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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

NSANJE
DISTRICT



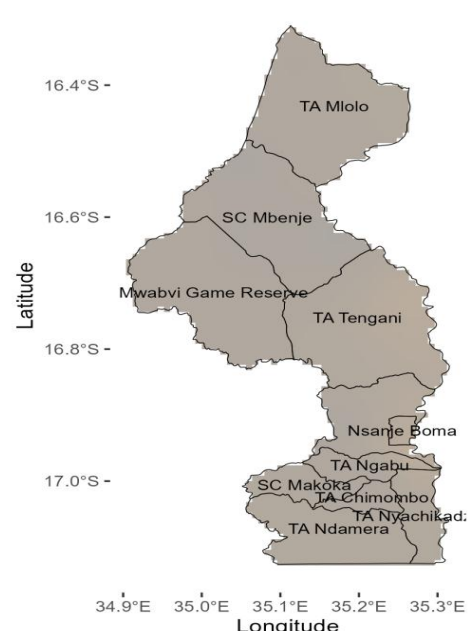
Overview

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.

Nsanje District is expected to receive normal to below normal rainfall amounts during the rainfall season from October 2026 to April 2027

October 2026

OCTOBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

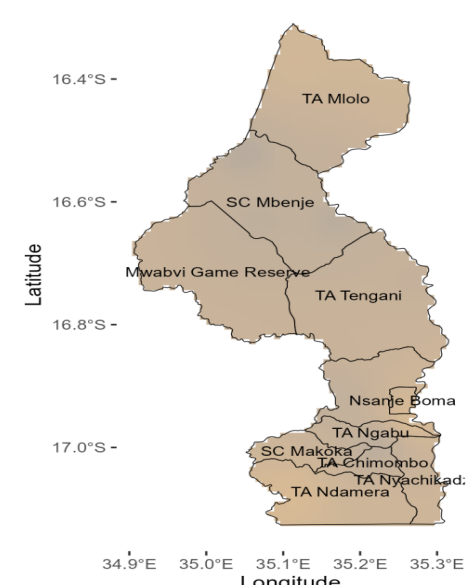


Expect this month to be generally dry, with below normal rainfall amounts of less than 50mm.

Expect Chizimalupsya rains to be accompanied by gusty winds and lightning during this month.

November 2026

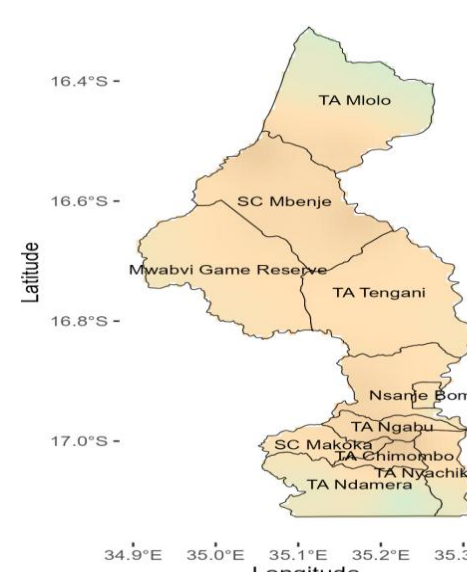
NOVEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST



November is expected to receive below normal rainfall amounts ranging between 50mm and 100mm. Expect rains to be accompanied by strong winds and lightning during this month.

December 2026

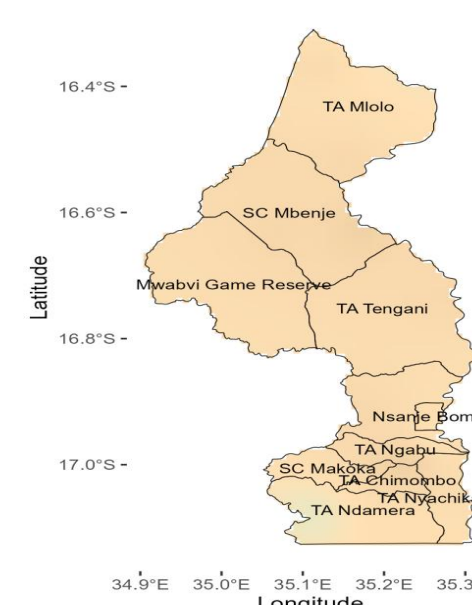
DECEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST



Expect normal to below normal rainfall amounts ranging between 150mm and 200mm during this month. Rainfall onset is expected to be delayed and is most likely from last week of December 2026.

January 2027

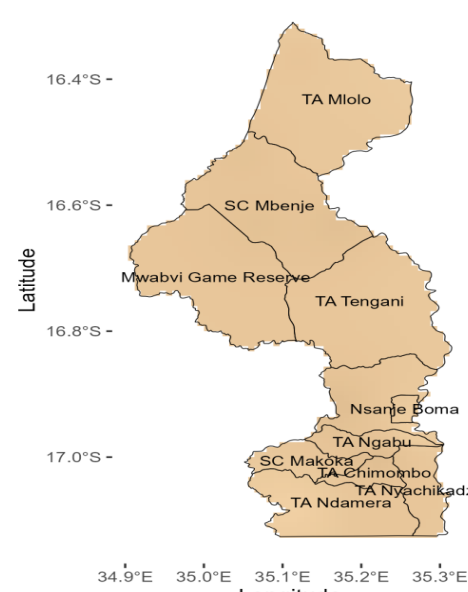
JANUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



January is expected to receive below normal rainfall amounts ranging from 100mm to 150mm over most areas. Dry spells of about a week are likely during this month.

