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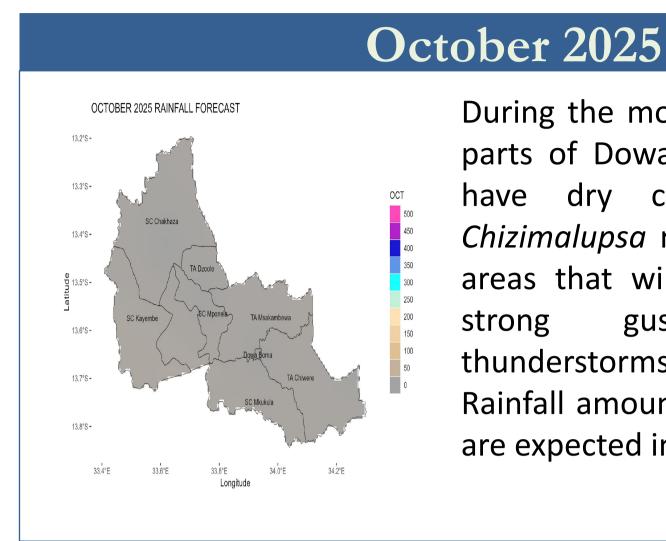
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DOWA DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2024-2025

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.

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

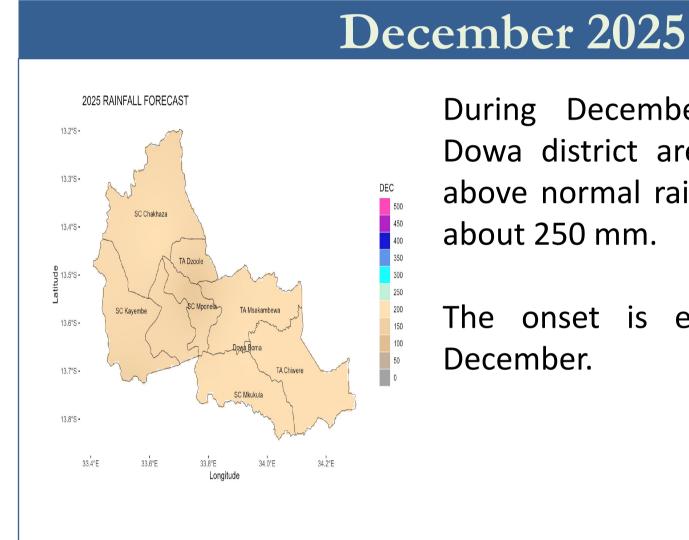


During the month of October, most parts of Dowa district are likely to have dry conditions. However, Chizimalupsa rains are likely in few areas that will be associated with strong winds gusty and thunderstorms.

Rainfall amounts of less than 50mm are expected in most areas.

November 2025

Most areas in Dowa district are are expected to receive rainfall amounts of less than 50 mm in November. Thunderstorms with strong gusty winds are expected during this months.

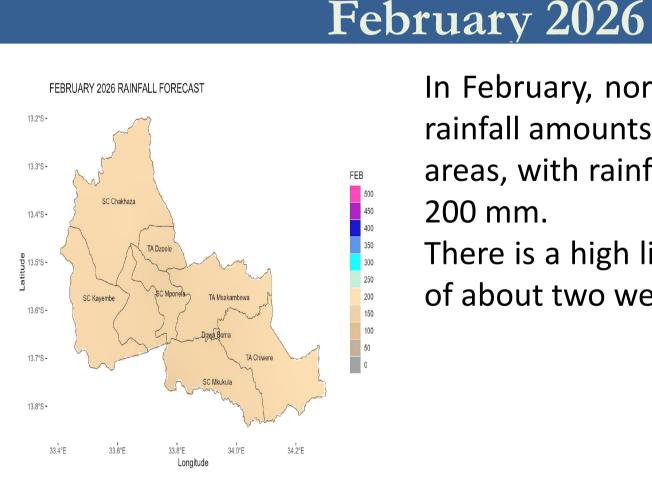


During December, most parts of Dowa district are likely to receive above normal rainfall amounts up to about 250 mm.

The onset is expected from mid December.

January 2026

Most areas are expected to receive normal to below rainfall amounts between 200mm and 250mm. Some areas in TA Chiwere are expected to receive above normal rainfall amounts around 300 mm There is a high likelihood of dry spells of about a week.

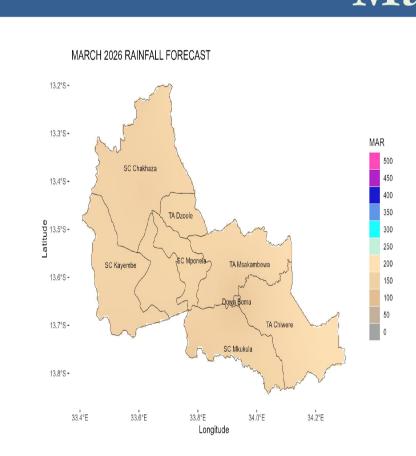


In February, normal to below normal rainfall amounts are expected in most areas, with rainfall amounts of about

200 mm.

There is a high likelihood of dry spells of about two weeks.

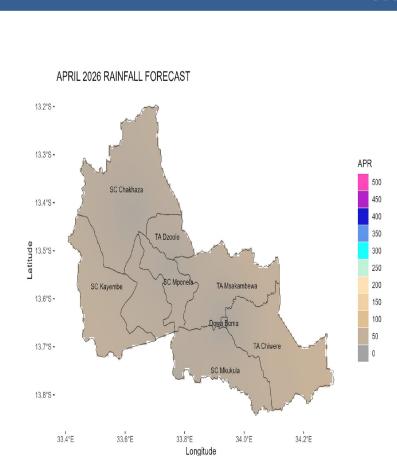
March 2026



Most areas of Dowa are expected to receive rainfall total amounts ranging from 150 to 220 mm during the month of March.

Most areas are likely to receive normal to above normal rainfall amounts.





Most areas in Dowa will receive rainfall total amounts of less than 100 mm in this month.

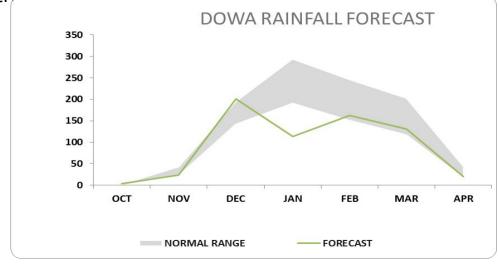
This is higher than expected.

Cesassion is expected in the last week of April, 2026.

- Rainfall onset is expected from mid December.
- Cessation is expected in end of April, 2026.
- There is a chance of dry spells of about a week in January and about two weeks in February.
- The total seasonal length is expected to be around 100 to 110 days.

The table and figure below show monthly rainfall distribution for the coasan with a normal hand in grow

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MONTH	NORMAL	RANGE	FORECAST
ОСТ	0	2.589	3.9
NOV	23.65	42.75	23.3
DEC	141.964	193.916	201.4
JAN	191.037	294.046	113.8
FEB	150.967	245.237	163
MAR	117.196	202.067	131.2
APR	17.28	42.989	20



The forecast will be updated in December 2025

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