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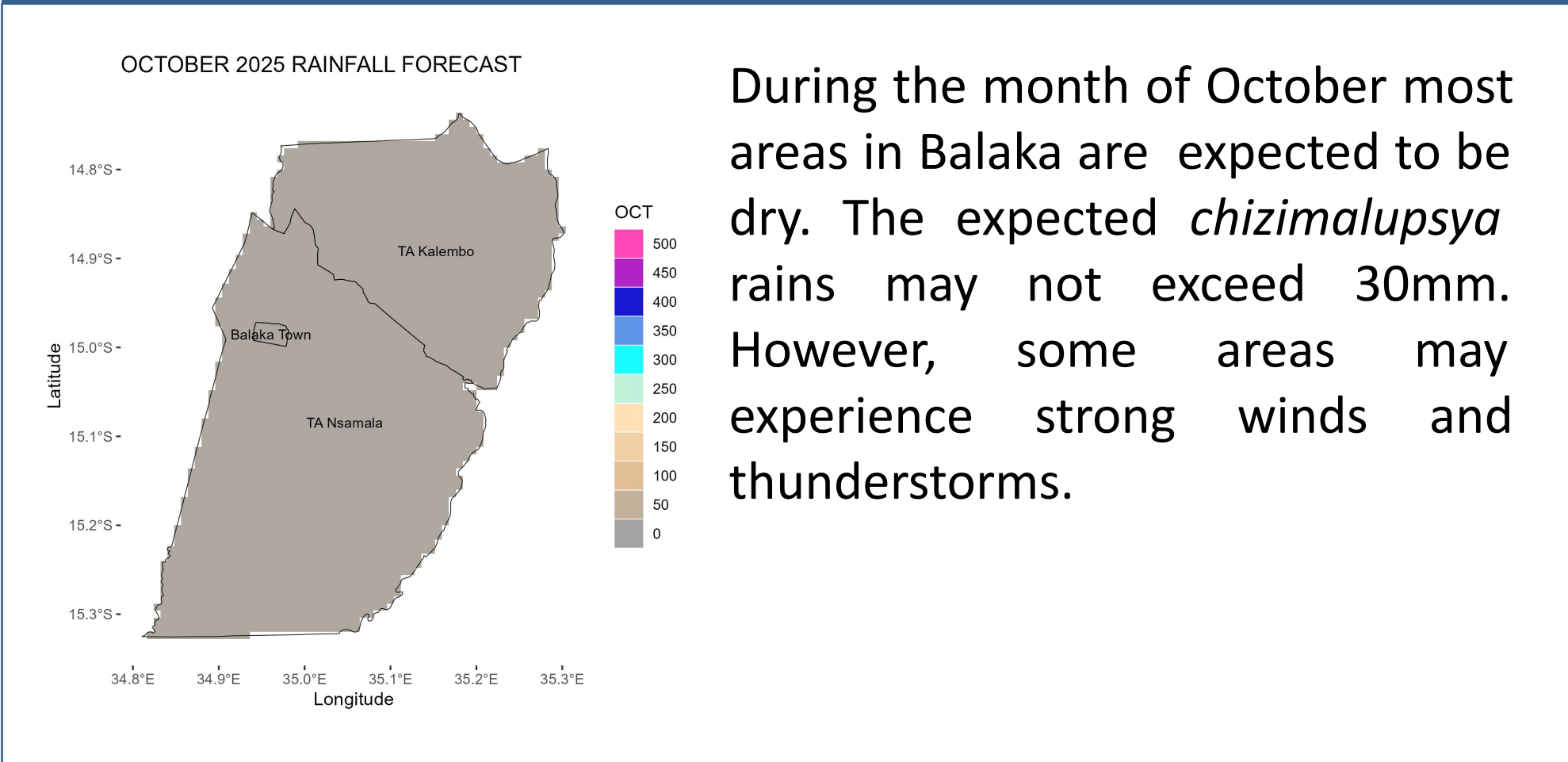
BALAKA DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2025-2026

Overview of 2025/2026 Rainfall Season

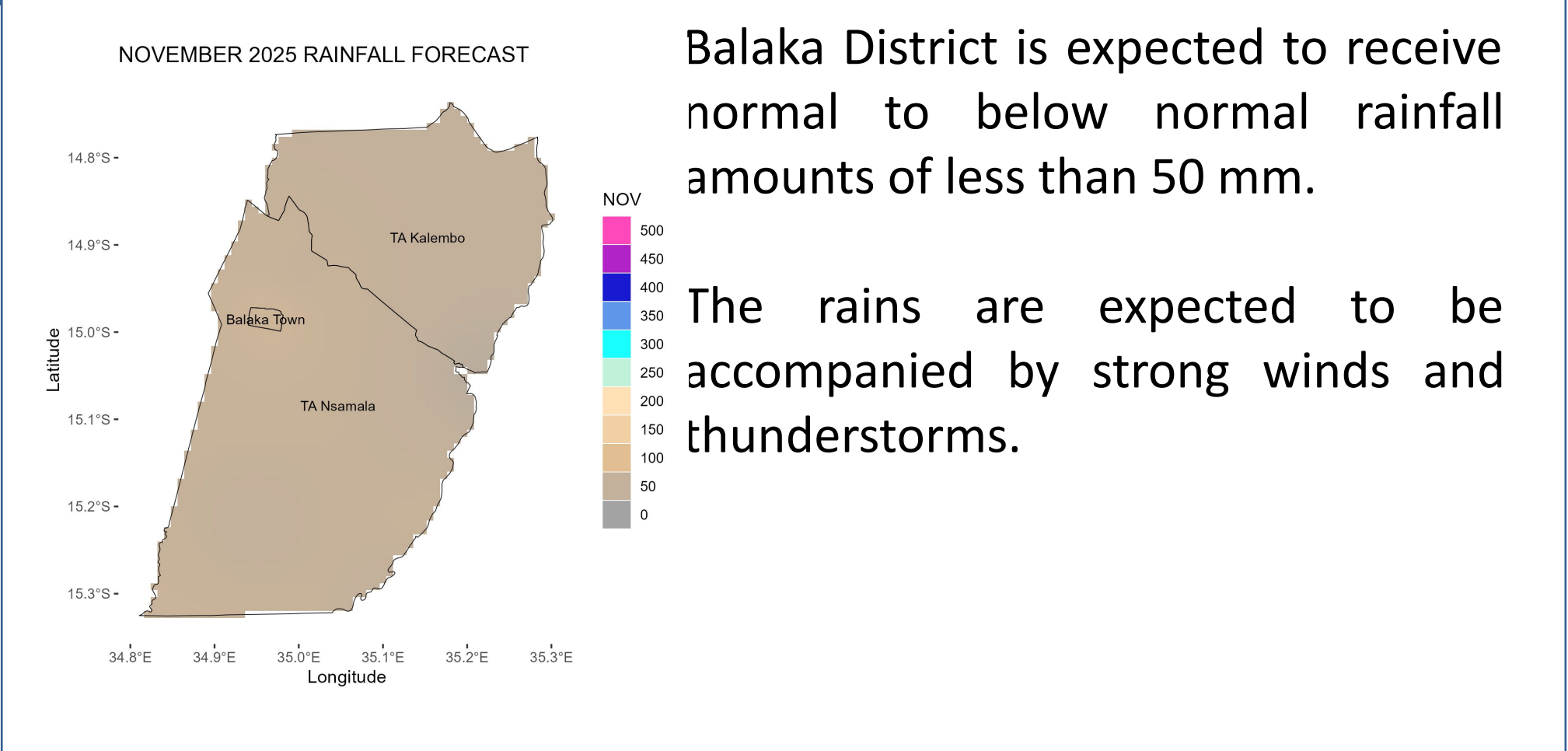
The 2025/2026 rainfall season is likely to be partly influenced by Neutral El Nino Southern Oscillation conditions in the tropical Pacific Ocean among other factors.

Balaka district is expected to receive **normal to below normal rainfall** amounts during the 2025/2026 rainfall season.

