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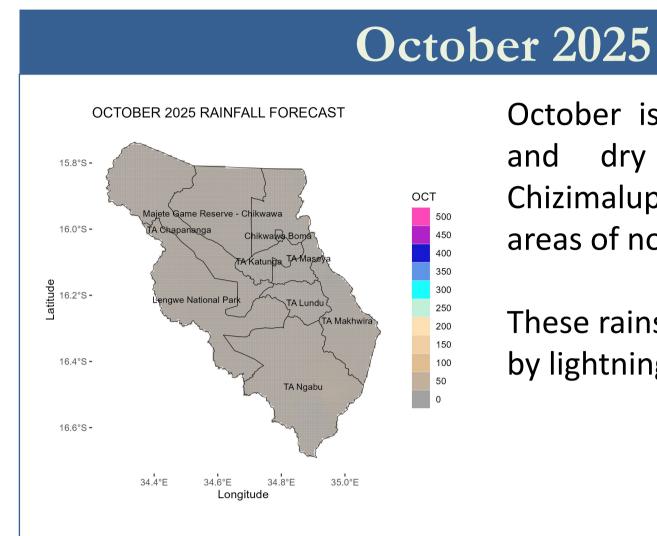
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CHIKWAWA DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2025-2026

# 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.

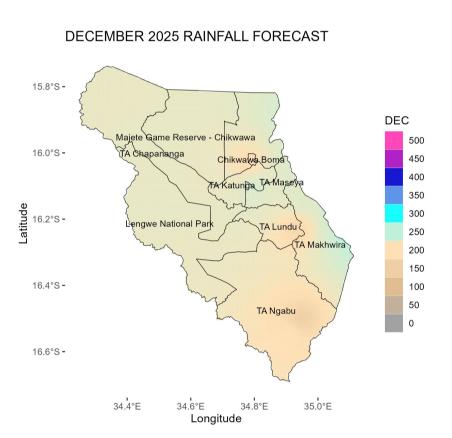
Chikwawa district is expected to receive normal to above normal total rainfall amounts.



October is expected to be hot and dry with chances of Chizimalupsya rains in some areas of not more than 30mm.

These rains will be accompanied by lightning and gusty winds.

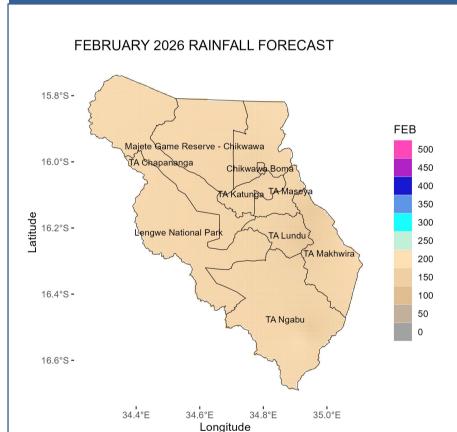
# December 2025 Generally above reinfall areasy



Generally above normal to normal rainfall amounts are expected over most areas with amounts ranging from 200mm to 250mm during the month of December. However, some parts of TA Ngabu, TA Lundu and Chikwawa Boma are expected to receive amounts less than 150mm

The onset of the season is expected from the first week of December

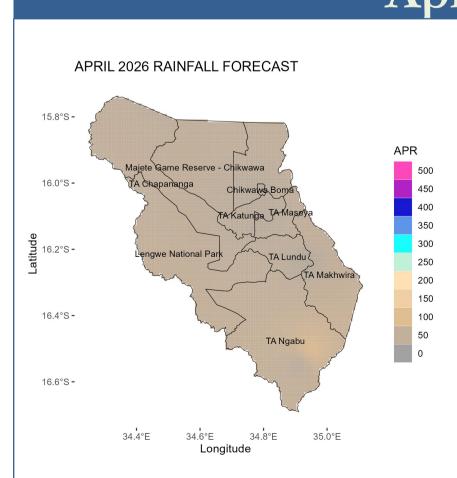
#### February 2026



Normal to below normal rainfall amounts expected over most areas, with expected values range from 150-200mm.

