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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

CHIRADZULU

DISTRICT



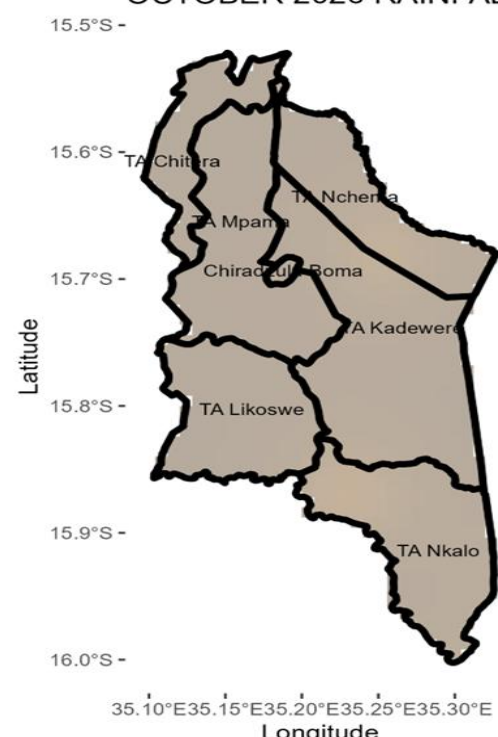
Overview

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.

Chiradzulu district is expected to receive **normal to below normal** cumulative rainfall during the 2026/2027 rainfall season.

October 2026

OCTOBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

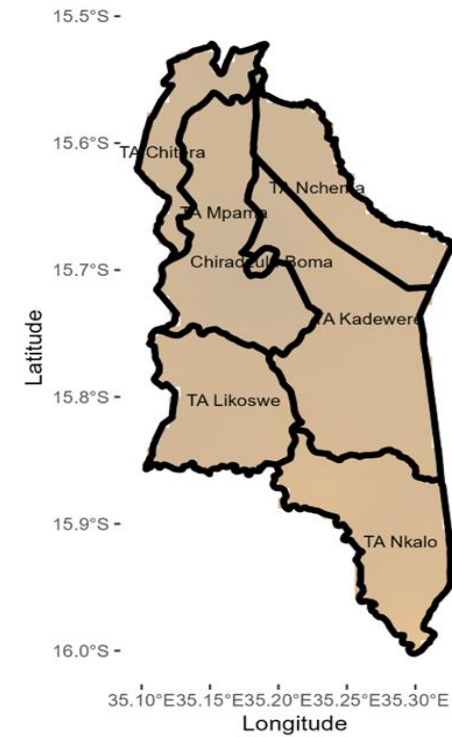


Hot and dry conditions with rainfall amounts of less than 30mm in some areas are expected in the district.

Chizimalupsya rains will be accompanied by strong winds and lightening.

November 2026

NOVEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

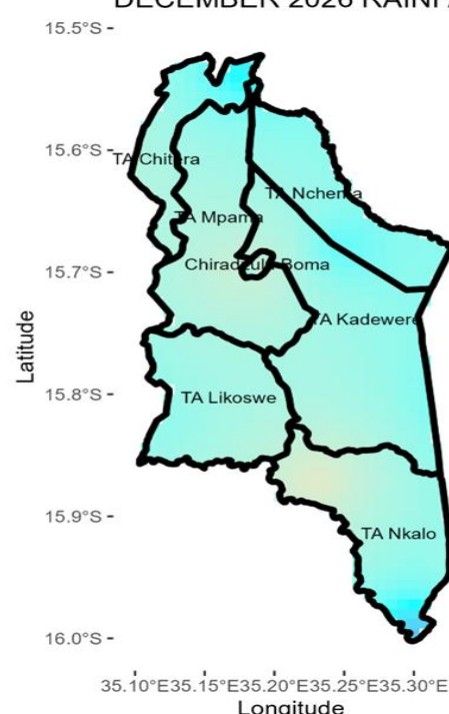


Expect normal rainfall amounts ranging between 50mm to 100mm in most areas in the district.