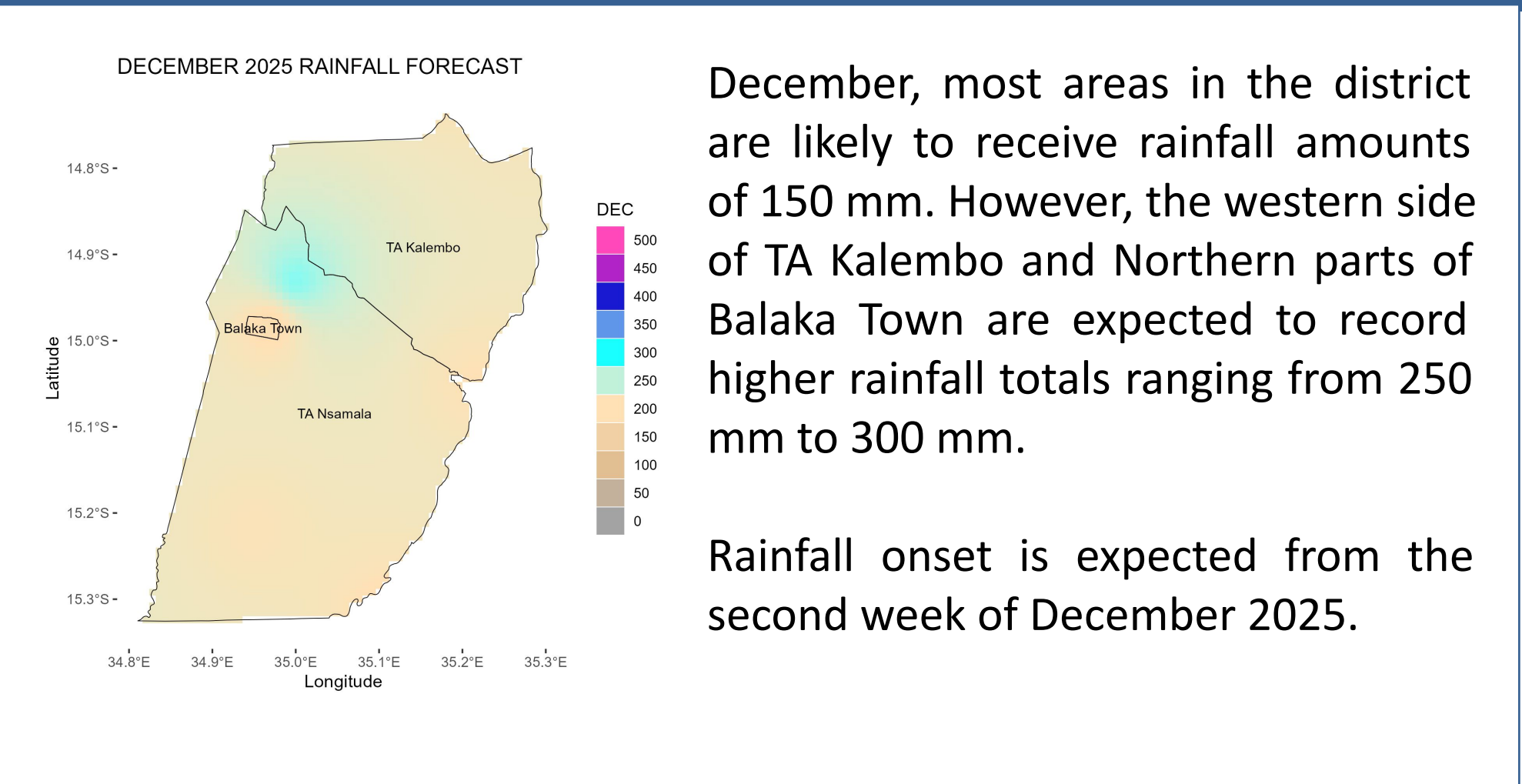
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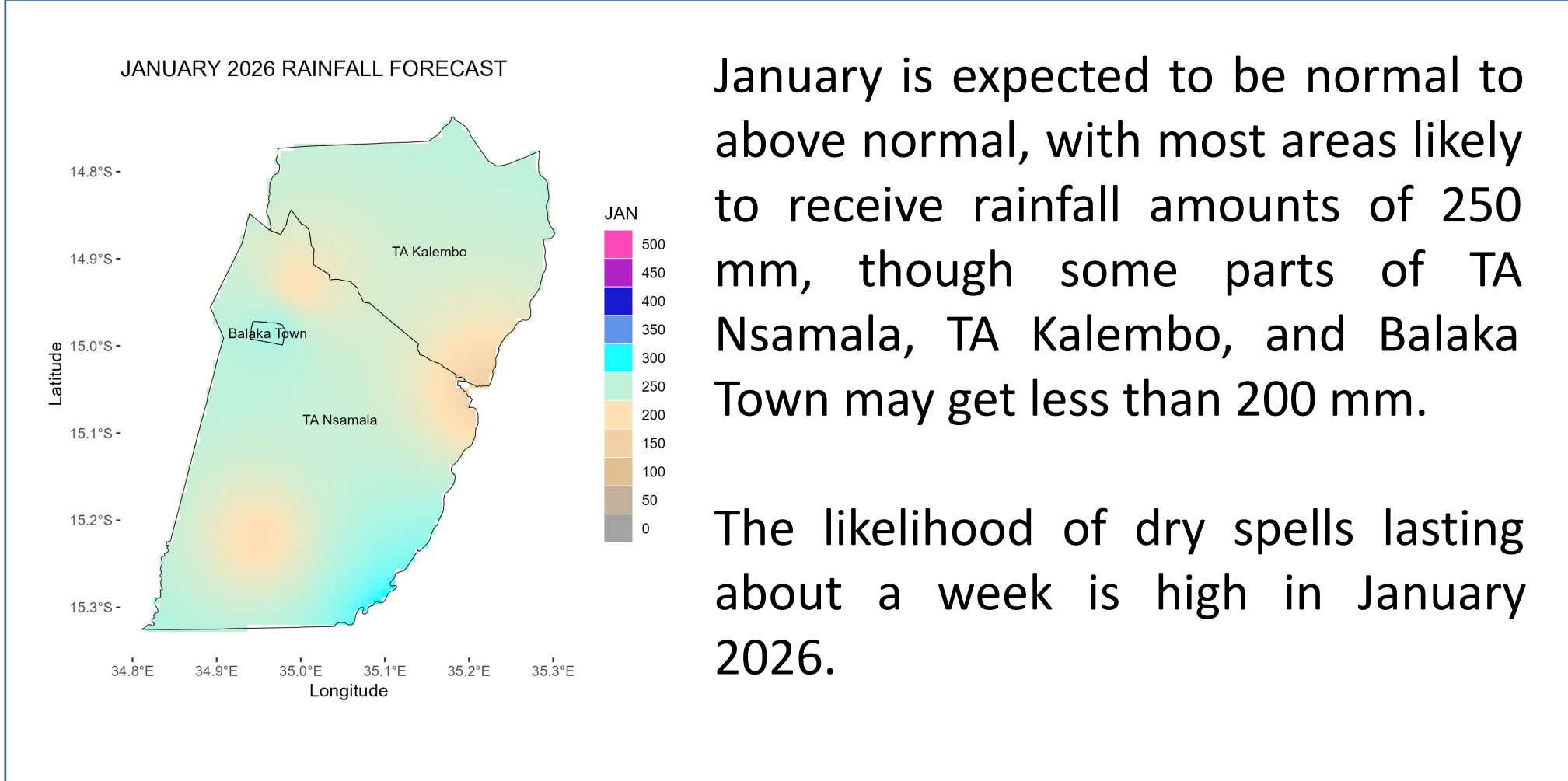
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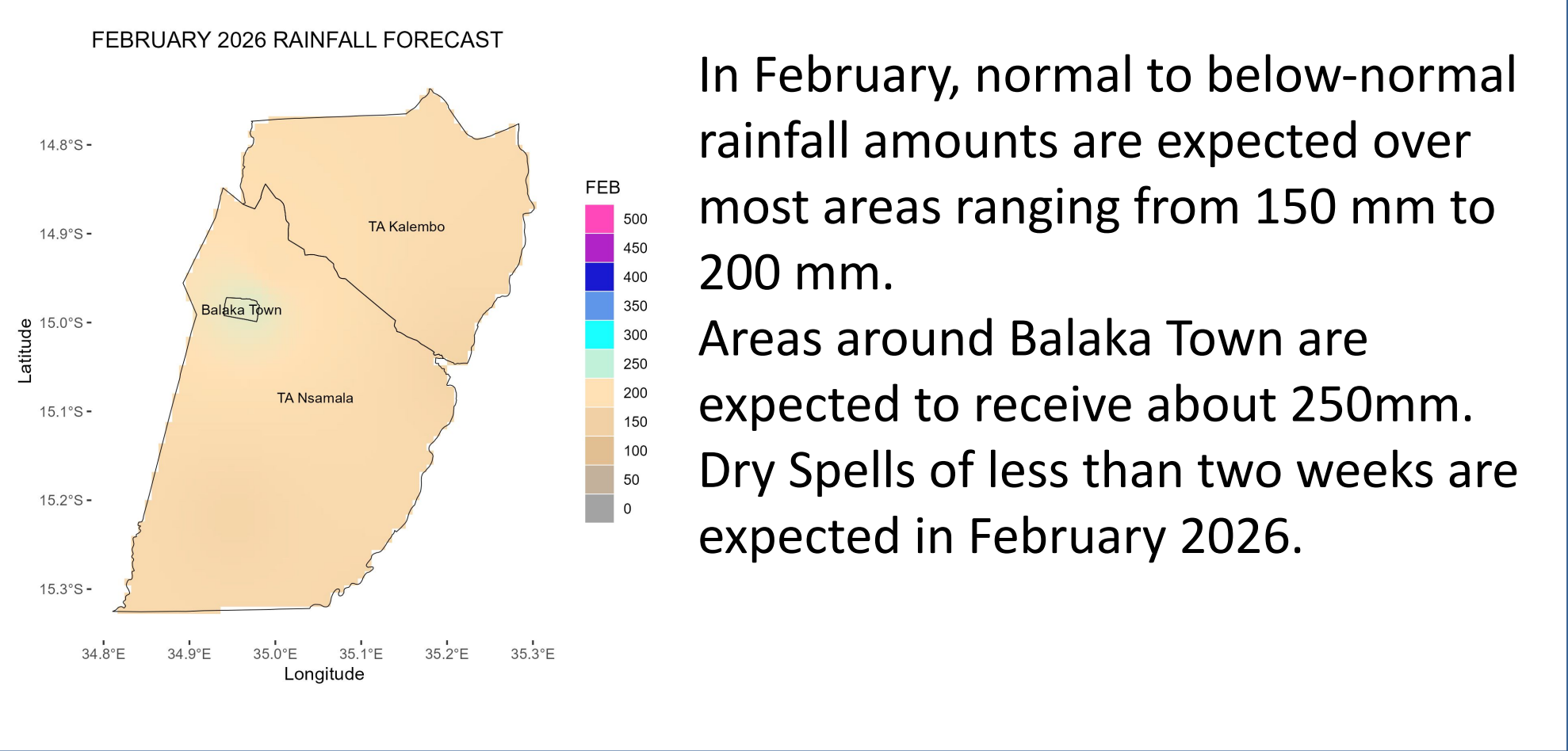
