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2026/2027 DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST

PHALOMBE DISTRICT

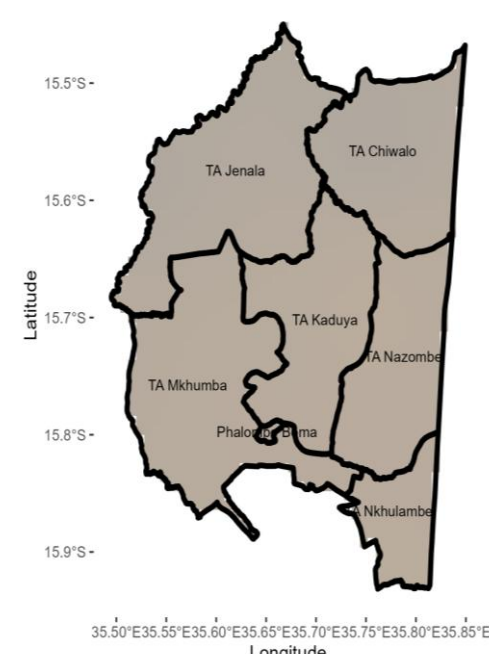
Overview

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.

Phalombe is expected to receive **normal to below normal rainfall** in 2026-2027 rainfall season.

October 2026

OCTOBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

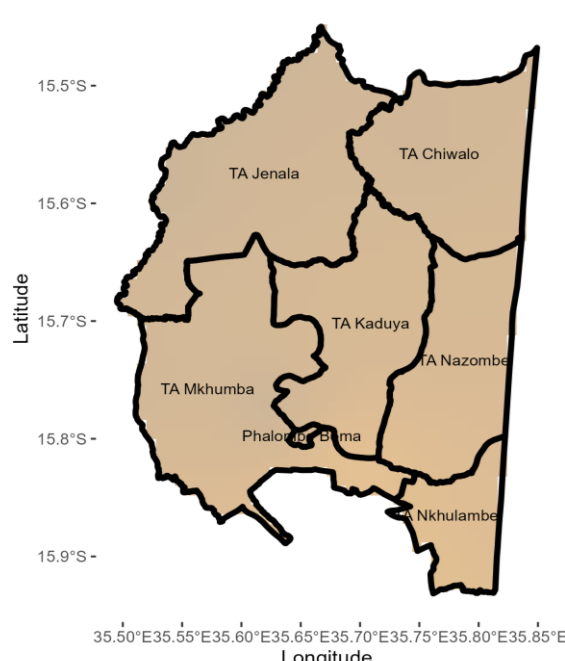


Expect Chizimalupya rains of not more than 30 mm

These rains will be accompanied by lightnings and gusty winds.

November 2026

NOVEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

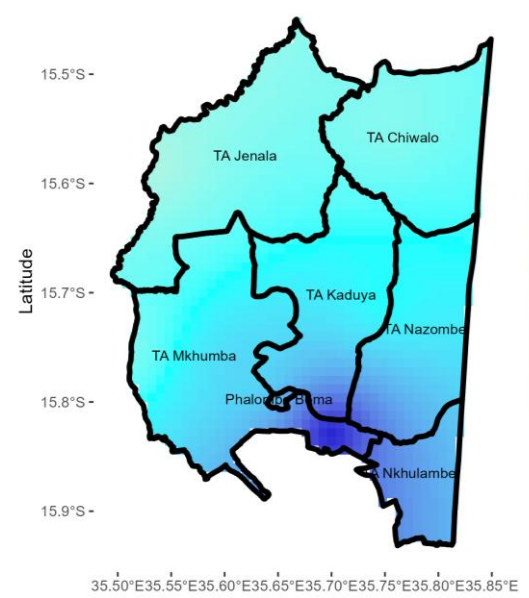


Normal to below normal rainfall in the range 50 to 100 mm is expected

These rains are expected to be accompanied by strong winds and lightnings.

