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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

DOWA
DISTRICT



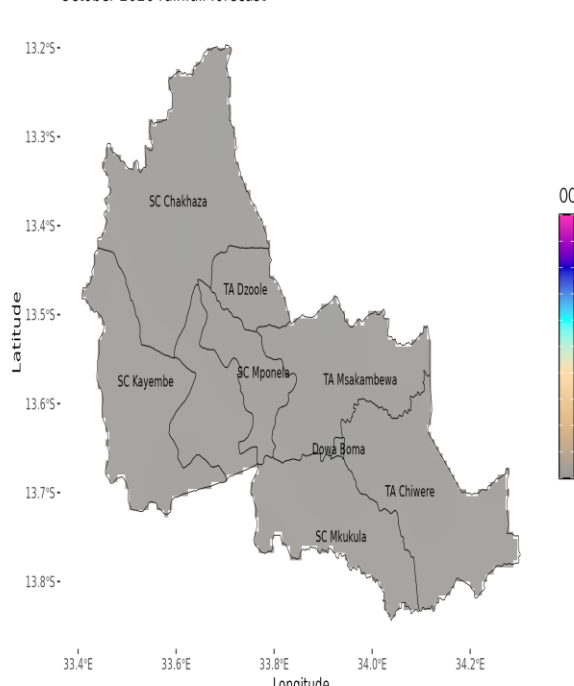
Overview

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.

Dowa district is expected to receive generally normal to below normal rainfall amounts during the 2026-2027 rainfall season.

October 2026

October 2026 rainfall forecast

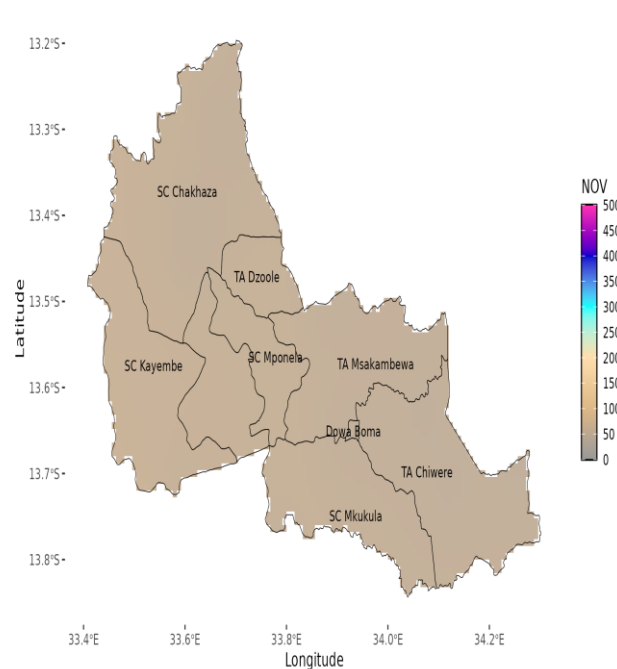


During the month, most areas in the district are likely to have hot and dry conditions.

However, *Chizimalupsa* rains are likely in few areas that will be associated with strong gusty winds and thunderstorms.

November 2026

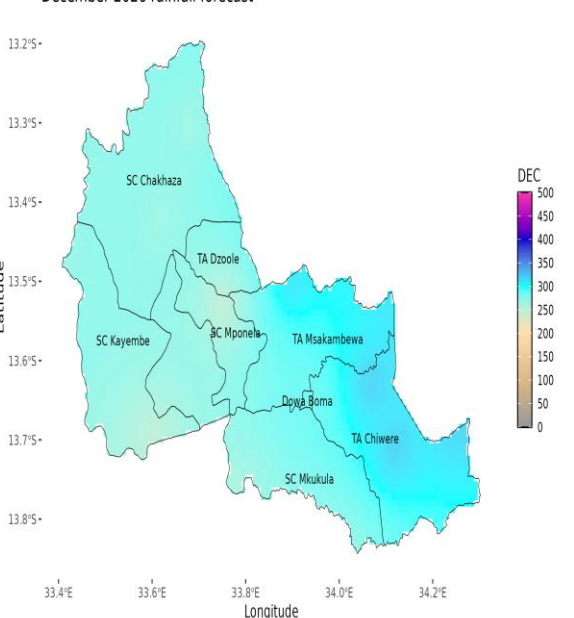
November 2026 rainfall forecast



During November, most areas are likely to receive around 100 mm of rainfall, which is normal to below normal, likely associated with thunderstorms and gusty winds.

December 2026

December 2026 rainfall forecast

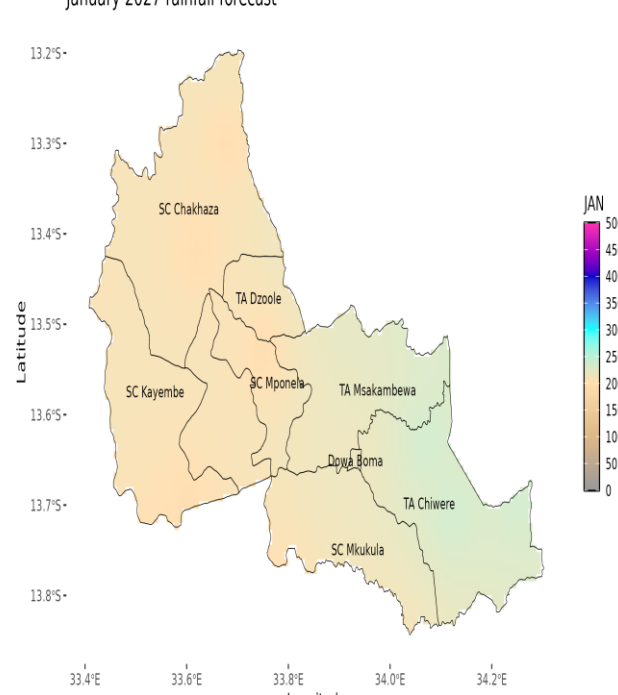


Most areas in the district are likely to receive normal to above-normal rainfall, with amounts of about 300 mm.

