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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

MCHINJI

DISTRICT



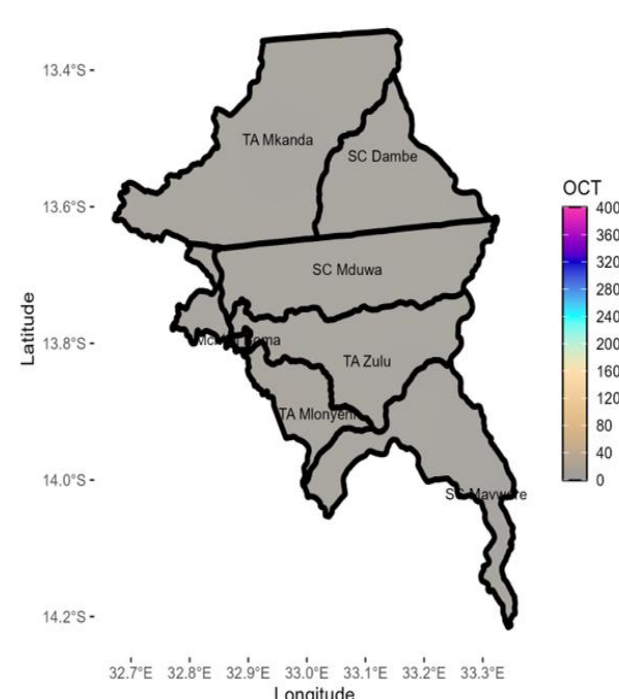
Overview

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.

Mchinji is expected to receive **normal to below normal total rainfall amounts** during the 2026-2027 rainfall season.

October 2026

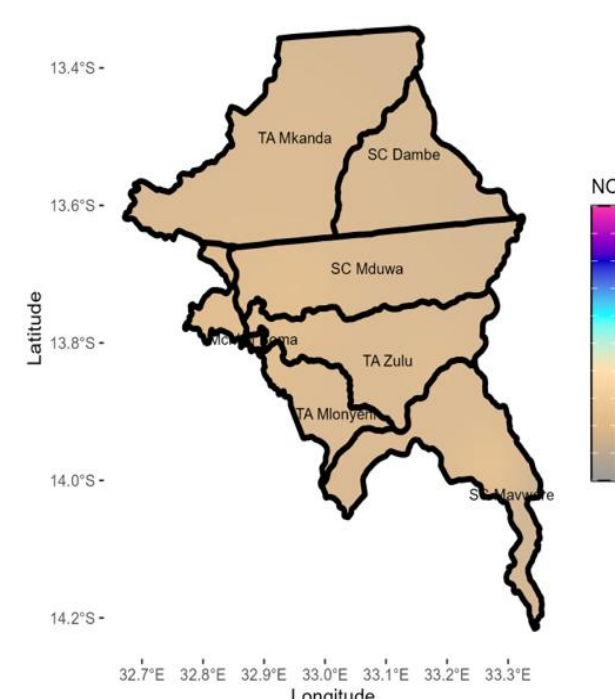
OCTOBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST



In October, most areas are likely to be dry. However, *Chizimalupsa* rains of about 20mm, are expected in few areas. These will be associated with strong winds and thunderstorms.

November 2026

NOVEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

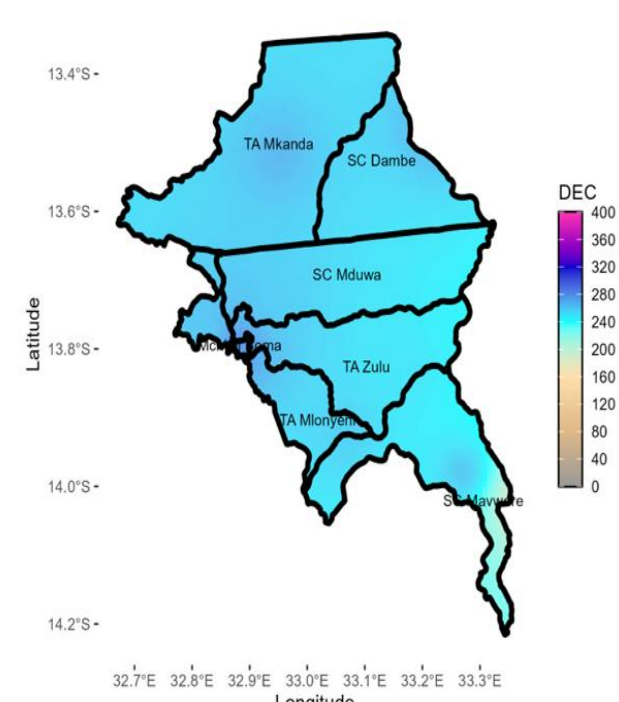


Most areas are expected to receive a range of 50-100 mm of rainfall. These are generally within the normal range.

