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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

THYOLO DISTRICT

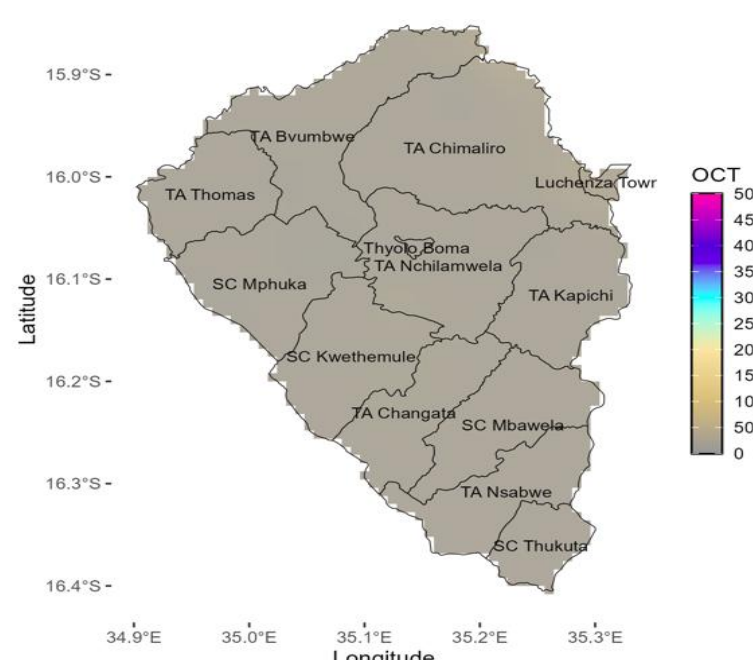
Overview

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.

Thyolo District is expected to receive generally normal to below normal rainfall during the 2026/2027 rainfall season.

October 2026

OCTOBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

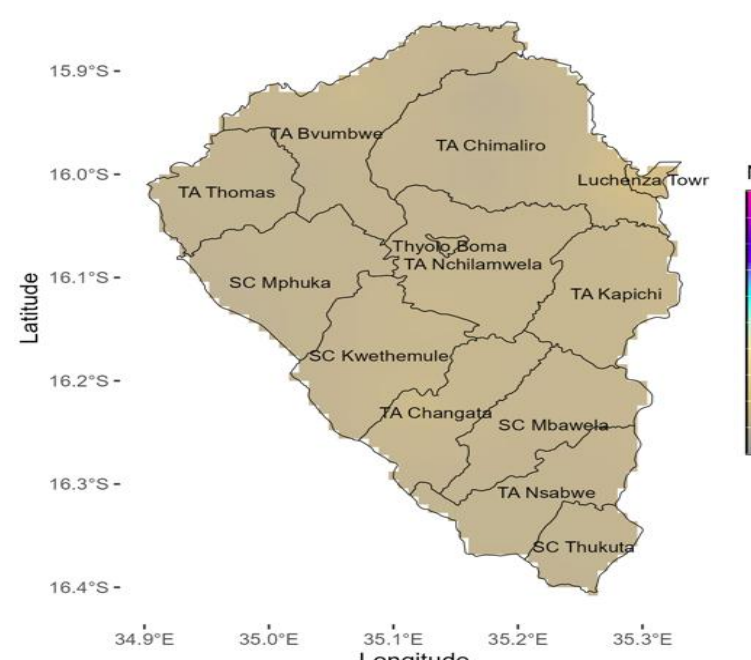


October is expected to be generally dry and hot. However, Chizimalupsya rains are expected in some parts of the district.

Expect gusty winds and lightning during this month.

November 2026

NOVEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

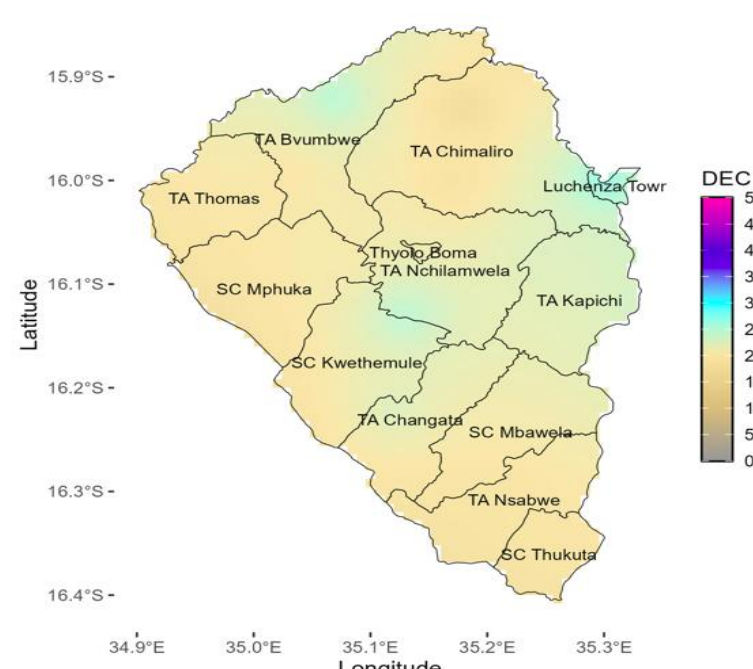


Generally normal rainfall amounts are expected during this month with totals of between 50mm to 100mm in most areas.

