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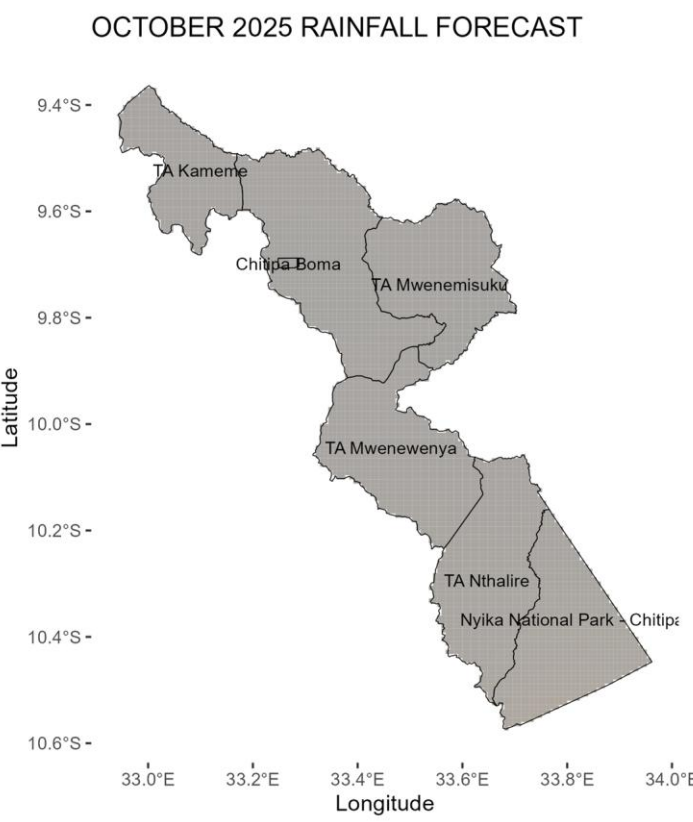
CHITIPA DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST FOR 2025-2026

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.

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

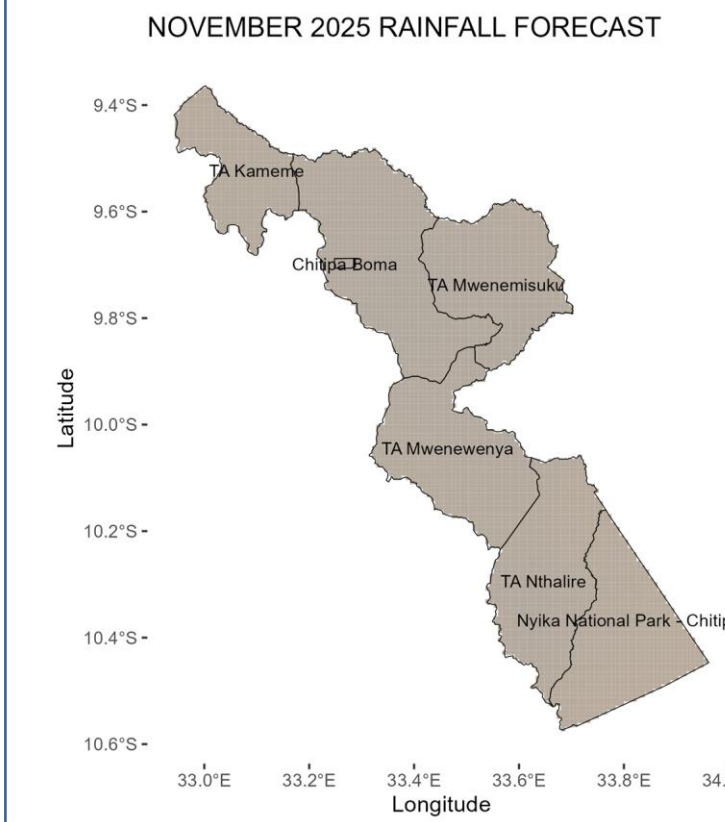
October 2025



The month of October is the beginning of the seasonal rainfall monitoring in Malawi.

Chitipa district is expected to be generally dry during the month .

