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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

MULANJE DISTRICT



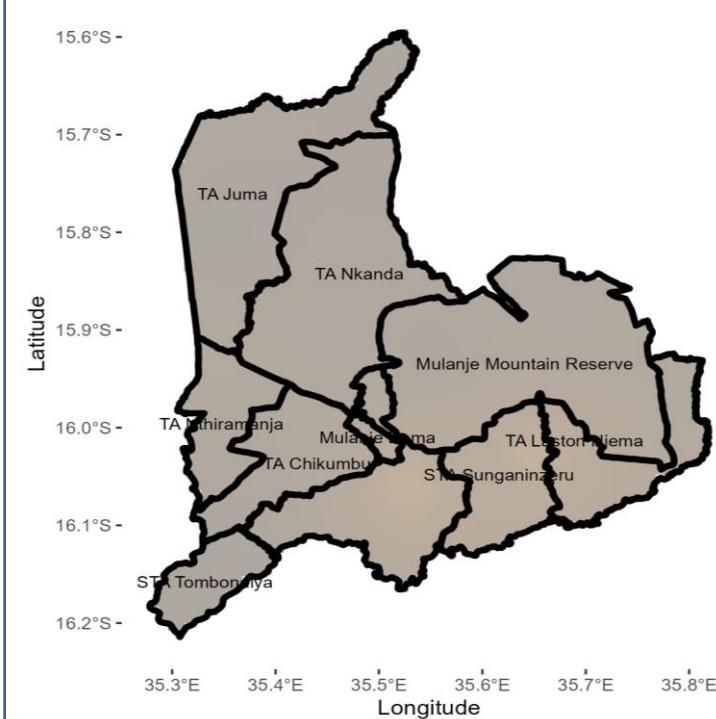
Overview

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.

Mulanje district is expected to receive **normal to below normal rainfall amounts** in the 2026-2027 rainfall season.

October 2026

OCTOBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

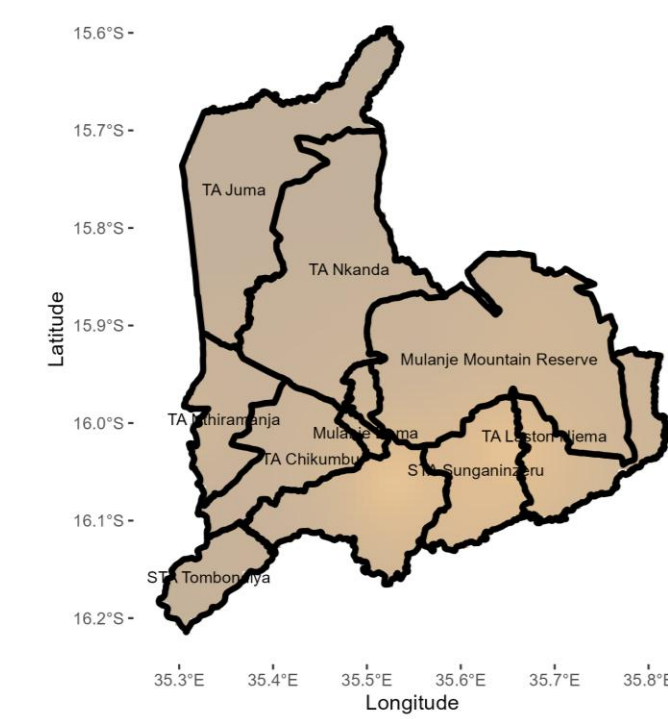


Chizimalupsya rains less than 50mm are expected in this month.

