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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

DEDZA
DISTRICT

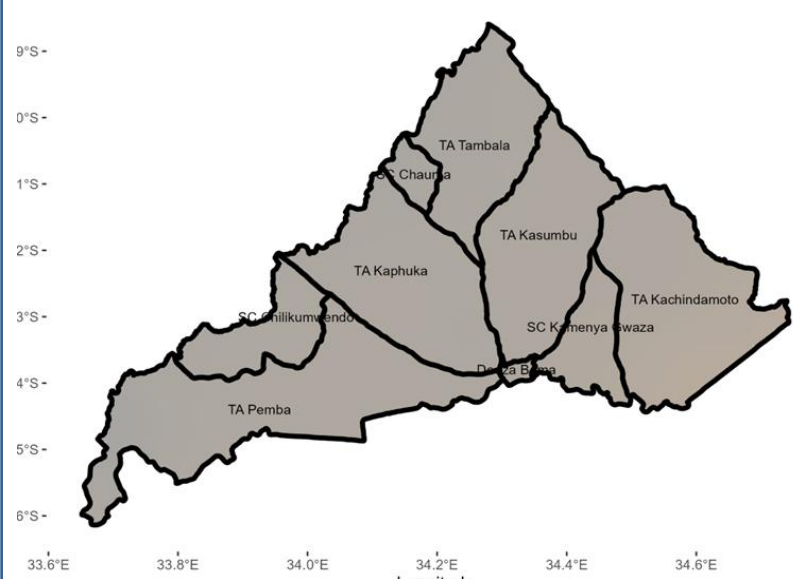
Overview

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.

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

October 2026

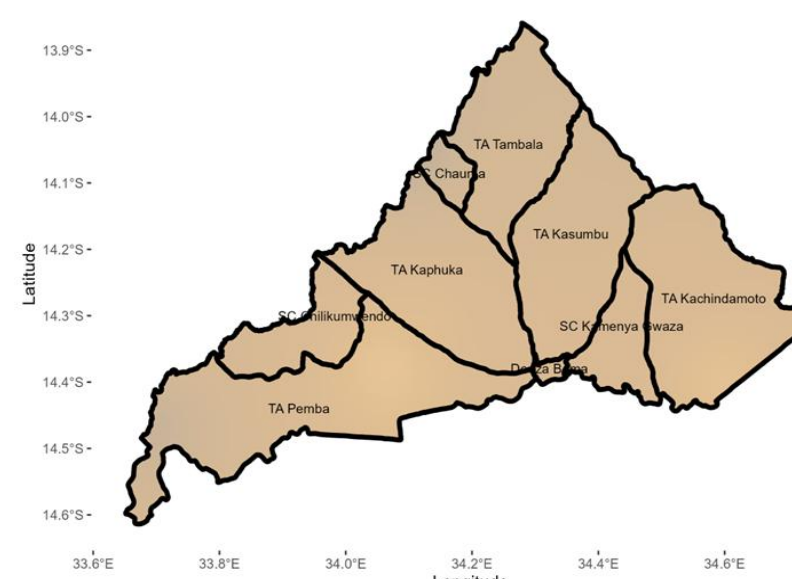
OCTOBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST



October is expected to be a dry month with *Chizimalupsa* rains of less than 20 mm over most areas. These rains will be associated with strong winds and thunderstorms.

November 2026

NOVEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

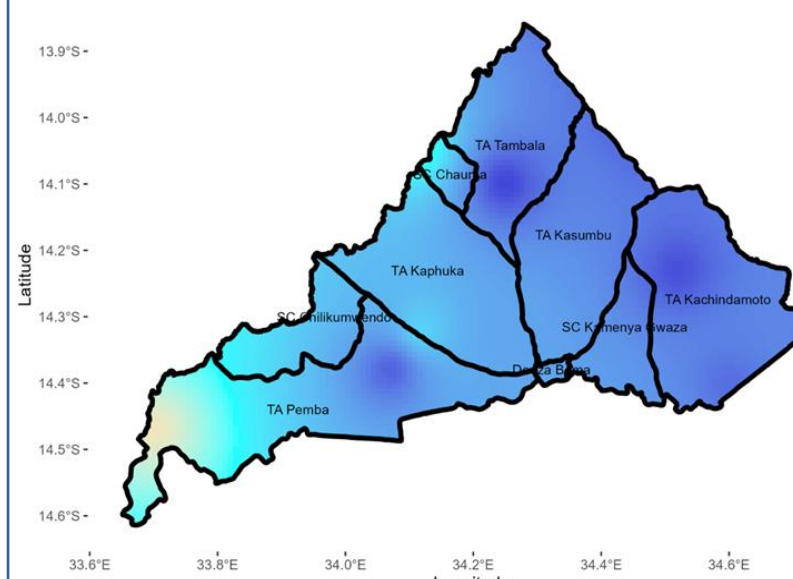


During the month of November most areas are expected to receive a range of 50-100 mm of rainfall. Onset of the season in some areas is expected during the last week of November.