December 2026

DECEMBER 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST



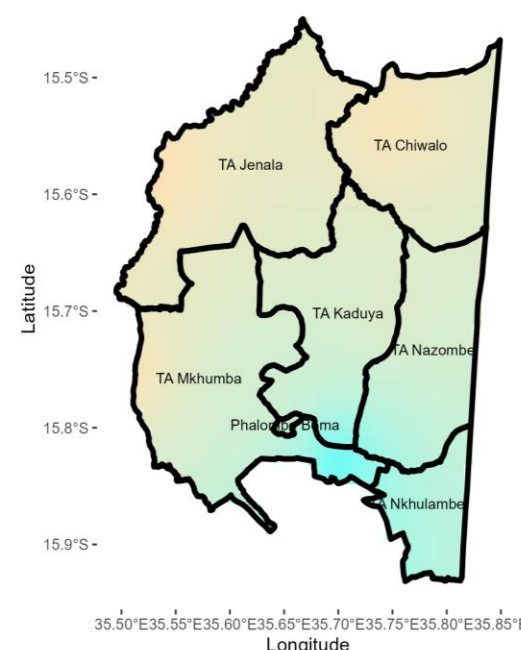
December is expected to be wet **with normal to below normal rainfall amounts expected** ranging from **200 to 250 mm**.

Many areas in TA Mkhumba, Nkhulambe and areas around Phalombe boma may receive more rains, not less than 300 mm

Rainfall onset is expected second week of December.

January 2027

JANUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



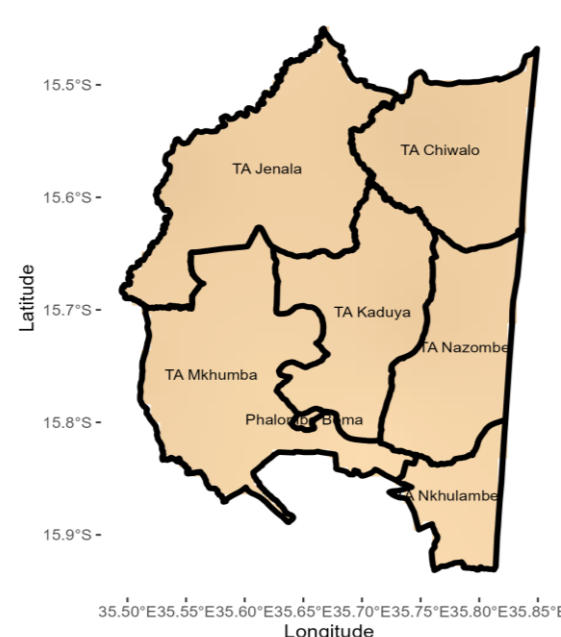
Below normal rains of not more than 200 mm are anticipated in many areas. Few areas near the Boma are expected receive rainfall about 250 mm.

Some areas in TA Chiwalo, TA Jenala and Mkhumba are expected to receive rainfall less than 170 mm.

One-week long dry spells is possible

February 2027

FEBRUARY 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

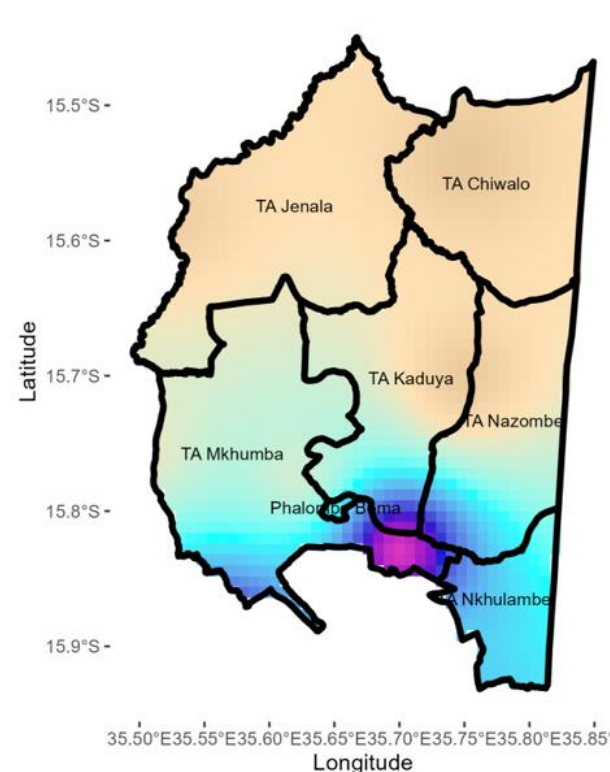


Normal to below normal rainfall amounts ranging from 100 to 150 mm are anticipated