These rains are expected and to be accompanied by gusty winds and lightnings

November 2026

NOVEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

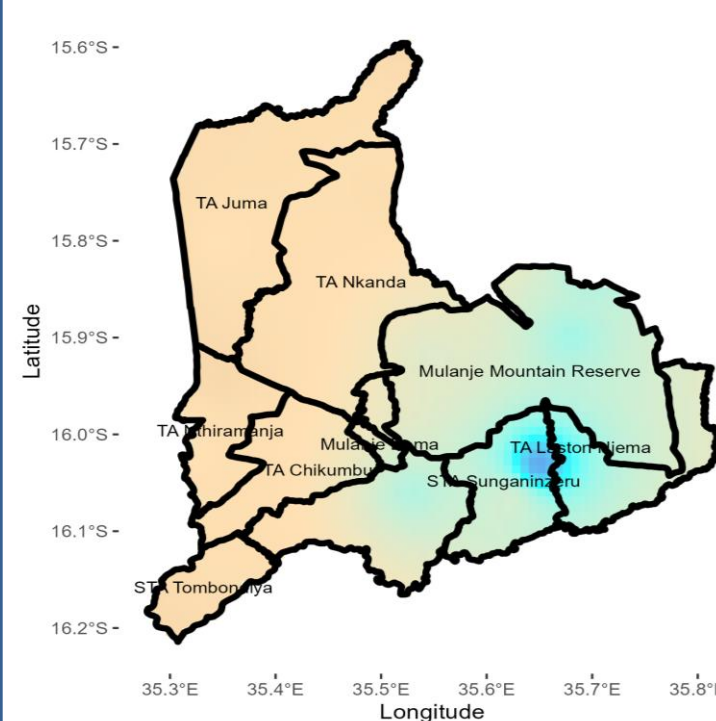


Most areas in Mulanje are expected to receive normal to below normal rainfall amounts, ranging from 50 mm to 100mm

Expect occurrence of gusty winds and thunderstorms during this month.

December 2026

DECEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

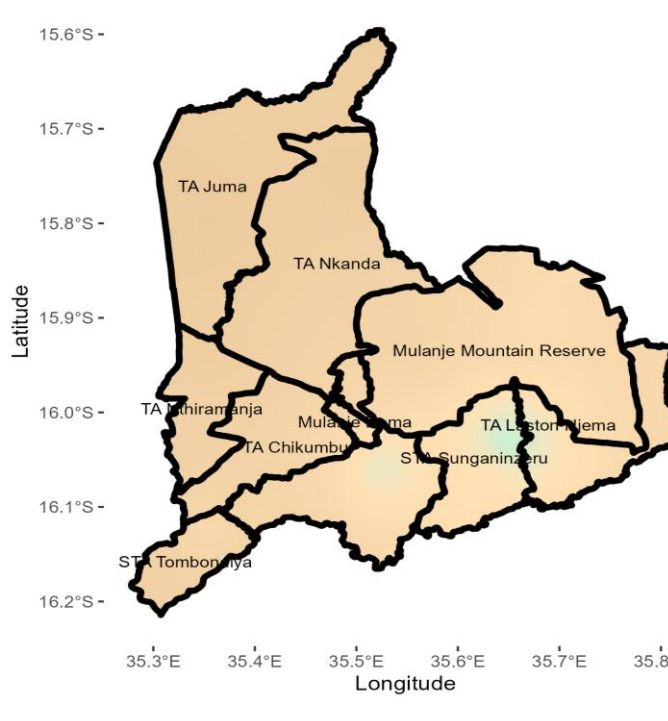


Normal to below normal rainfall amounts ranging from 200mm to 300mm are expected.

Areas around Mulanje Mountain Reserve, TA Laston Njema, and Mulanje Boma over the eastern parts of the district are expected to experience higher rainfall amounts than other areas, ranging from 300mm to 400mm. Rainfall onset expected **last week of December**