Gusty winds and lightning associated with thunderstorms are also anticipated.

December 2026

DECEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

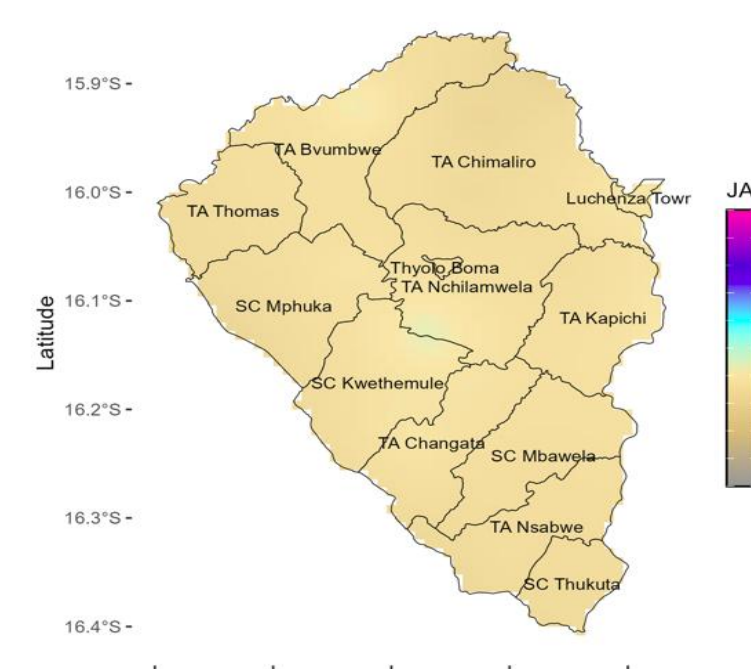


Most areas are expected to receive normal rainfall amounts ranging between 200mm to 250mm during this month.

The onset of rains is expected during the second week of December.

January 2027

JANUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

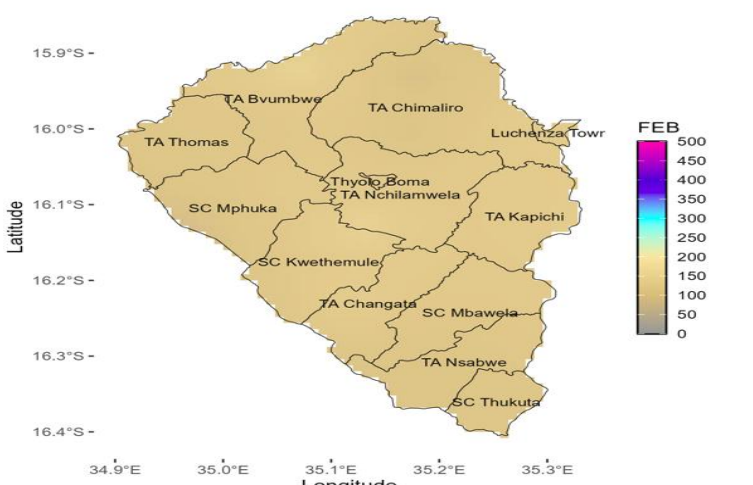


January is expected to receive normal to below normal rainfall ranging from 150mm to 200mm.

Dry spells of about a week are expected during this month.

February 2027

FEBRUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

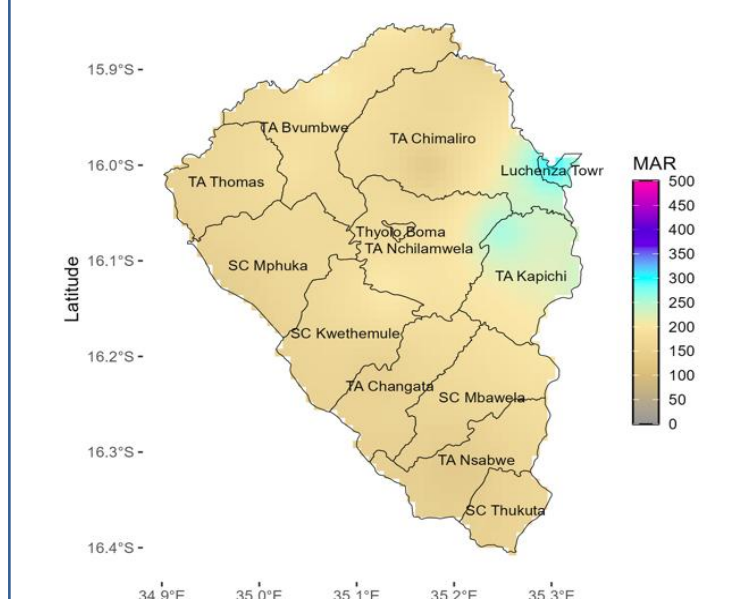


In February, below normal rainfall ranging from 100mm to 150mm are expected.

