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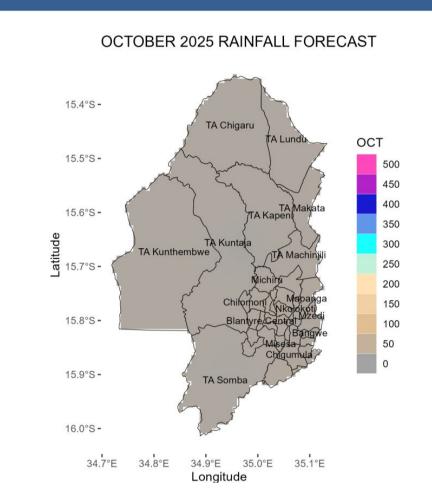
BLANTYRE DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2025-2026

# 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.

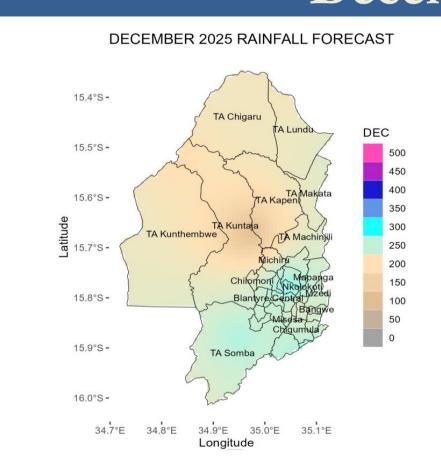
Blantyre district is expected to receive normal to above normal total rainfall amounts from October to April 2026. However, there is high likelihood of normal to below normal rainfall in the months of November and February.

### October 2025



October is expected to be hot and dry with a chance of Chizimalupya rains. These rains accompanied be may lightning and gusty winds.

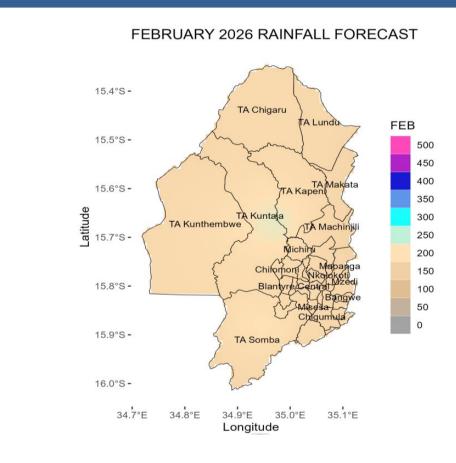
#### December 2025



During December, rainfall amounts ranging from 100mm to 200mm are expected over TA Kuntaja, TA Kapeni, TA Kunthembwe, TA Chigalu, and TA Lundu. Blantyre City and TA Somba are likely to receive up to 250 mm of rainfall.

These anticipated amounts generally fall within the normal to above-normal range for the district during this month.

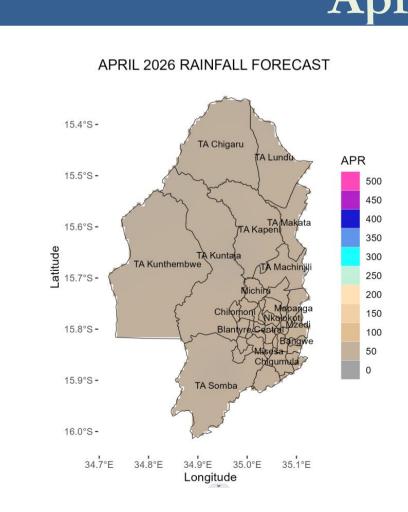
#### February 2026



Normal to below normal rainfall amounts in the range of 150 mm to 200mm are anticipated over most areas of the district.

There is a high likelihood of a dry spell lasting for about a week.

