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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

LIKOMA DISTRICT



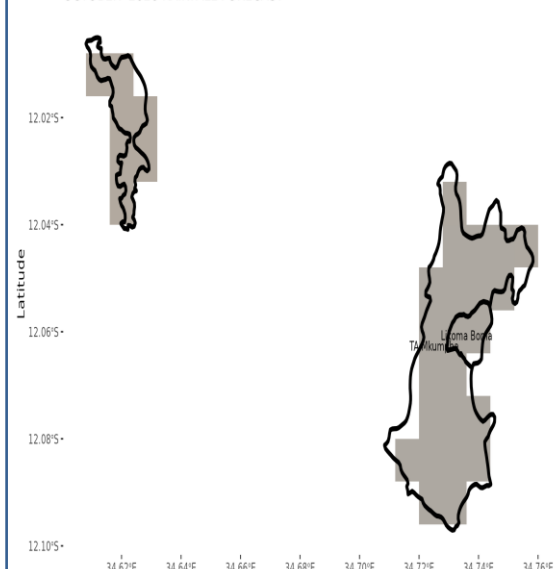
Overview

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.

Likoma district is expected to receive generally normal to above normal rainfall amounts during the rainfall season

October 2026

OCTOBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

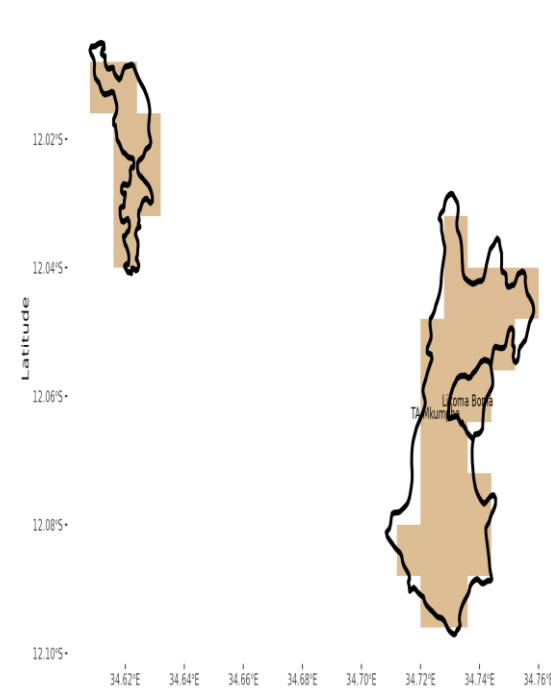


Generally dry and hot conditions are expected in the month of October with *Chizimalupsya* rains of less than 100mm.

These rains may be accompanied by gusty winds and lightnings.

November 2026

NOVEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

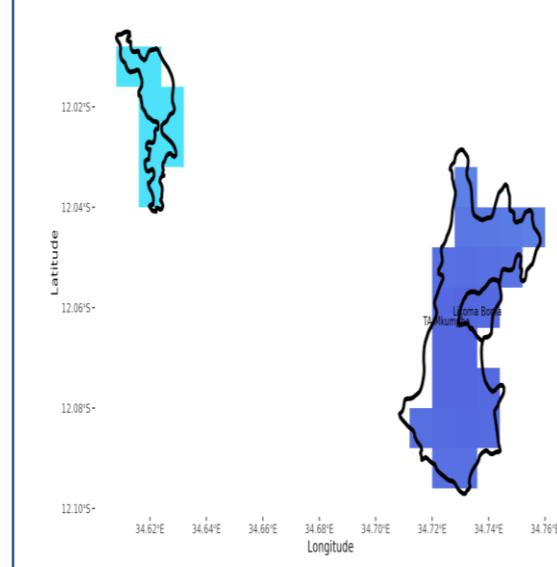


In the month of November, the Island will receive normal to below normal rainfall amount of around 50mm to 200mm.

The rains are expected to be associated with gusty winds and lightnings.

