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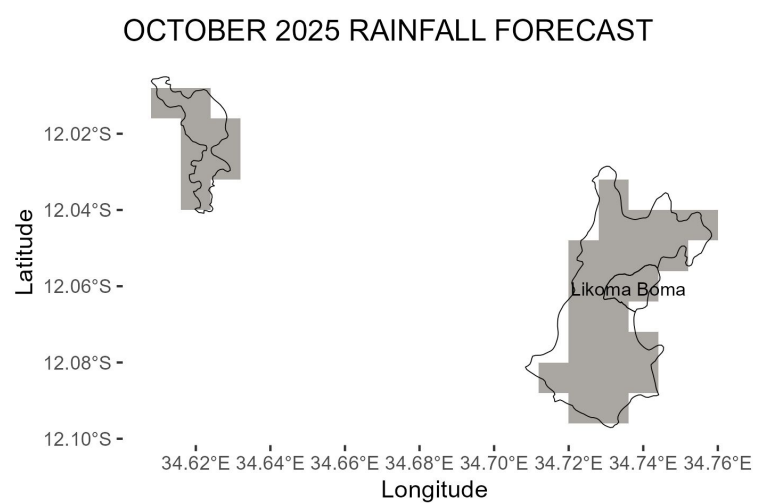
LIKOMA DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2025-2026

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.

Likoma district is expected to receive **generally normal rainfall amounts** during the rainfall season of October 2025 to April 2026.

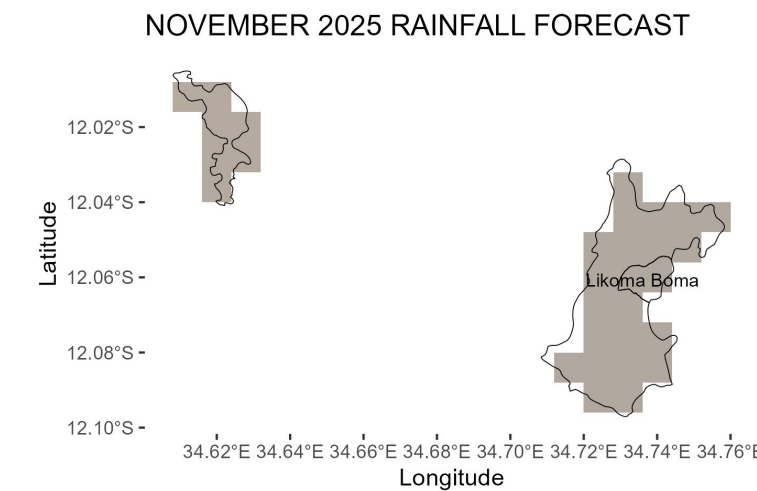
October 2025



In October, generally dry and hot conditions are expected. However, Chizimalupsya rains may occur in little amounts with rainfall totals not exceeding 20mm.

These pre-rains ‘Chizimalupsya’ may be accompanied by gusty winds and lightning.

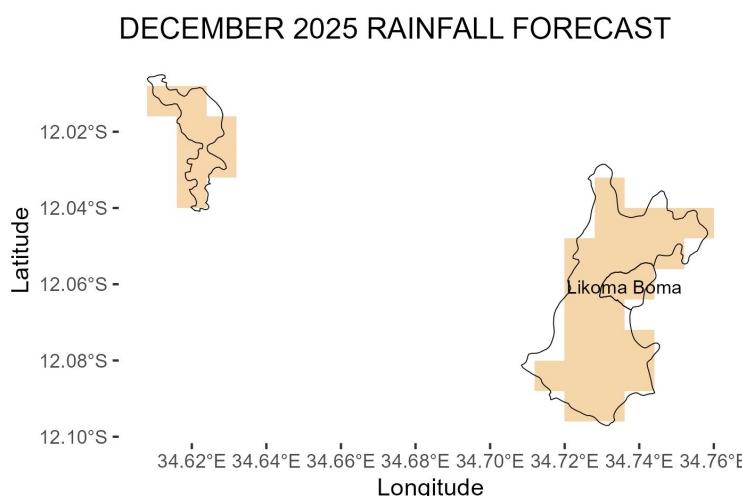
November 2025



Normal to below-normal rainfall amounts are expected in the month of November. The rainfall totals may not exceed 50mm over most areas.

The rains are expected to be associated with gusty winds and lightning.

December 2025

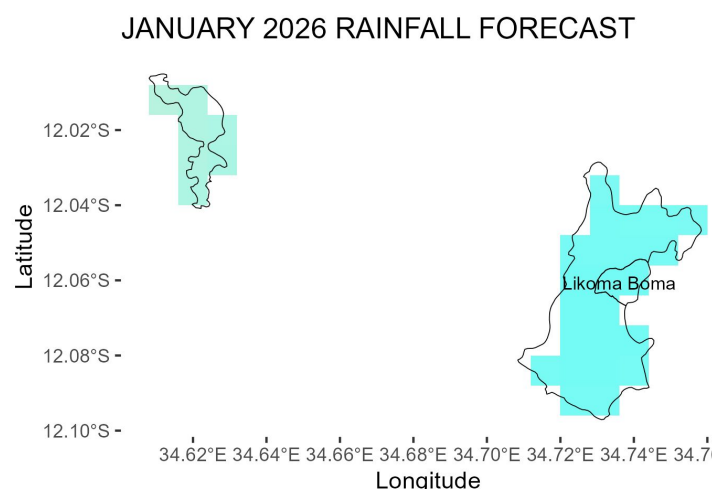


Expect generally normal rainfall amounts over Likoma and Chizumulu Island during this month.