Dry spells of 7 days are likely to happen during this month

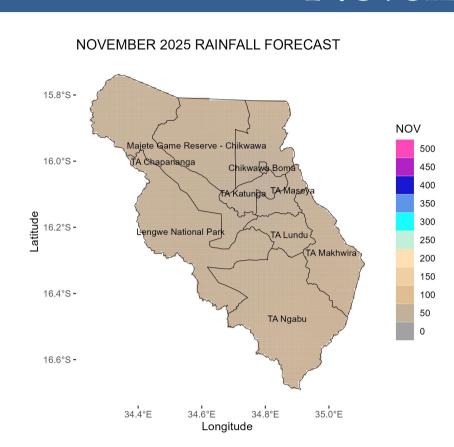
# **April 2026**



Normal to above normal rainfall amounts in the range of 50mm to 100mm are anticipated in the district during the month of April 2026.

Cessation is expected from second week of April.

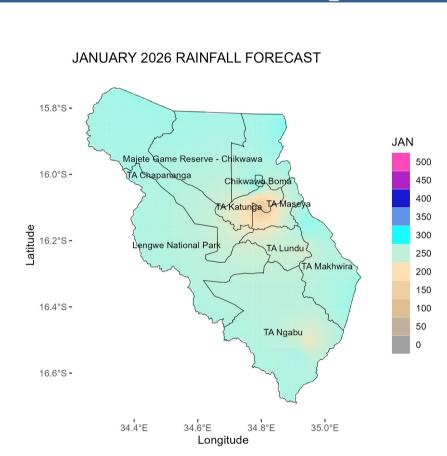
#### November 2025



Normal to below normal rainfall amounts of about 50-100mm are expected over most areas of the district during the month.

Expect the rains to be accompanied by lightning and gusty winds.

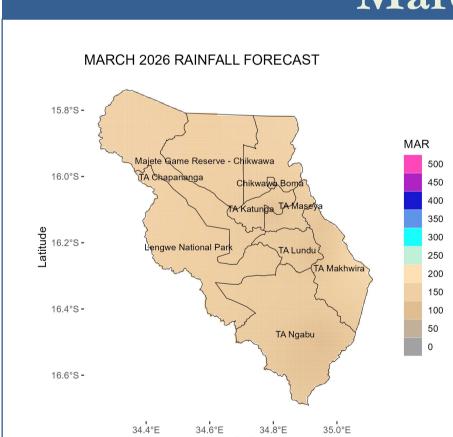
# January 2026



Normal to above normal rainfall amounts of 250mm are expected over most areas. However, some areas around T/A Katunga, T/A Ngabu and T/A Maseya are expected to receive not more than 200mm of rain during the month of January 2025.

Dry spells of about 7 days are likely to happen during this month

### March 2026



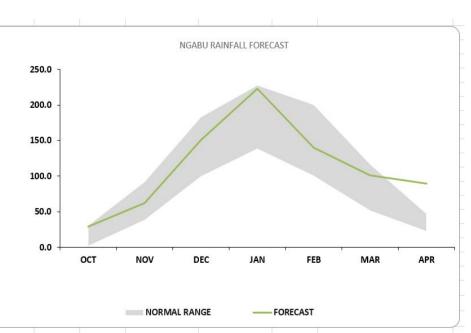
Normal to above normal rainfall amounts expected over most areas during the month of March.

Rainfall amounts ranging from 150mm to 200mm are expected across the district.

- Rainfall onset is anticipated during the first week of December 2025.
- Cessation is expected around the second week of April 2025.
- The seasonal length is likely to be between 120 and 130 days.
- A dry spell of more than seven days is possible in January and February 2025.

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

NGABU			
MONTH	NORMAL	RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	1.8	30.4	29.3
NOV	38.4	92.2	62.6
DEC	99.5	182.8	150.6
JAN	138.4	227.6	222.9
FEB	99.9	200.4	140.0
MAR	51.2	117.2	101.0
APR	22.2	47.5	89.5



The forecast will be updated in December 2025

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