February 2027

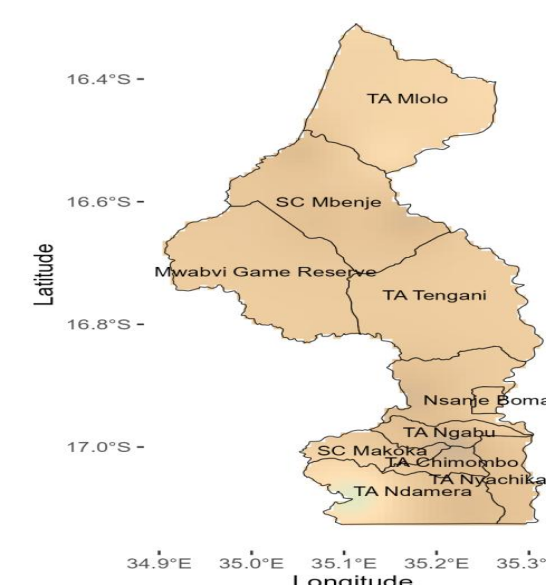
FEBRUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Most areas are expected to receive rainfall amounts ranging between 100mm and 150mm which is in the normal to below normal rainfall category for this month. There is a chance of dry spells lasting more than a week.

March 2027

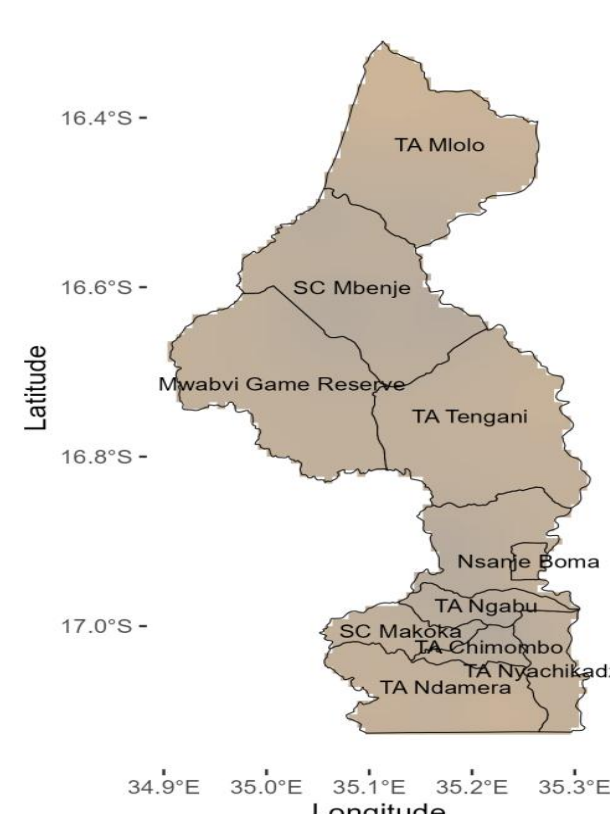
MARCH 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Expect normal to above normal rainfall amounts ranging from 100mm to 150mm during this month. However, some areas around west of TA Ndamera are likely to receive rainfall amounts exceeding 150mm.

April 2027

APRIL 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Expect below normal rainfall amounts ranging between 50mm and 100mm during this month.

Cessation of rainfall is more likely during the first week of April.

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset

Onset expected last week of December, 2026

Dry Spells

Dry spells of about a week in January and of about two weeks in February.

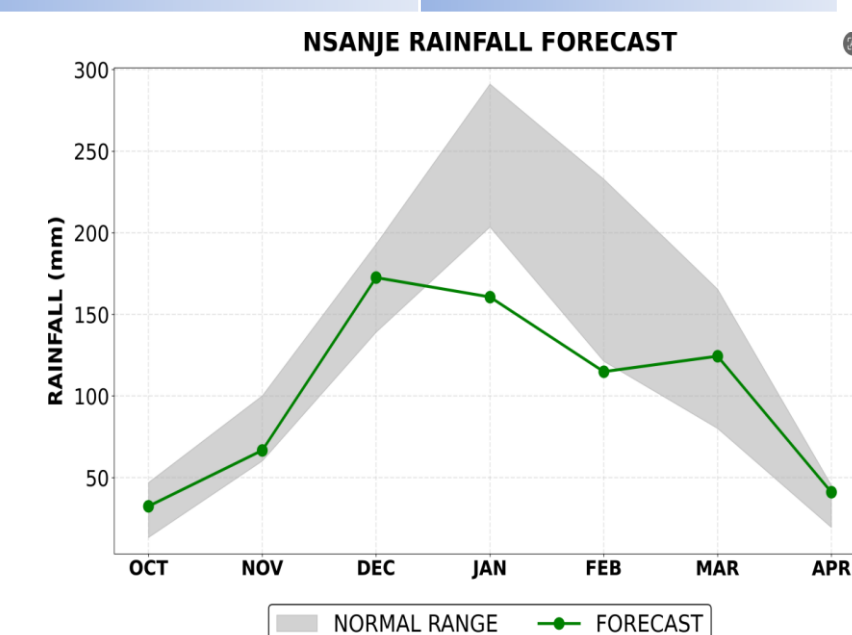
Seasonal Length

The season is expected to span 90 to 110 days.

Cessation

Cessation is expected during first week of April 2027.

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	13.3 - 47.0	32.5
NOV	60.2 - 100.2	66.7
DEC	139.1 - 193.1	172.5
JAN	203.5 - 291.1	160.7
FEB	121.3 - 232.9	114.9
MAR	80.1 - 165.5	124.4
APR	19.5 - 45.3	41.1



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

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