The rains will be accompanied by thunderstorms and lightening.

December 2026

DECEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

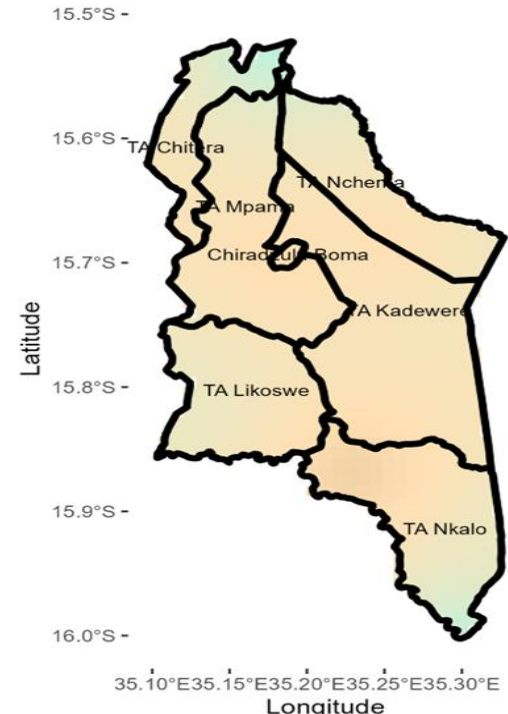


In the month of December, normal rainfall ranging from 200mm to 250mm over most areas are expected.

The rainfall onset in the district is expected in the second week of December

January 2027

JANUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

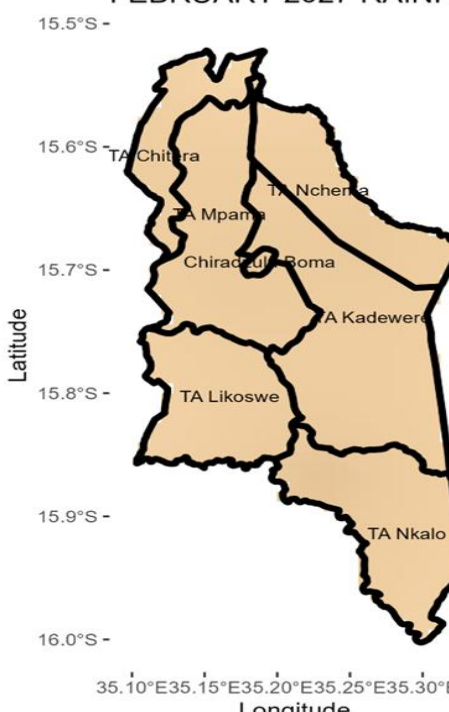


In January, below normal rainfall amounts of less than 200mm is anticipated in most areas of the district.

There is a high chance of dry spell lasting about a week.

February 2027

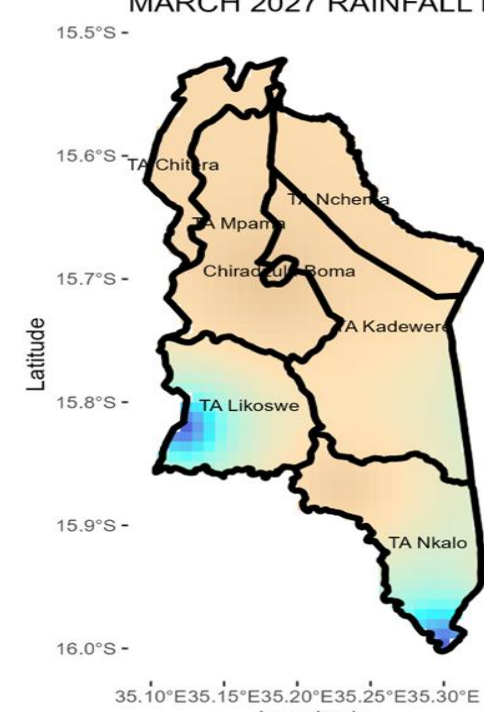
FEBRUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Most areas are likely to receive Normal to below normal rainfall amounts ranging between 100mm to 150mm.
A dry spell of about two weeks is likely to experience in this month.