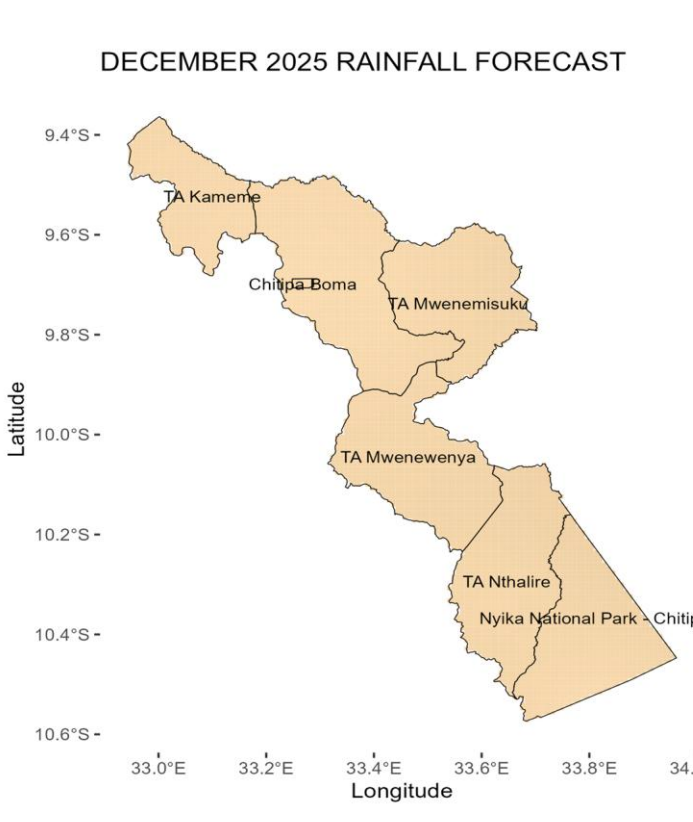
November 2025



During the month of November, most parts are expected to receive rainfall amounts of between 50-100mm which is below normal.

Strong winds and lightning incidents are expected during this month.

December 2025

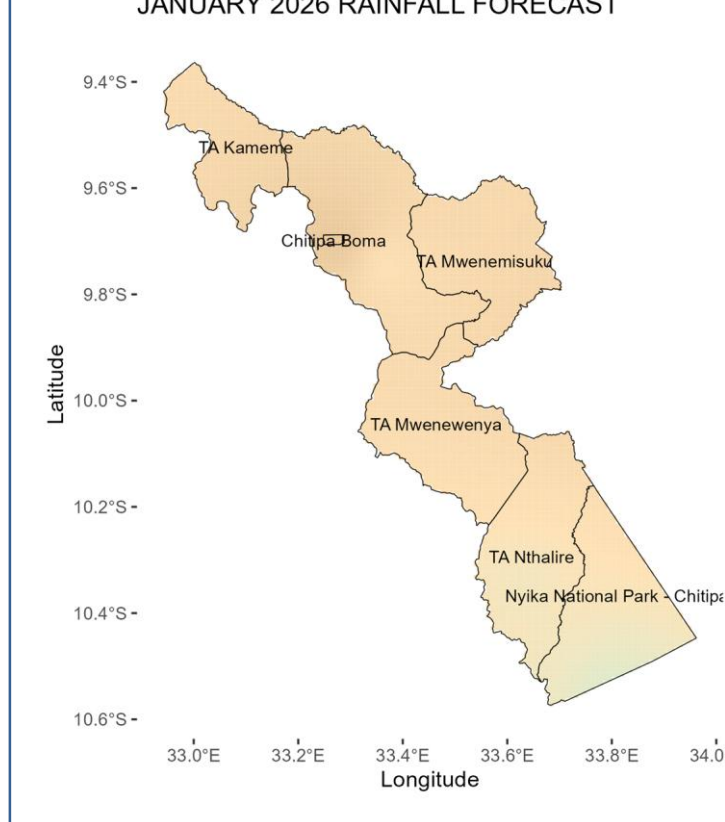


Improvement of rains is expected during the month of December as rainfall systems become established.

Rainfall amounts expected across the district range from 150mm to 200mm which is within the normal rainfall range.