The rains are expected to be accompanied by strong winds and lightning.

December 2026

DECEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

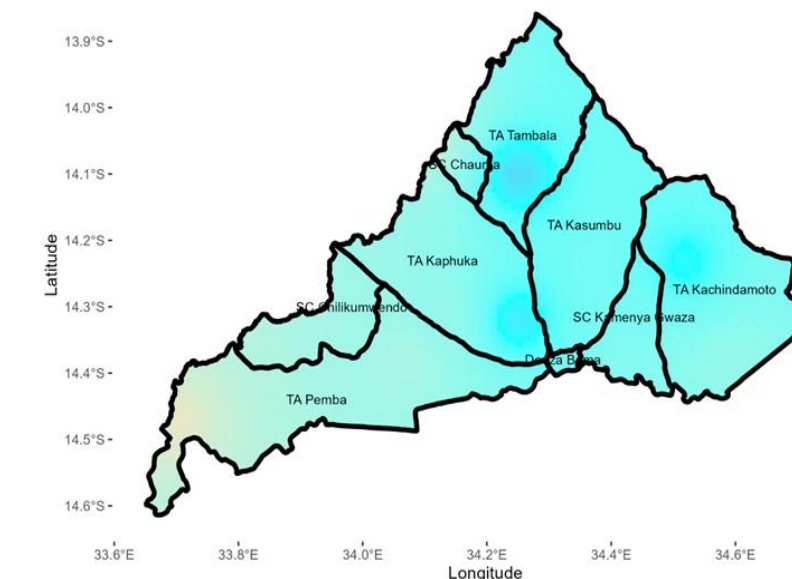


The rains are expected to pick significantly during this month as most areas will receive above normal rainfall. The expected amount is more than 250 mm over most areas.

Most areas are expected to have onset by second week of December.

January 2027

JANUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

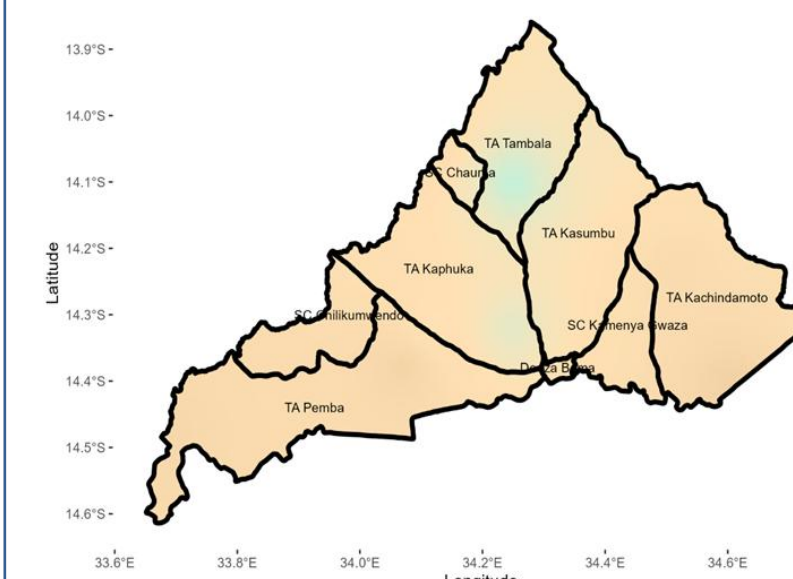


A reduction in rainfall amounts is expected over most areas in January. The rains will be within the normal to below normal range.

Dry spells of more than a week are expected during this month.

