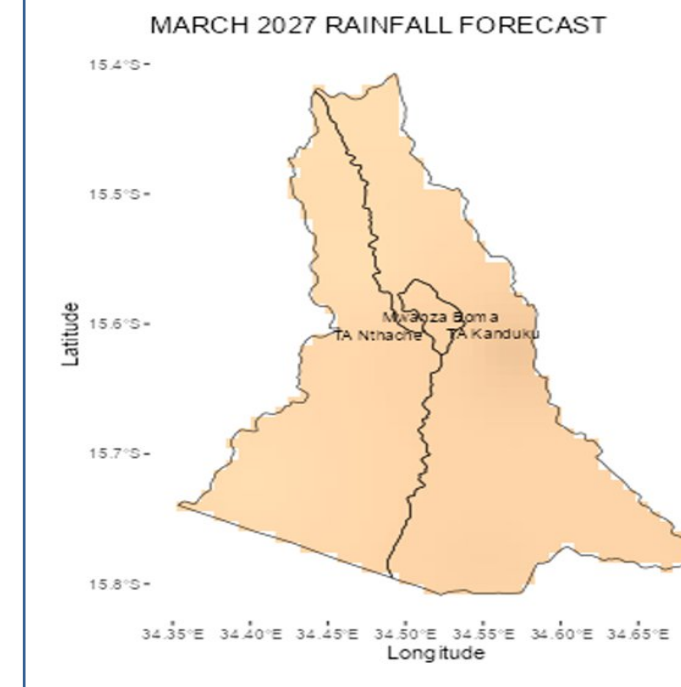
February 2027



In February, most areas are expected to receive below normal rainfall amounts ranging from 75 to 125mm.

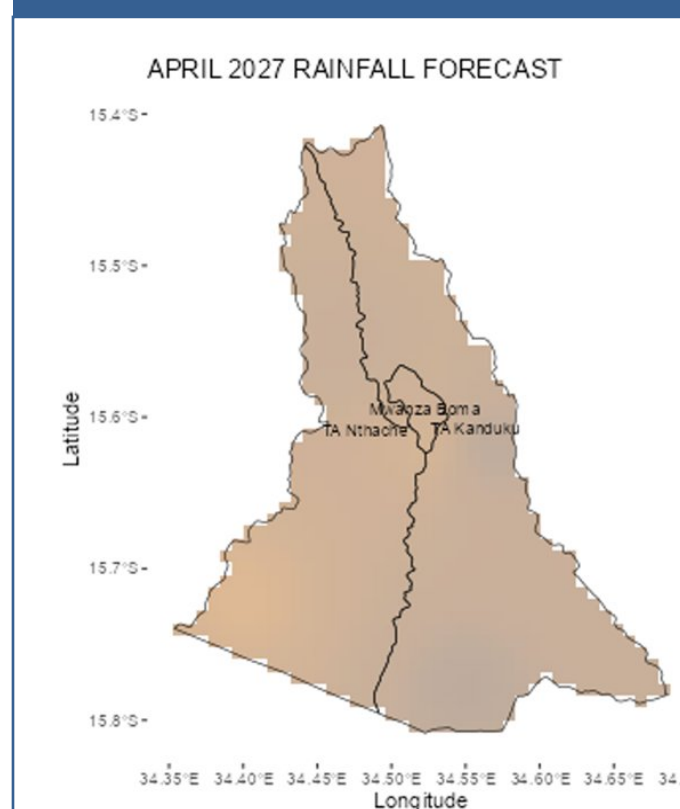
Dry spells of about two weeks are likely to occur in this the month.

March 2027



The district is expected to receive above normal rainfall amounts ranging from 75mm to 125mm during this month.

April 2027



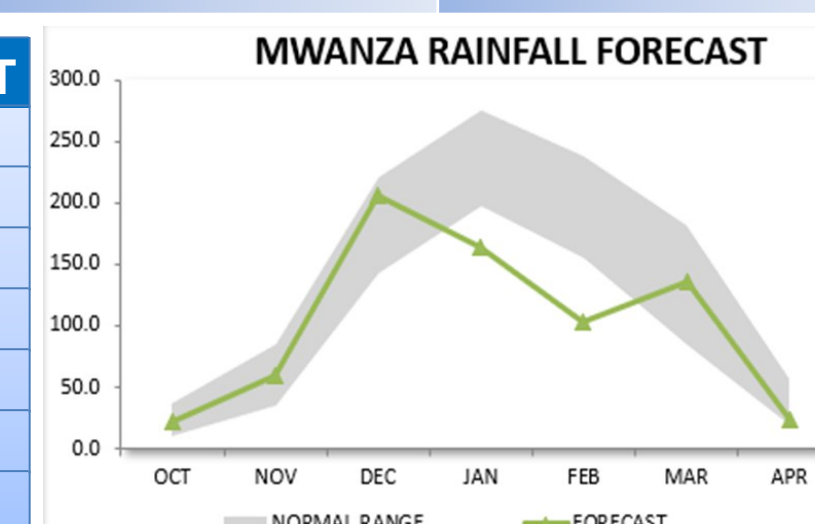
Most areas are expected to receive normal rainfall amount of less than 50mm during this month.

Rainfall cessation is expected in the first week of April.

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset	Dry Spells	Seasonal Length	Cessation
Excepted in the Second Week of December 2026	High likelihood of about 2 weeks dry spells in January and February	Expected to last 120 to 130 days	Likely in the first week of April 2027

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	10.9	36.2
NOV	34.5	84.9
DEC	143.4	221.4
JAN	196.9	275.7
FEB	154.8	237.4
MAR	84.8	181.3
APR	19.0	56.9



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

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