The onset of the season is expected during the first week of this month

January 2026

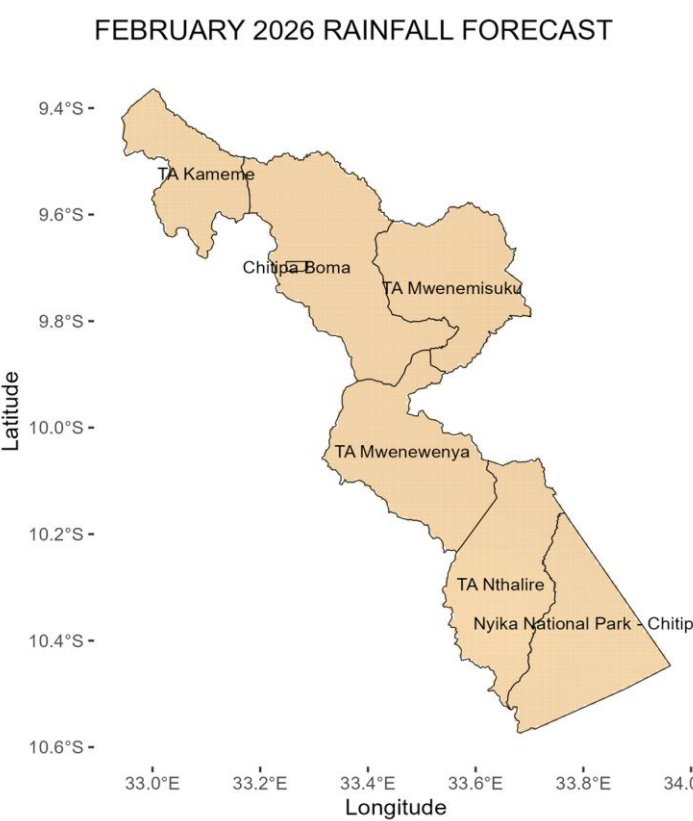


High rainfall amounts are expected to continue being experienced during the month of January 2026 with most areas in the district receiving rainfall amounts ranging from 200mm to 250 mm.

However, These amounts represent below normal rainfall.

Dry spells not exceeding 8 days are expected.

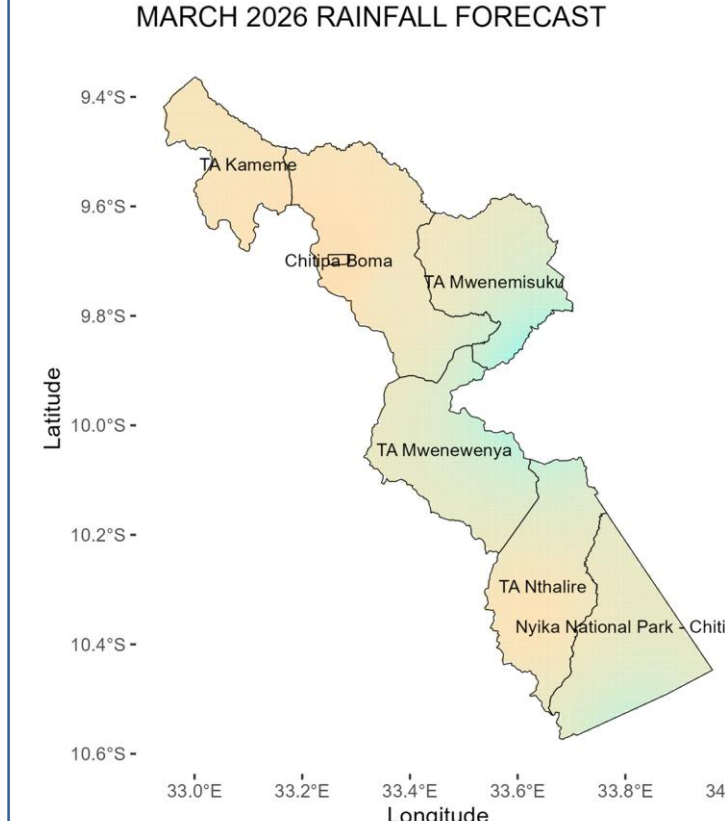
February 2026



Chitipa is expected to continue receiving rainfall during the month of February. Most parts of the district are expected to receive rainfall amounts of about 200mm which are within the below normal range.