March 2027

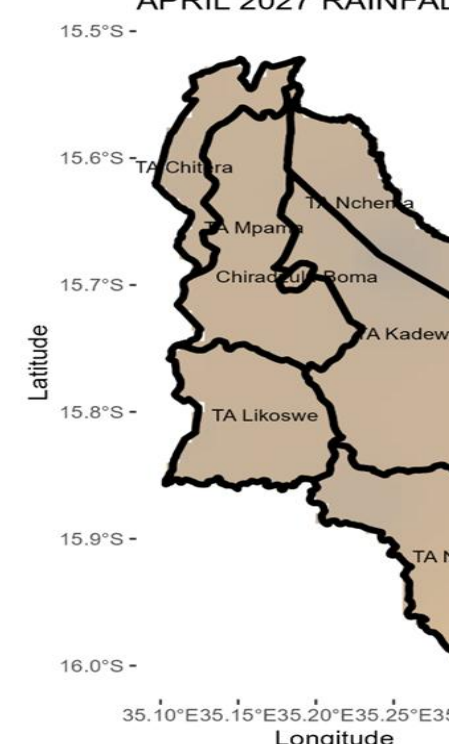
MARCH 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Most parts of the district will receive normal rainfall amounts ranging from 150mm to 200mm. However, some areas in TA Likoswe and TA Nkalo are likely to receive rainfall of above 250mm.
Cessation is expected during the last week of March

April 2027

APRIL 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Normal Rainfall amounts are expected of less than 50mm.

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset

Excepted in the Second Week of December 2026

Dry Spells

High likelihood of dry spells of a week in January and two weeks in February

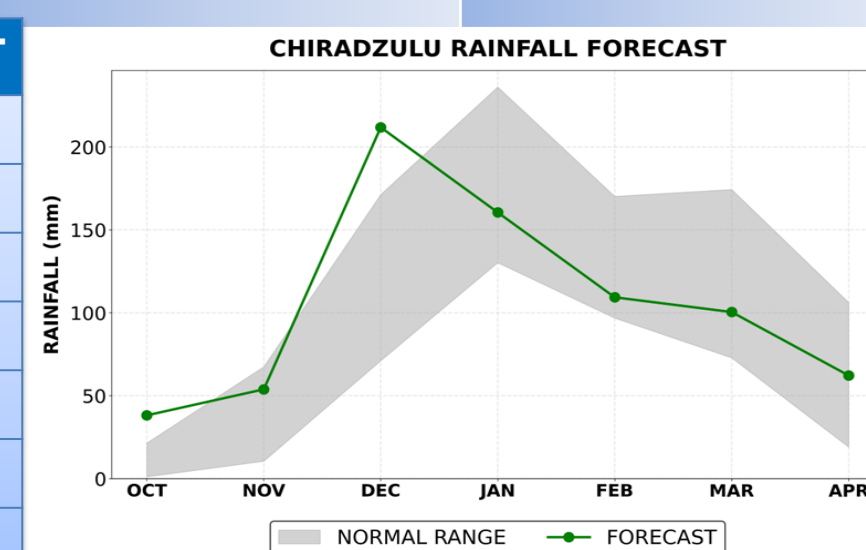
Seasonal Length

Expected to last 100 to 120 days

Cessation

Likely in the last week of March 2027

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE		FORECAST
OCT	1.1	21.5	38.2
NOV	10.5	67.4	53.8
DEC	71.1	171.3	211.8
JAN	130.2	236.2	160.5
FEB	96.8	170.2	109.3
MAR	72.8	174.4	100.4
APR	19.0	106.3	62.2



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



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