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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

CHIKWAWA DISTRICT

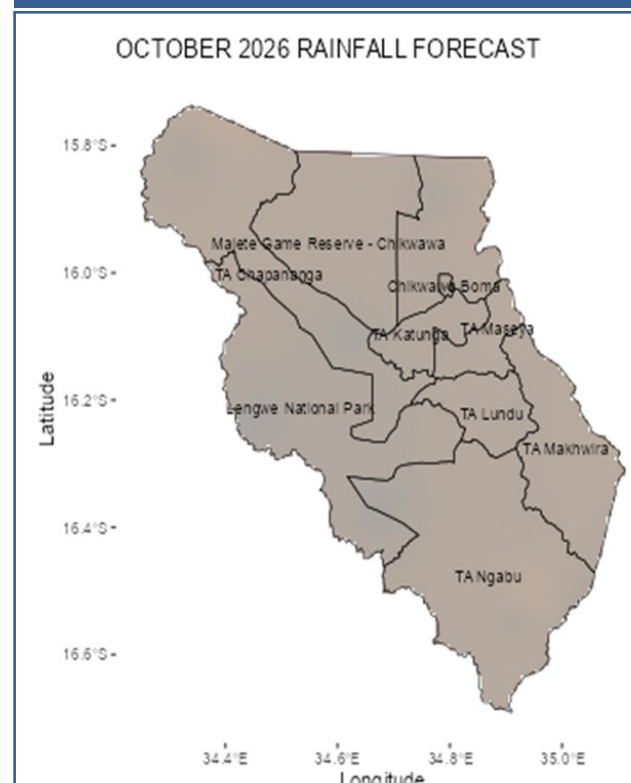


Overview

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.

Chikwawa district is expected to receive normal to below normal rainfall amounts during 2026/2027 rainfall season.

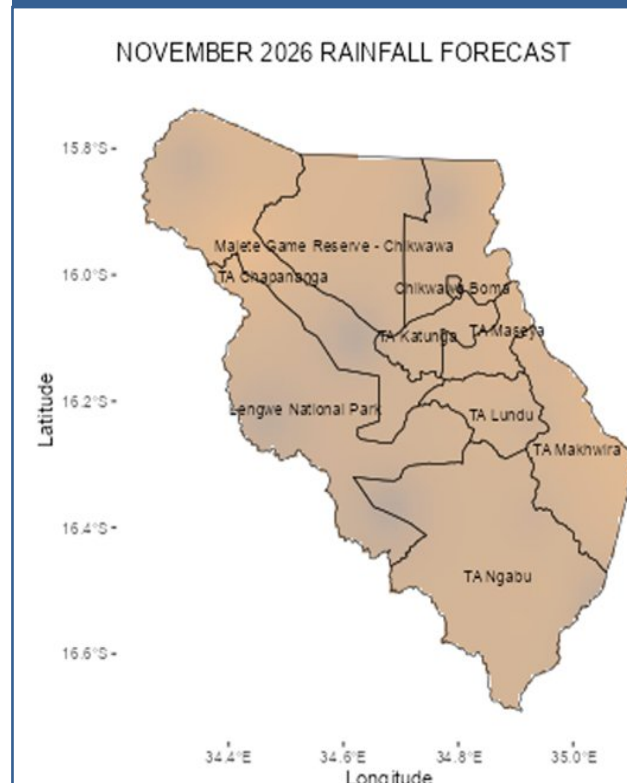
October 2026



October is expected to be hot and dry with a chance of Chizimalupsa rains in some areas will be less than 30mm.

The rains will be accompanied by lightening and gusty winds.

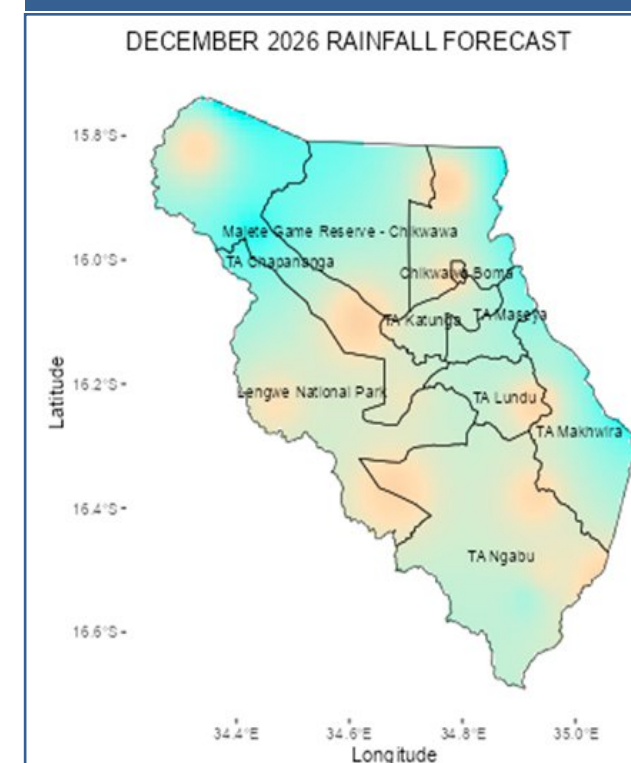
November 2026



Normal rainfall amounts of about 50mm to 100mm are expected over most areas during this month.

