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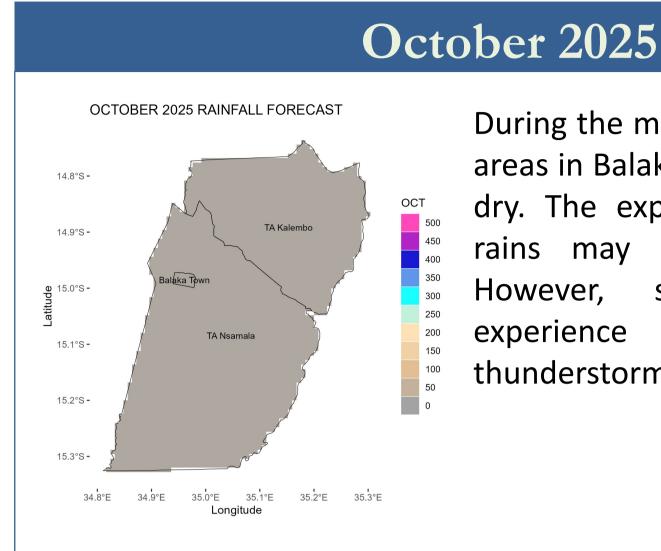
BALAKA DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2025-2026

### 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.

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



During the month of October most areas in Balaka are expected to be dry. The expected *chizimalupsya* rains may not exceed 30mm. However, some areas may experience strong winds and thunderstorms.

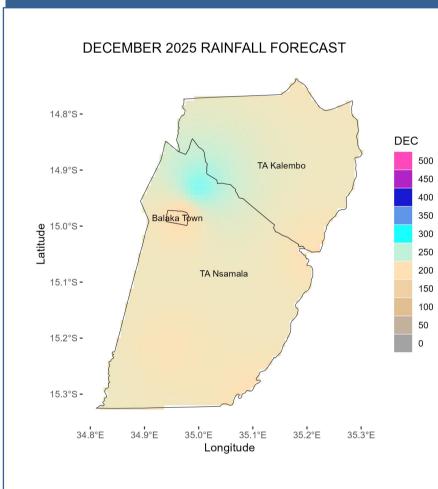
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Balaka District is expected to receive normal to below normal rainfall amounts of less than 50 mm.

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

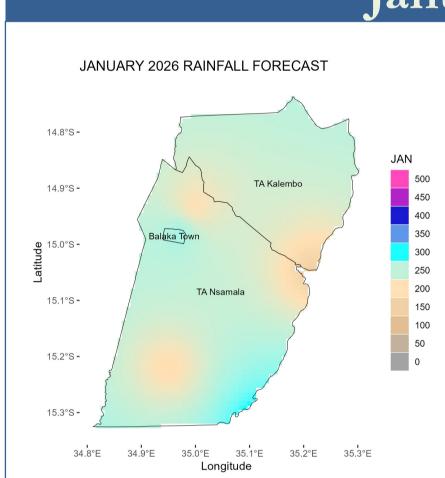




December, most areas in the district are likely to receive rainfall amounts of 150 mm. However, the western side of TA Kalembo and Northern parts of Balaka Town are expected to record higher rainfall totals ranging from 250 mm to 300 mm.

Rainfall onset is expected from the second week of December 2025.

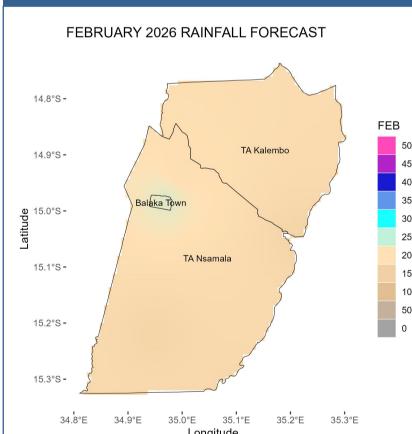
# January 2026



January is expected to be normal to above normal, with most areas likely to receive rainfall amounts of 250 mm, though some parts of TA Nsamala, TA Kalembo, and Balaka Town may get less than 200 mm.

The likelihood of dry spells lasting about a week is high in January 2026.

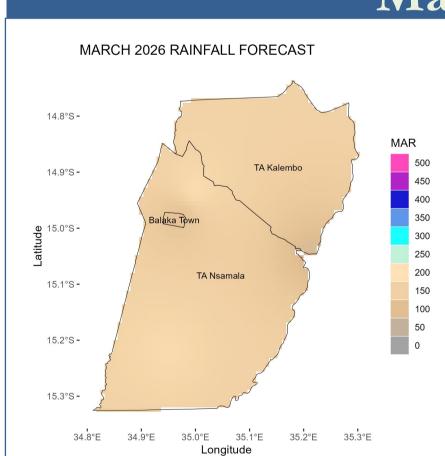
## February 2026



In February, normal to below-normal rainfall amounts are expected over most areas ranging from 150 mm to 200 mm.

Areas around Balaka Town are expected to receive about 250mm. Dry Spells of less than two weeks are expected in February 2026.

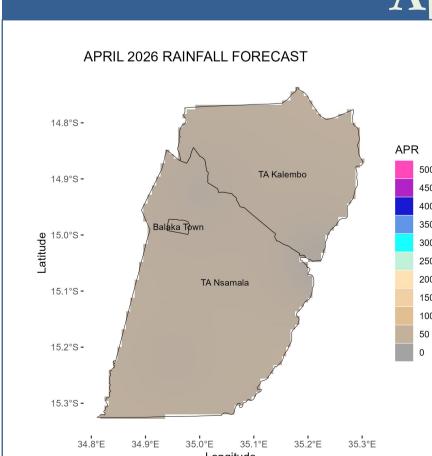
# March 2026



Balaka is expected to receive normal to above normal rainfall amounts during the month of March ranging from 100 mm to 150 mm.

Most areas may experience cessation from the last week of March, 2026.

#### **April 2026**

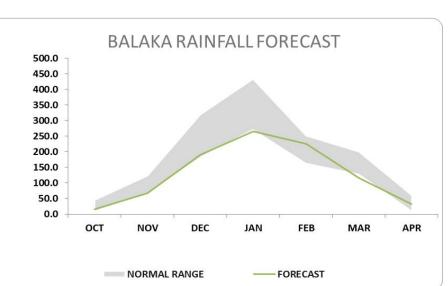


As the rainfall season will be coming to an end most areas are expected to receive rainfall amounts ranging from 0 to 30 mm.

- 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		<b>FORECAST</b>
ОСТ	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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