February 2027

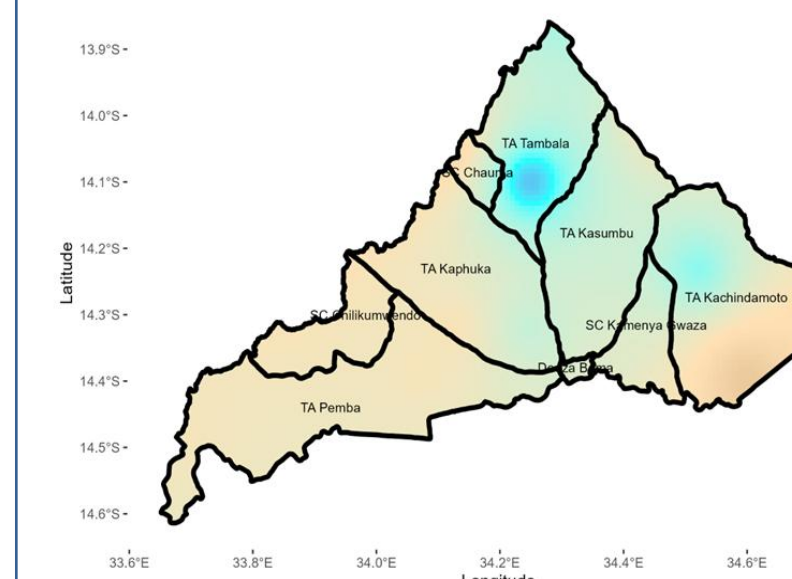
FEBRUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Most areas are expected to receive rainfall of about 150 mm in February. This signifies below normal rainfall amounts. Threat of prolonged dry spells of about two-week dry spells is high during this month.

March 2027

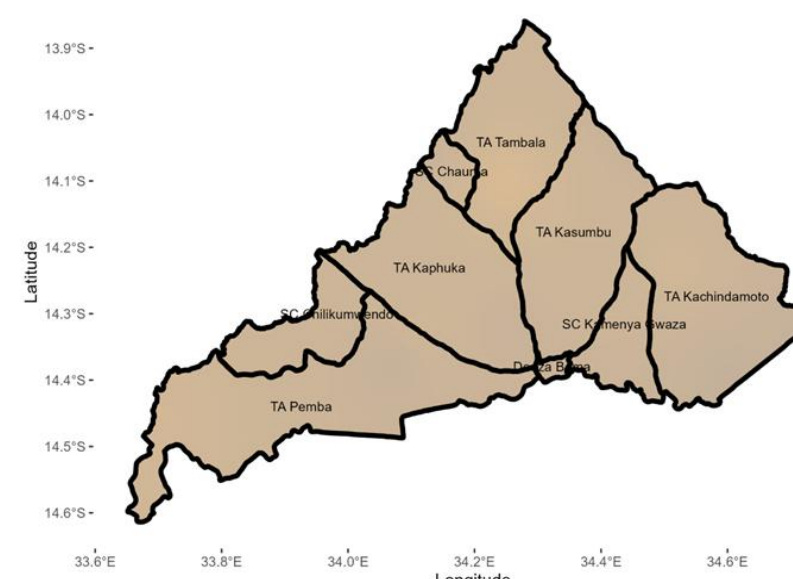
MARCH 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



In March, areas around TA Tambala and north of TA Kachindamoto are expected to receive more rains. The whole district is expecting a range of 150-200mm. The rains might cause water logging in some areas.

April 2027

APRIL 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



During the month of April, as the season will be coming to an end the rains expected will be less than 100 mm.

Cessation is expected during the second and third week of April, 2027.

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset

Excepted from second week of December

Dry Spells

Threat of prolonged dry spells of about one week in January, and two weeks in February.

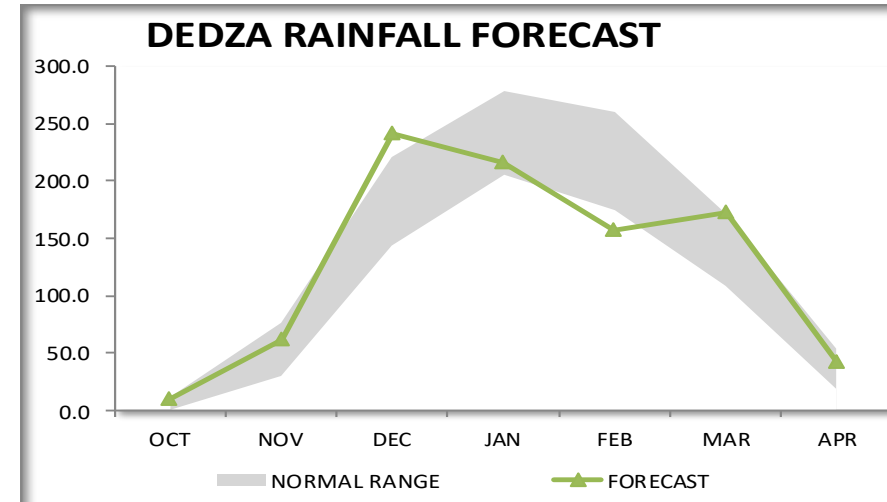
Seasonal Length

Expected to last 130 to 140 days

Cessation

Expected from second or third week of April

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	1.1	12.1
NOV	29.6	76.7
DEC	143.5	221.3
JAN	205.4	277.8
FEB	174.5	259.8
MAR	108.2	171.4
APR	18.6	54.5



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

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