The expected rains will be accompanied by lightening and gusty winds.

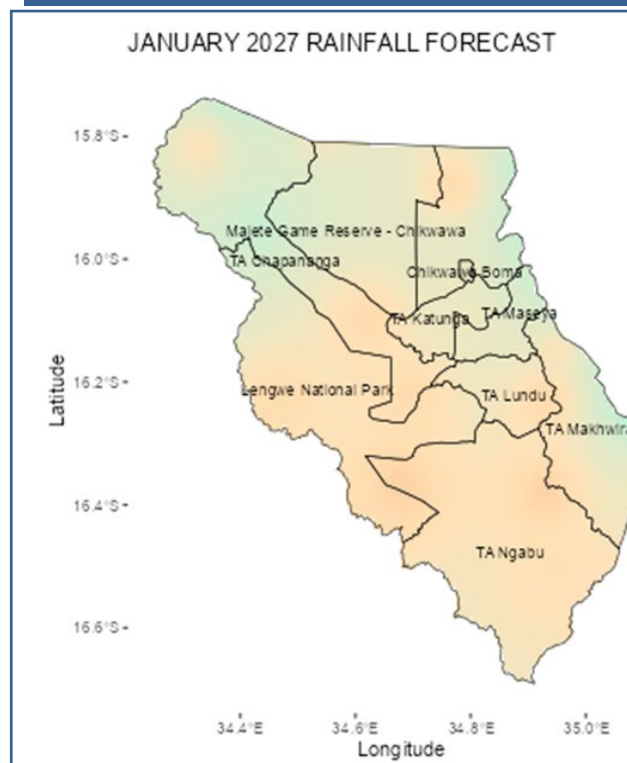
December 2026



In December, normal to above normal rainfall amounts are expected over most areas, ranging from 150mm to 220mm.

The onset of the rainfall season is expected from the second week of December.

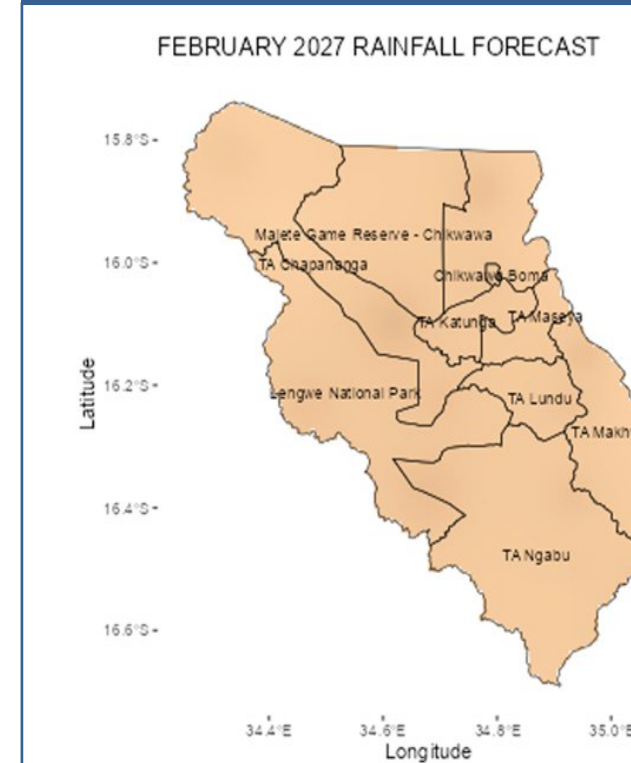
January 2027



Most areas are expected to receive normal rainfall. However, in T/A Lundu and T/A Ngabu are expected to receive below normal rainfall of less than 150mm.

Dry spells of about two weeks are likely to happen during this month.