January 2027

JANUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



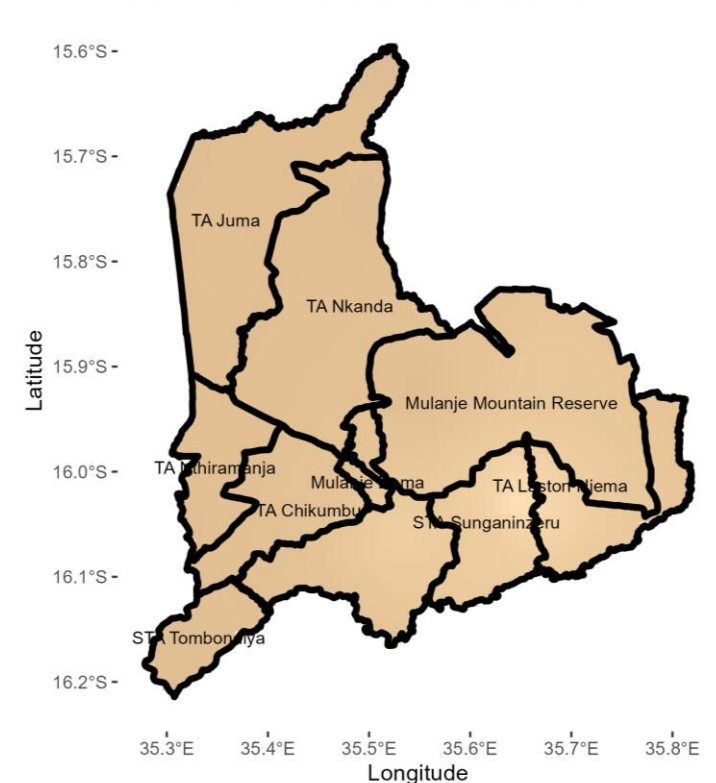
Expect below normal rainfall amounts ranging from 150 mm to 200mm during this month.

However, areas at TA Laston Njema and STA Sunganinzeru are expected to receive rainfall amounts ranging from 250mm to 300mm.

Dry spells of about a week are likely during this month.

February 2027

FEBRUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



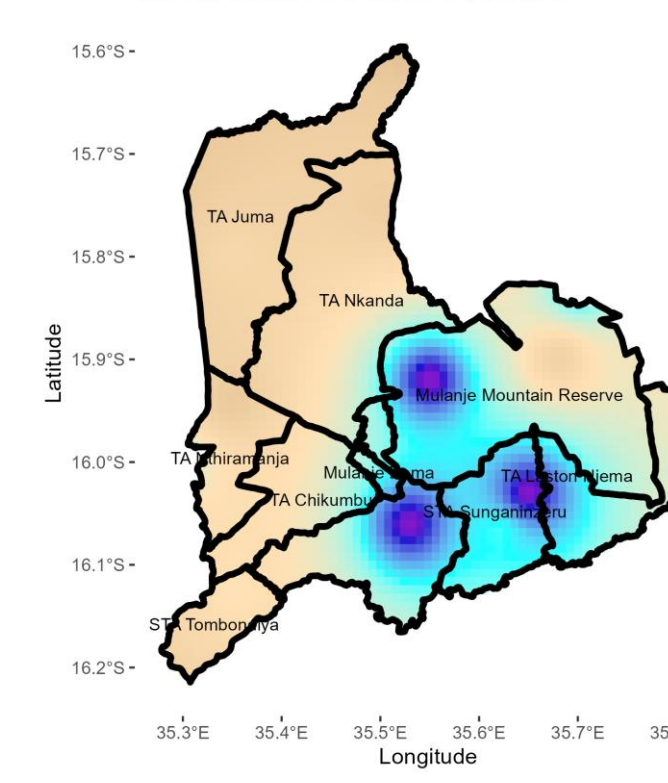
Most areas of the district are expected to receive normal to below normal rainfall amounts ranging from 100mm to 150mm during this month.

However, few areas around TA Laston Njema will likely receive rainfall amounts ranging between 150mm and 200mm.

Expect dry spells of a week during this month.