There is risk of dry spells lasting two weeks

March 2027

MARCH 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST

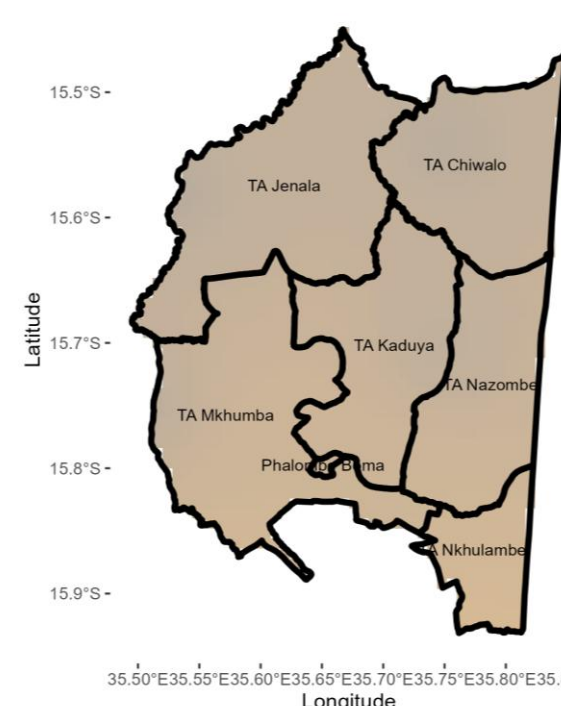


Many areas in the northern half of the district are expected to receive normal to below normal rainfall ranging from 100 to 150 mm

The southern part on the other hand, such as TA Nkhumba and Nkhulambe, are expected to receive more rains reaching up to 200 mm. Areas around Phalombe Boma are expected to receive more rains amounting to 400 mm.

April 2027

APRIL 2027 RAINFALL FORECAST



Below normal rainfall less than 100 mm is expected.

Rainfall cessation is expected during the first week of April.

SEASON IN SUMMARY

Rainfall Onset

Rainfall onset is expected second week of December

Dry Spells

Dry spells of about one week in January and dry spells of about two weeks are expected in February.

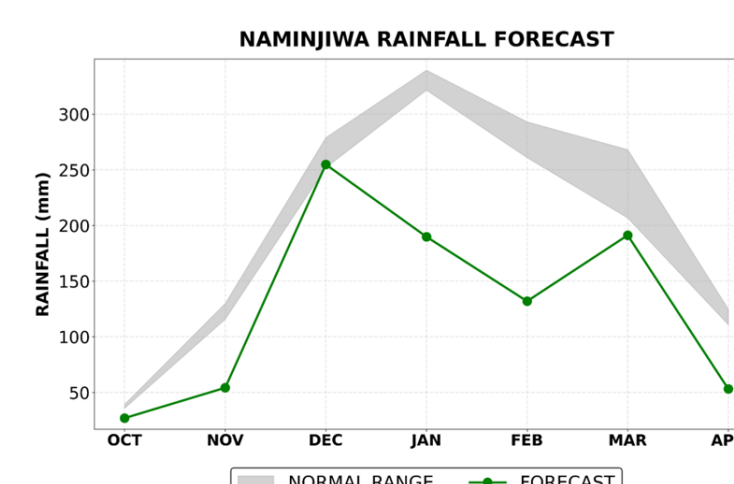
Seasonal Length

The season is expected to last **110-120 days**.

Cessation

Cessation expected first week of **April**

MONTH	LOWER LIMIT	UPPER LIMIT	FORECAST
OCT	1.4	19.4	24.4
NOV	44.4	80.5	60.4
DEC	173.1	244.3	218.8
JAN	231.2	333.6	182.5
FEB	186.8	232.7	119.1
MAR	95.6	165.7	153.7
APR	12.1	44.5	31.1



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

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