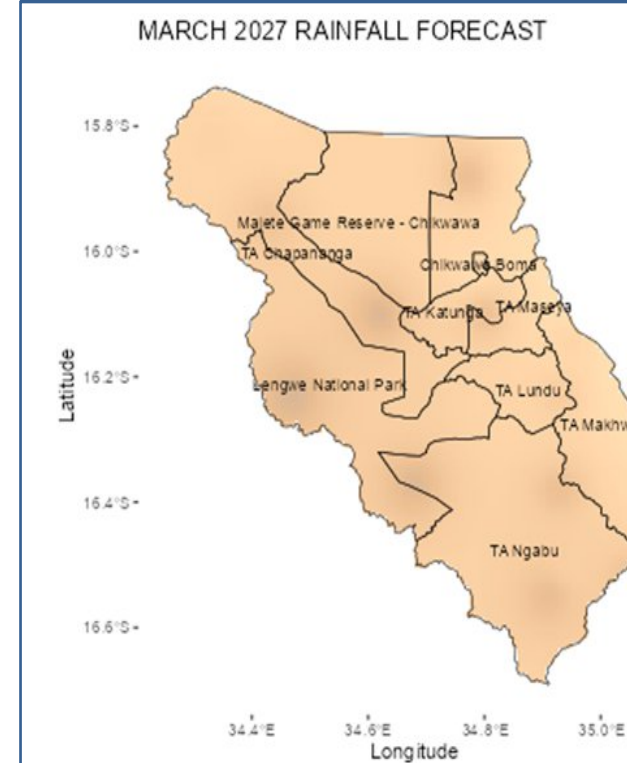
February 2027



Below normal rainfall amounts are expected over most areas, within the range of 70mm to 120mm.

Dry spells of two weeks are likely during this month.

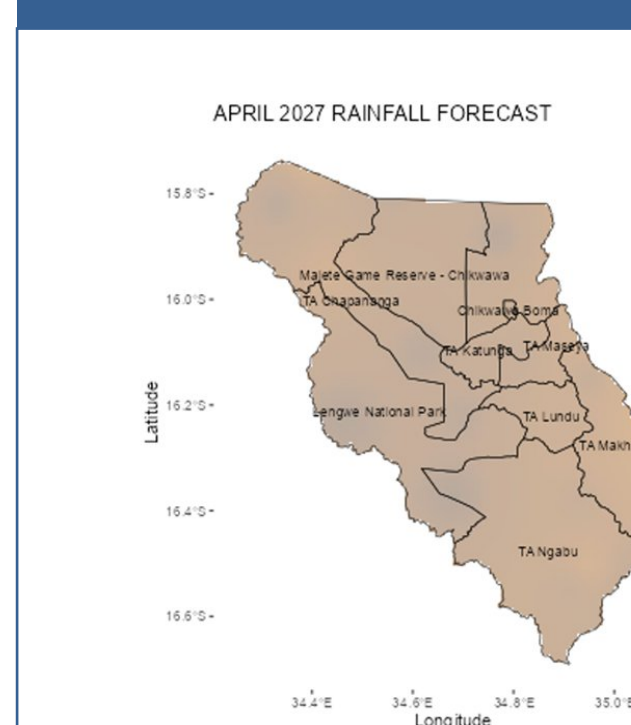
March 2027



In March, normal rainfall amounts ranging from 70mm to 140mm are expected over most areas.

Cessation is expected in the last week of March.

April 2027

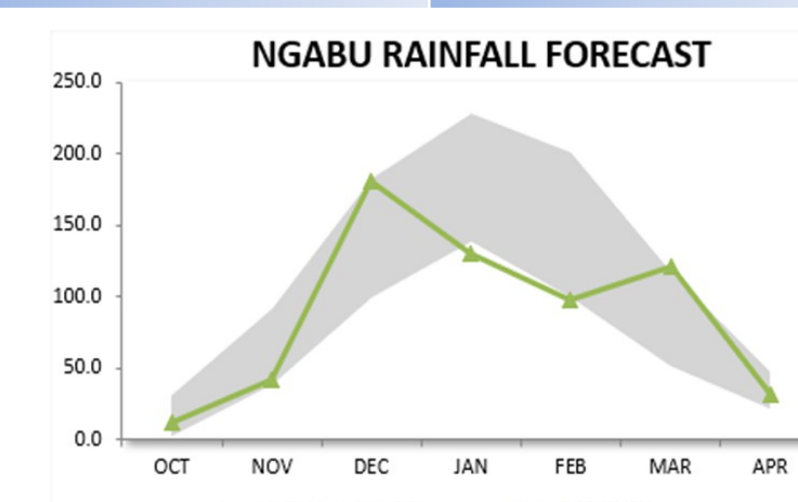


During the month of April Normal rainfall amounts in the range of 20mm to 50mm are anticipated in most areas.

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset		Dry Spells	Seasonal Length	Cessation
Rainfall expected second week of December	onset during the week of	A dry spell of about two weeks is likely in January and February	The seasonal length is likely to be between 120 and 130 days.	Cessation is expected around the last week of March.

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	1.8	30.4
NOV	38.4	92.2
DEC	99.5	182.8
JAN	138.4	227.6
FEB	99.9	200.4
MAR	51.2	117.2
APR	22.2	47.5



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

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