Gusty winds and lightning are also expected. Onset over most areas is expected mid November.

December 2026

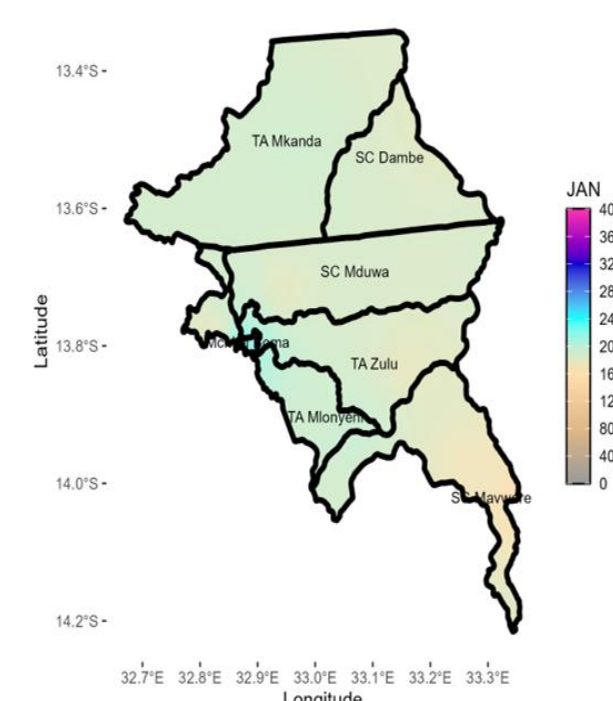
DECEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST



Significant pick of rainfall intensity is expected over most areas. Generally, normal to above normal rains are expected in December with the intensity ranging 250-300 mm.

January 2027

JANUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

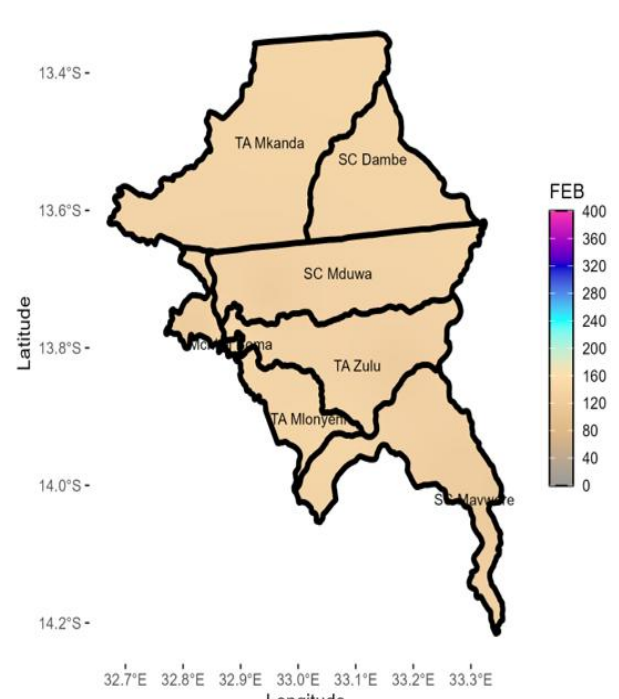


Generally, below normal rainfall amounts are expected with the intensity of about 200 mm over most areas.

One-week dry spells are expected during this month.

February 2027

FEBRUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

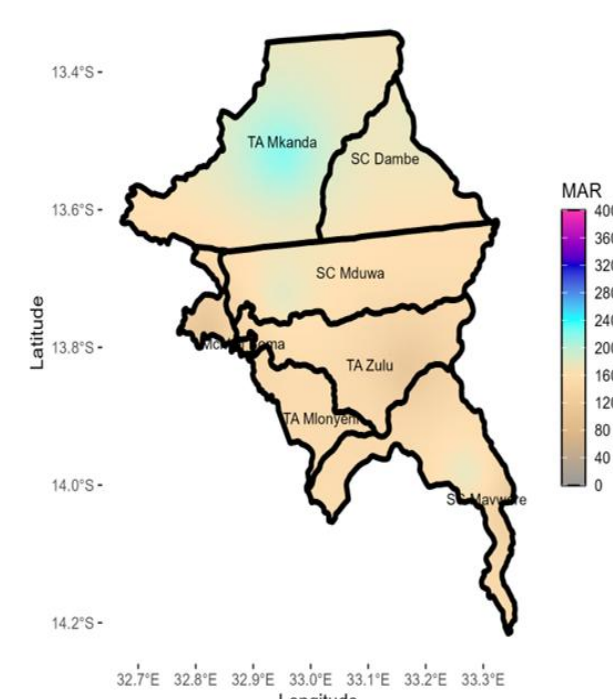


Generally normal to below-normal rainfall are expected over most areas with intensity of less than 150 mm.