Onset of rainfall season is expected from second week of December.

January 2027

January 2027 rainfall forecast

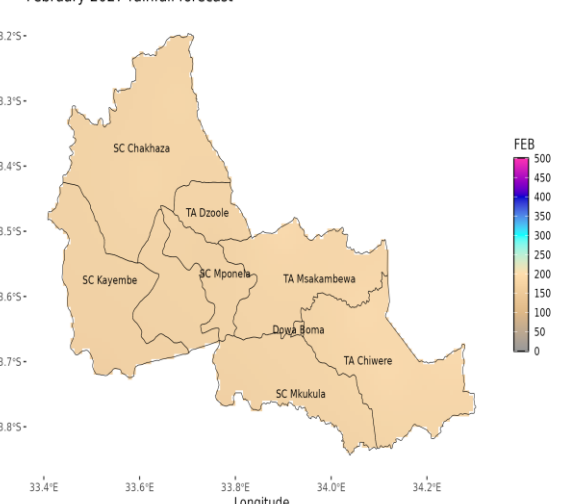


Dowa is expected to experience wetter conditions in January, with most areas receiving between 200 and 250 mm of rainfall. These amounts are within normal rainfall.

Dry spells lasting one week are likely during this month.

February 2027

February 2027 rainfall forecast

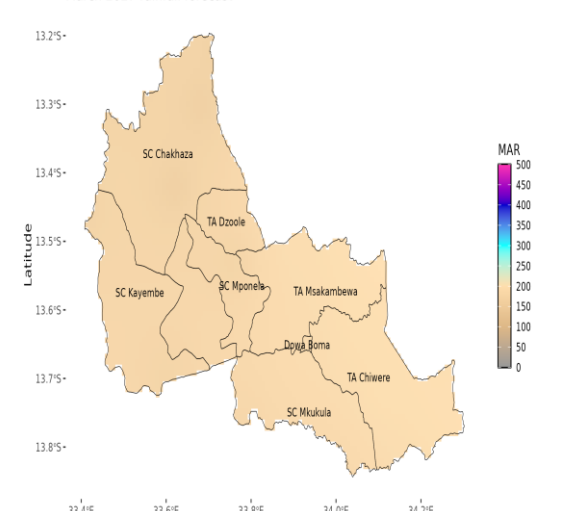


In February, normal to above normal rainfall is expected in some areas, with rainfall amounts around 200 mm.

There is a high likelihood of dry spells for about one week.

March 2027

March 2027 rainfall forecast



In March, most areas are likely to receive normal to above-normal rainfall of around 200 mm during March

April 2027

April 2027 rainfall forecast



Normal to above-normal rainfall totals of around 50mm to 100mm are expected across the district during April.

Rainfall cessation is expected across most areas from the last week of march

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset

The onset is expected from the second of December

Dry Spells

There is a likelihood of dry spells of about a week in January and February.

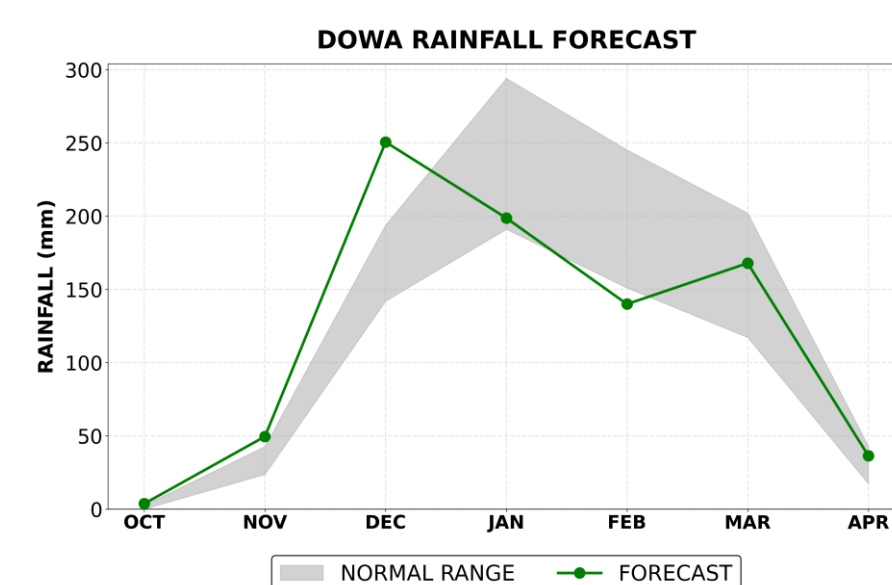
Seasonal Length

Expected to last 110-120 days

Cessation

Cessation is expected from of end week of March.

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	0	2.6
NOV	23.6	42.8
DEC	142	193.9
JAN	191	294
FEB	151	245.2
MAR	117.2	202.1
APR	17.3	43



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

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