December 2026

DECEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

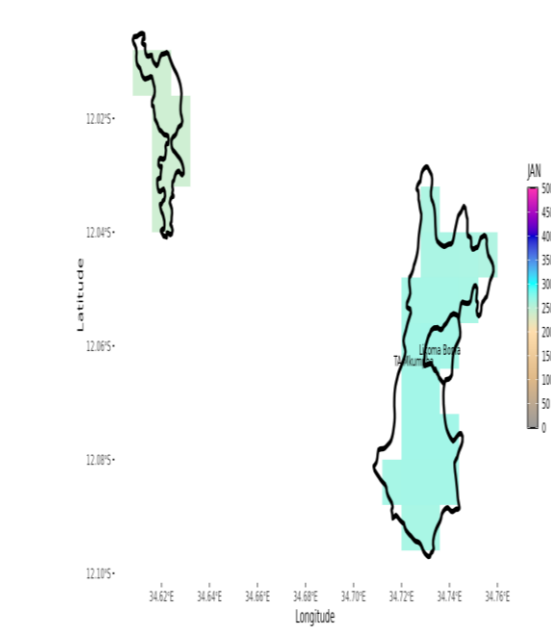


Above normal rainfall amounts ranging from 250mm to 400mm are expected, with the highest amounts over Likoma Island. Chizumulu Island is expected to receive normal to above-normal rainfall.

Season onset is expected during the first to second week of December.

January 2027

JANUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

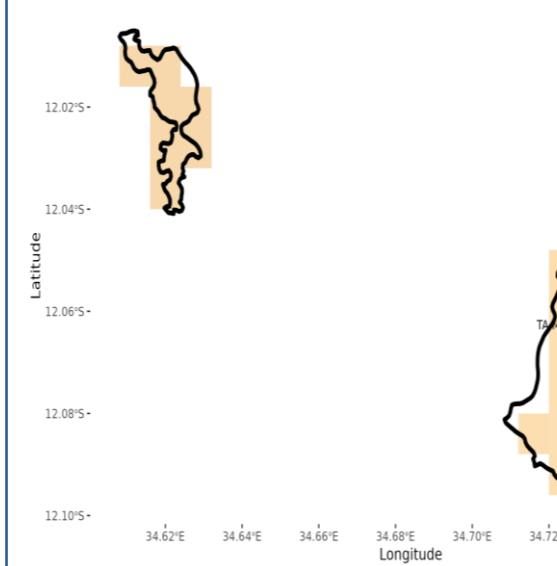


In January, generally normal to above normal rainfall amounts are expected over Likoma district.

The rainfall totals will range from 250mm to 300mm over most areas in the district.

February 2027

FEBRUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

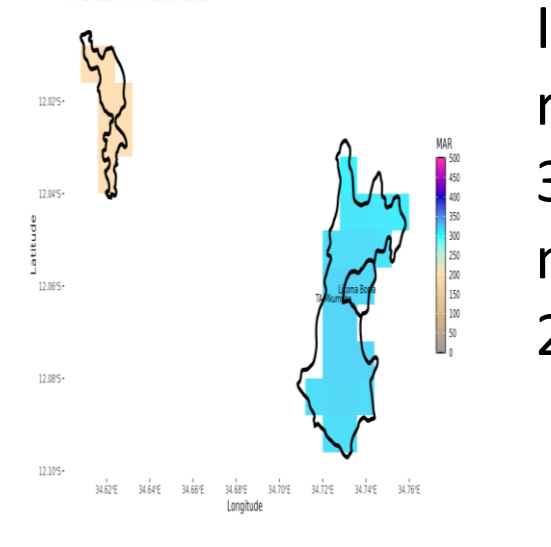


In February, normal rainfall amounts of around 200mm are expected over both islands.

A week long dry spell is possible during this month.