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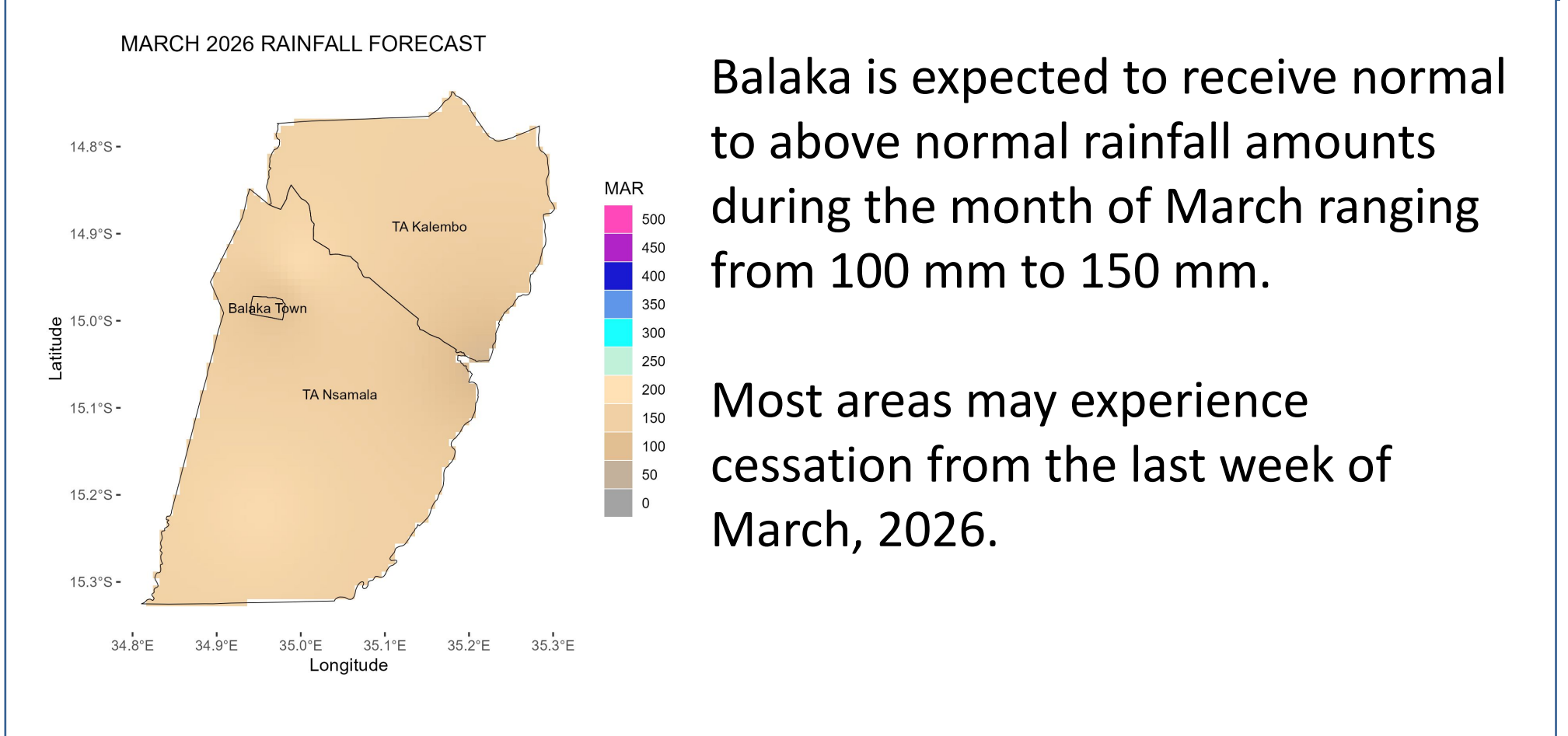
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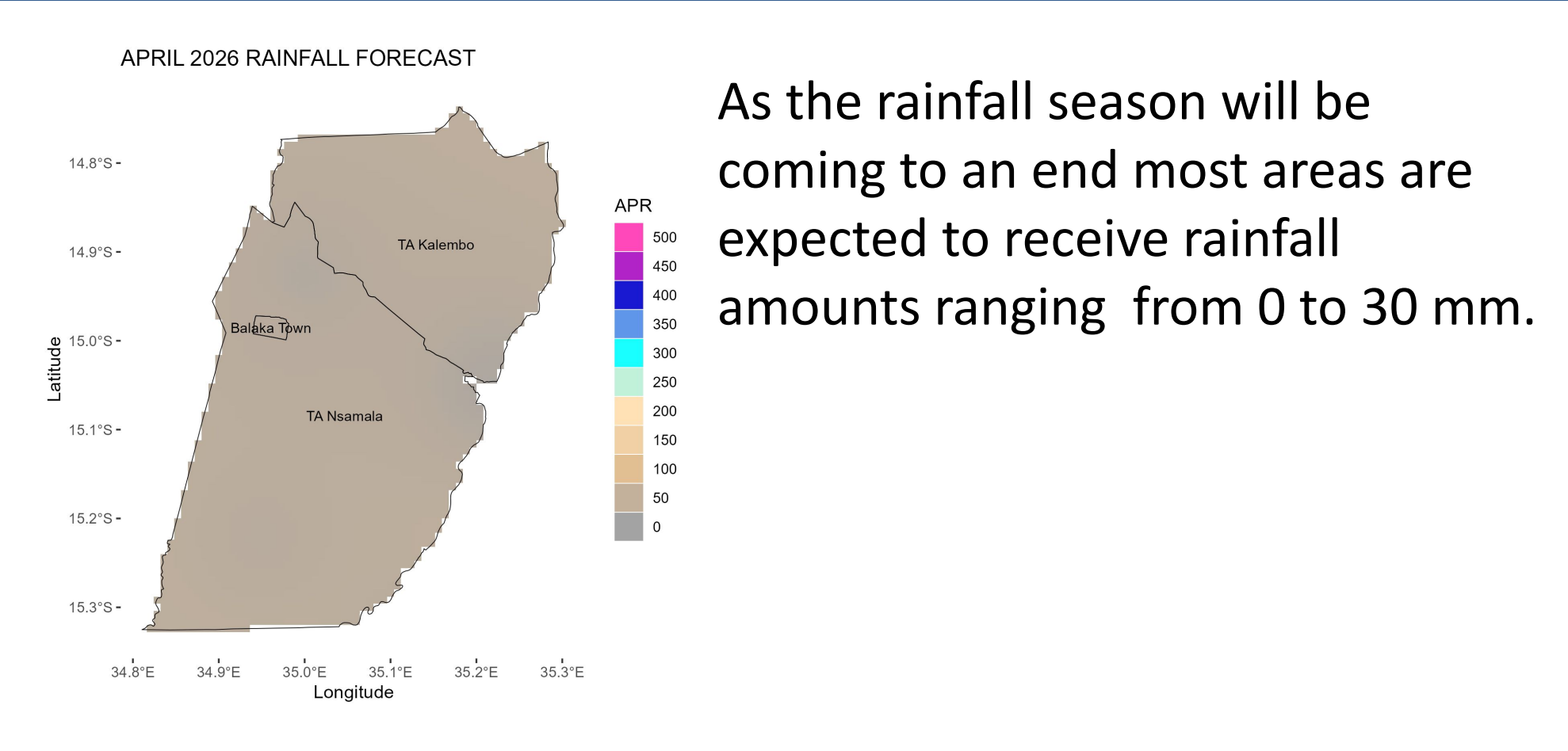
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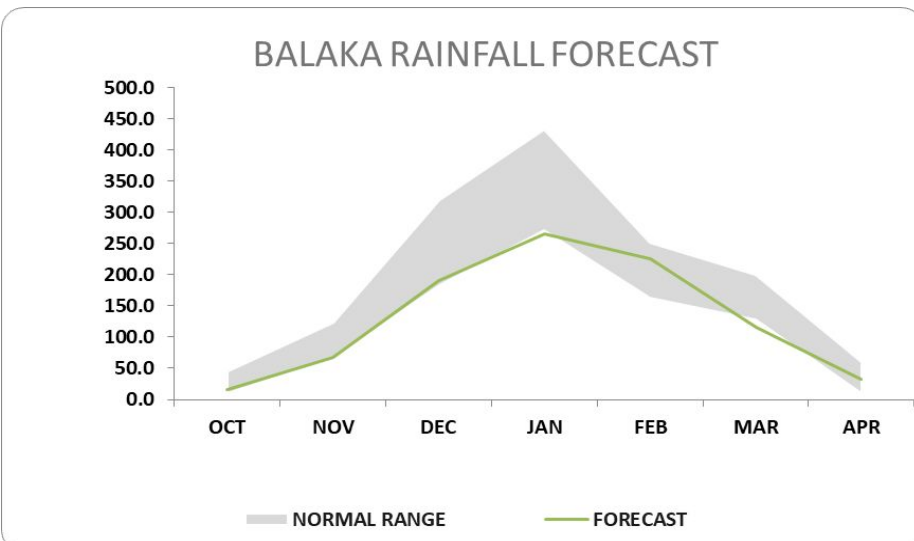
April 2026



- Rainfall **onset** is expected from **mid December 2025**.
- Cessation will most likely be the **last week of March, 2026**.
- Dry spells lasting **about one week or more** are expected in January and February
- Total length of the season is expected to be between **110 and 120 days**.

The table and graph below show monthly rainfall distribution for the 2025-2026 season with a normal band in grey and the forecast in green color.

BALAKA			
MONTH	NORMAL RANGE		FORECAST
OCT	9.8	44.6	15.7
NOV	66.6	123.2	66.8
DEC	182.7	319.5	190.0
JAN	270.9	432.1	265.4
FEB	163.6	252.1	225.8
MAR	127.6	199.3	115.5
APR	10.8	59.2	33.2



The forecast will be updated in December 2025

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