March 2027

MARCH 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

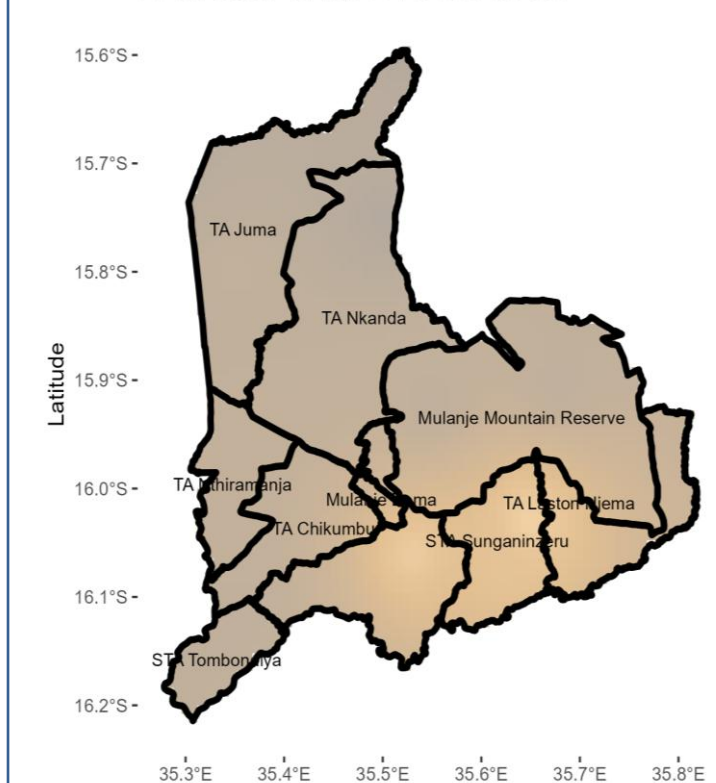


March is expected to be wet. Most areas are likely to receive normal to above-normal rainfall amounts ranging between 200mm and 300mm.

However, rainfall amounts above 400 mm are expected at STA Sunganinzeru, TA Laston Njema and Mulanje Mountain Reserve.

April 2027

APRIL 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Below normal rainfall is expected during this month, ranging between 50mm and 100mm.

However, areas around TA Laston Njema and STA Sunganinzeru are expected to receive rainfall amounts ranging from 100 mm to 150 mm.

Cessation is expected first week of April, 2027.

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset

Onset is expected last week of December.

Dry Spells

Dry spells of about a week are likely in both January and February.

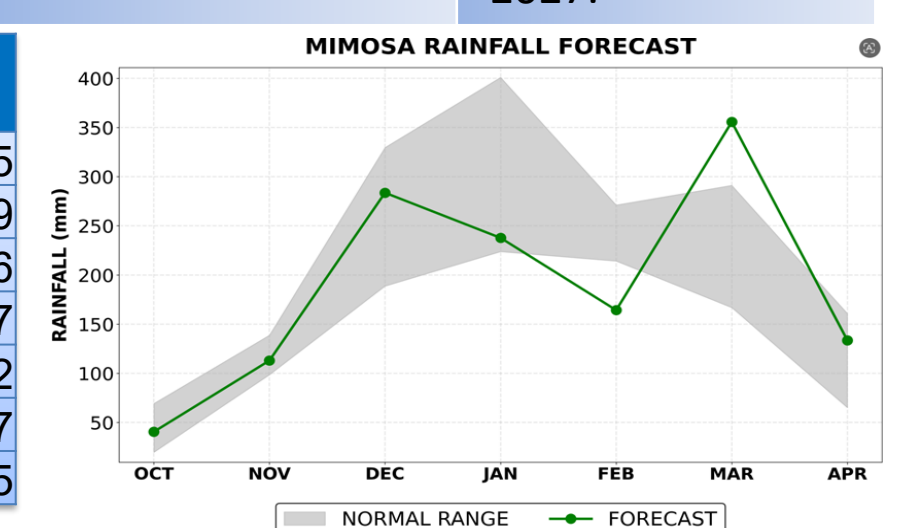
Seasonal Length

Season length is expected to span 100 to 110 days.

Cessation

Cessation is anticipated first week of April, 2027.

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	19.5	69.2
NOV	98.4	138.7
DEC	188.7	329.7
JAN	223.7	401.1
FEB	214.1	271.1
MAR	166.8	291.2
APR	65.0	160.8



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

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