March 2027

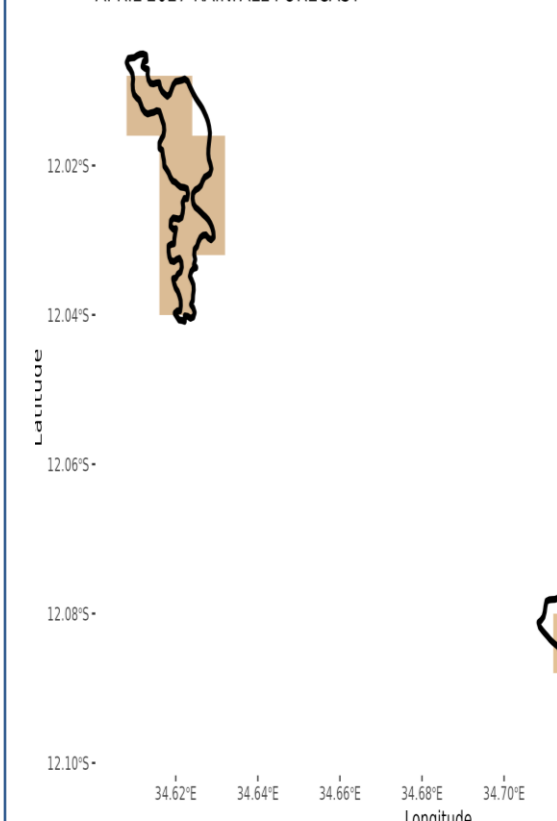
MARCH 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



In the month of March, Likoma is expected to receive above normal rainfall amounts of up to 300mm while chizumulu is expected to receive normal rainfall amounts around 150mm to 200mm.

April 2027

APRIL 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



During this month, Likoma District is expected to receive normal rainfall amounts below 150 mm.

Rainfall cessation is likely during the mid of April across the district.

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset

Rainfall onset is anticipated from first to second week of December 2026.

Dry Spells

Dry spells of 1 week may occur in the month of February 2027.

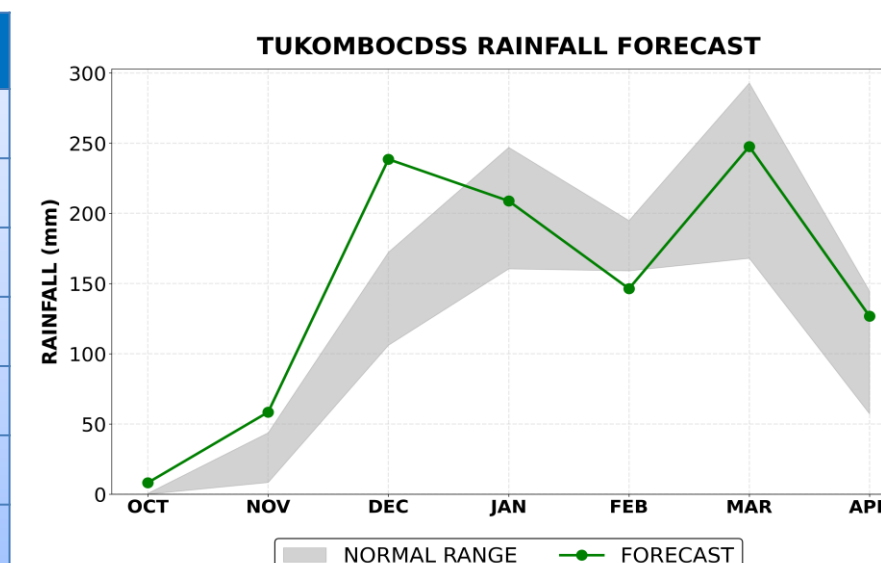
Seasonal Length

The seasonal length to likely range between 130 and 140 days.

Cessation

Rainfall cessation
Expected from mid of April.

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	0.0– 0.7	8.2
NOV	8.4– 43.8	58.5
DEC	106.1– 172.4	238.6
JAN	160.5– 247.0	208.8
FEB	159.1 – 194.9	146.4
MAR	168.0– 292.9	247.6
APR	57.2 – 144.6	126.8



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

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