Threat of prolonged dry spells of about 2 weeks is high during this month.

March 2027

MARCH 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

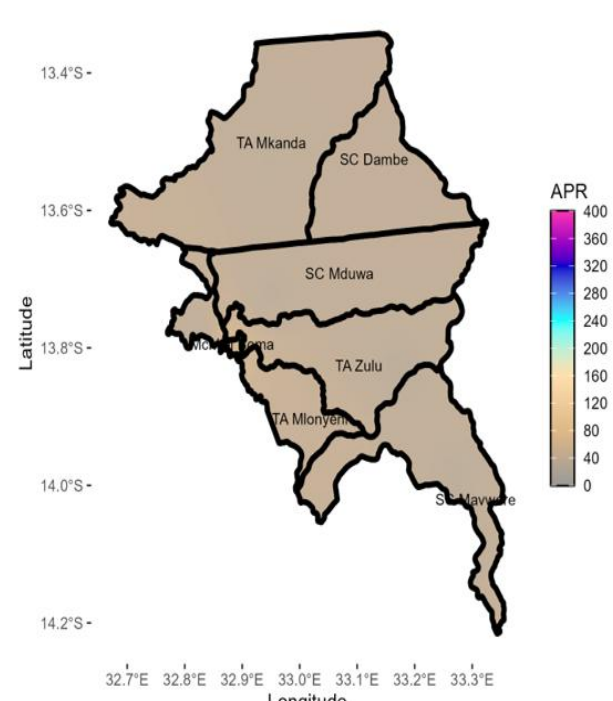


Generally normal to above normal rains are expected during this month over most areas with the range of 150-200 mm of rainfall.

Areas around TA Mkanda are expected to receive more rains of more than 200 mm.

April 2027

APRIL 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



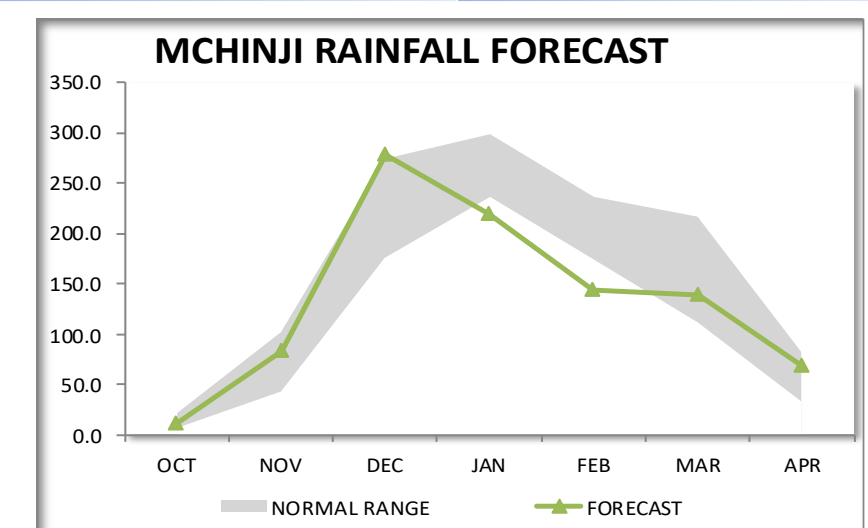
Less than 50 mm of rainfall are expected representing normal to above-normal rainfall amounts. Areas around Mchinji Boma will receive more than 50 mm.

Cessation is expected from second week of April

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset	Dry Spells	Seasonal Length	Cessation
Excepted from second week of December	High likelihood of about one week in January and two weeks in February.	Expected to have 120 to 130 days.	Expected from second week of April

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	6.7 – 21.4	12.2
NOV	42.7 – 102.4	83.5
DEC	175.6 – 274.0	278.5
JAN	235.9 – 298.1	219.2
FEB	174.5 – 236.0	143.2
MAR	111.5 – 217.0	139.3
APR	33.5 – 82.9	68.1



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

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