The threat of dry spells in the district during the month still remains high

March 2026

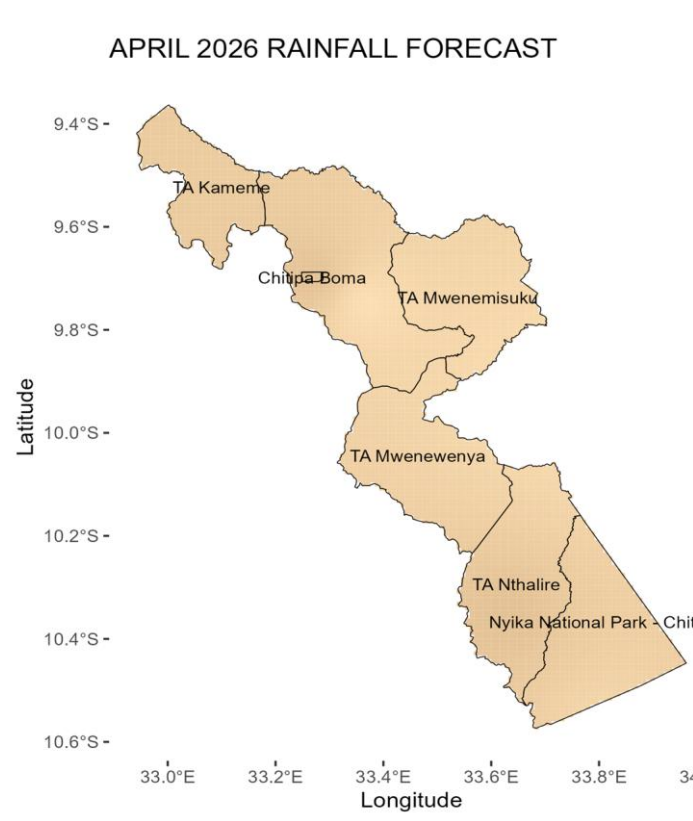


Moderate rainfall amounts are expected to continue over Chitipa district during the month of March 2026.

Most areas are expected to receive rainfall amounts of above 200m

The dry spells of two weeks are also likely expected during the month

April 2026



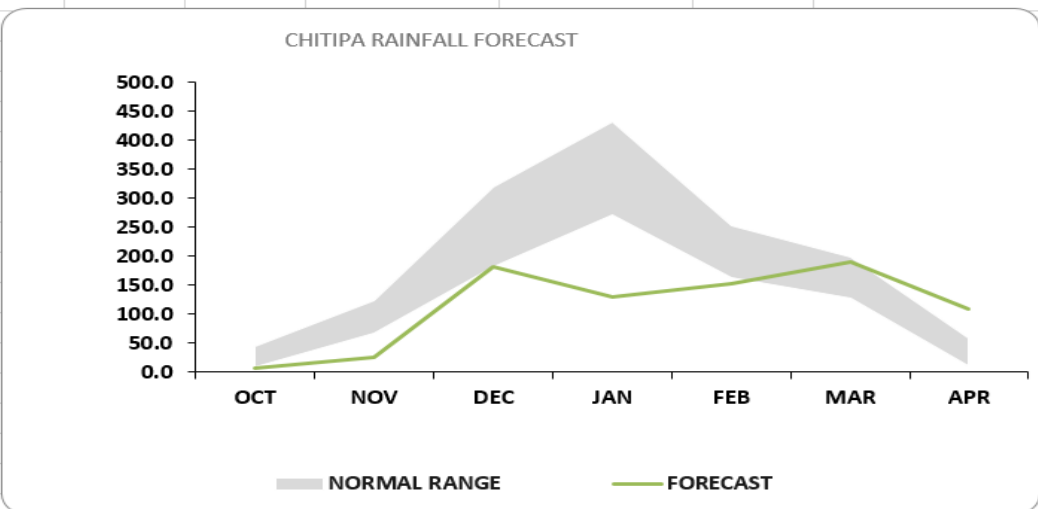
Most areas are likely to receive rainfall amounts in the range of 150mm-200mm during this month.

Cessation of the rainfall season is expected around second week of the month.

- Onset of rainfall season for Chitipa district is expected to be during **first week of December 2025**
- Dry spells of **about a week** are expected in January and February 2026. Cessation of seasonal rainfall is expected to be around **the second week of April, 2026.**
- Seasonal length for the 2025-2026 season is expected to be between **125 to 135 days.**

The table and the figure below shows monthly rainfall distribution for the season

CHITIPA			
MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST	
OCT	0.0	0.2	6.1
NOV	40.2	82.0	26.4
DEC	152.0	245.7	182.2
JAN	196.6	265.3	129.2
FEB	177.3	251.8	152.5
MAR	133.0	204.5	190.1
APR	22.7	71.7	110.0



The forecast will be updated in December 2025

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