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

March 2027

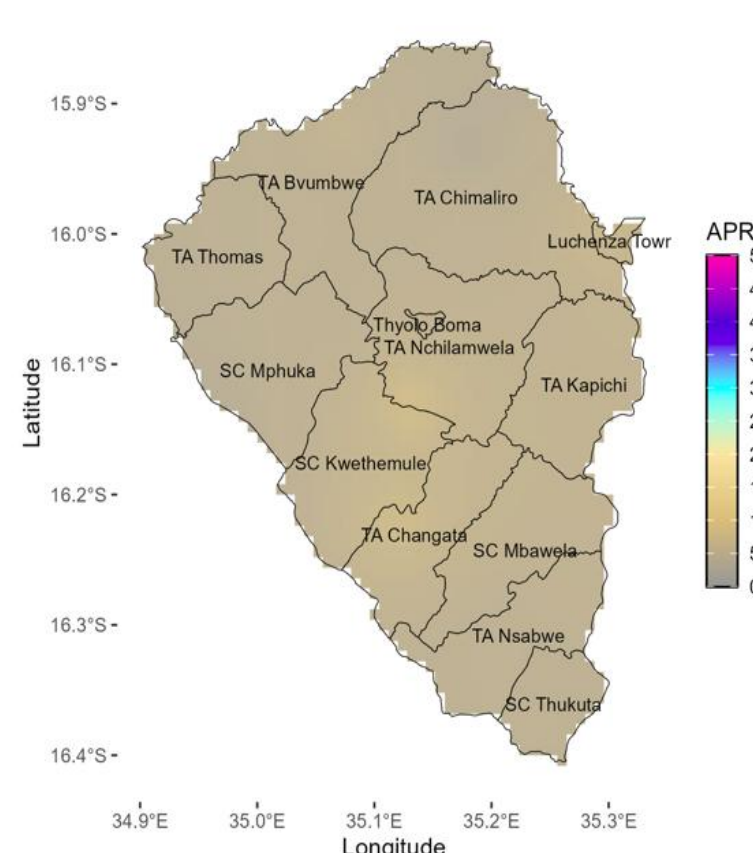
MARCH 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Normal to above normal rainfall amounts ranging from 150mm to 200mm are expected over most areas. Some few areas around Luchenza town, TA Nchilamwela, TA Chimaliro and TA Kapichi are expected to receive rainfall more than 250mm

April 2027

APRIL 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



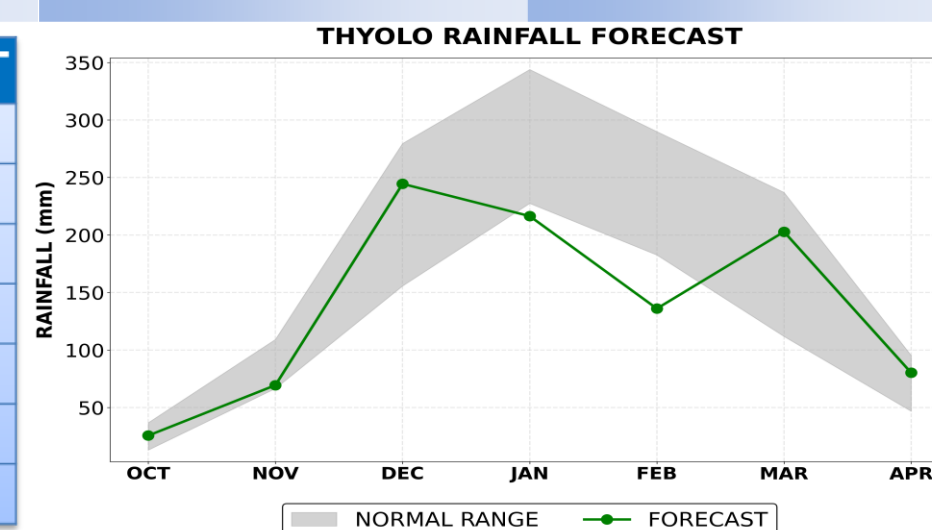
In April, most areas will generally receive normal to above normal rainfall amounts ranging between 50mm to 100mm.

The rainfall season is expected to come to an end during second week of April.

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset	Dry Spells	Seasonal Length	Cessation
Expected from second week of December 2026.	Dry spells of about a week in January and of more than a week in February are expected.	Expected to range from 110-120 days .	Expected on second week of April, 2027.

MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	13.1-36.8	25.6
NOV	66.6-109.2	69.4
DEC	155.7-279.6	244.5
JAN	227.5-343.9	216.4
FEB	182.6-289.9	136.0
MAR	111.8-237.0	202.8
APR	46.8-95.2	80.2



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

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