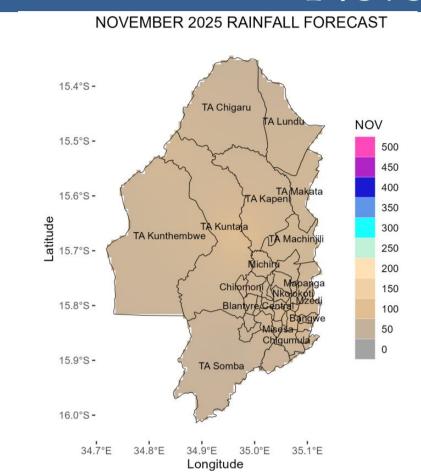
# **April 2026**



In April 2026, the district is expected to receive between 50mm and 100mm of rainfall, which falls within the normal to above-normal range.

Rainfall cessation is expected from mid April.

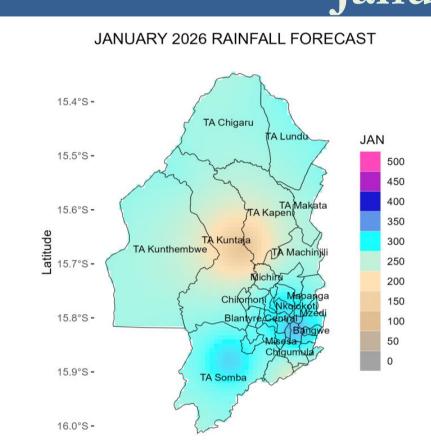
#### November 2025



During the month of November Normal below-normal to rainfall amounts are expected over most parts of the district with onset rains anticipated from mid November

Expect the rains be accompanied by gusty winds and lightning.

#### January 2026



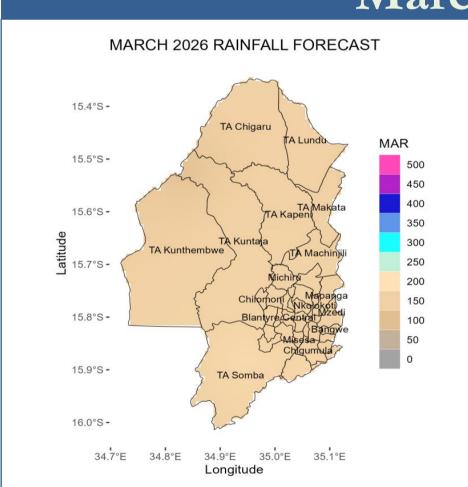
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Normal to above-normal rainfall amounts ranging from 250mm to 300mm are expected in most parts of Blantyre.

However, areas around TA Kuntaja and the southeast of TA Kapeni are projected to receive normal to below-normal rainfall, ranging from 100mm to 200mm.

There is a high likelihood of dry spell of about a week.

## March 2026



Rainfall amounts ranging from 100mm 150mm to are expected in most areas of the district

The anticipated amounts are within the normal to above normal category.

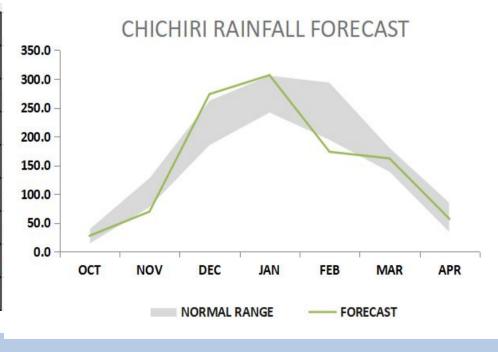
Rainfall onset is anticipated from Mid November 2025. Cessation is expected from mid April 2026.

The seasonal length between 130 and 140 days.

A dry spell of about seven days is possible in January and February 2026

The table and figure below show monthly rainfall distribution for the season with a normal band in grey.

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MONTH	NORMAL R	ANGE	FORECAST
OCT	12.9	39.7	27.4
NOV	76.0	128.8	69.5
DEC	184.0	263.4	273.7
JAN	240.6	306.6	306.6
FEB	193.1	294.6	173.4
MAR	137.5	181.3	161.9
APR	32.3	85.6	56.7



The forecast will be updated in December 2024

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