The rainfall totals are expected to range from 150mm to 200mm.

These rains will more likely mark the onset in most areas of Likoma district most especially from mid-December.

January 2026

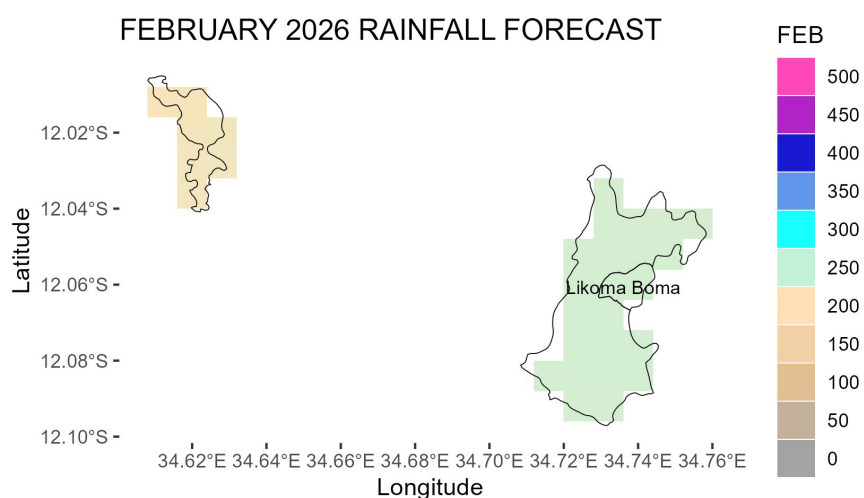


In January, generally normal to above normal rainfall amounts are expected over Likoma district.

The rainfall totals will range from 250mm to 300mm over most areas in the district.

Dry spells of about a week are more likely during this month.

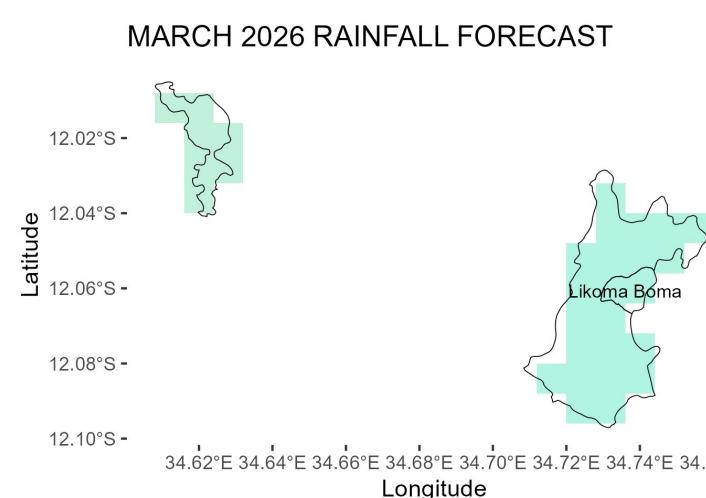
February 2026



In February, generally normal rainfall amounts are expected. The rainfall totals are anticipated reach 200mm on Chizumula island and 250mm on Likoma island.

Dry spells of about 7 days are more likely during this month.

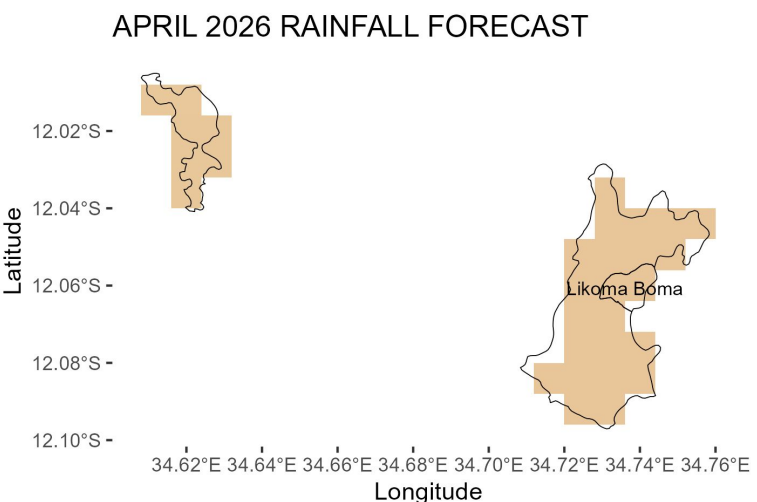
March 2026



Generally normal to above normal rainfall amounts are expected during this month over most areas. The rainfall totals are more likely to be within the range of 250mm to 280mm.

Dry spells of about a week are expected in the month of March.

April 2026



In April, gradually the season will be going to an end with mostly normal rainfall amounts not exceed 150mm over most areas.

Rainfall cessation is more likely expected from third to last week of April across the district.

- Rainfall **onset** is anticipated mid week of December 2025.
- Dry spells of approximately one week are more likely the month of January, February and March 2026.
- **Rainfall cessation** is expected during the last week of April,
- The seasonal length to likely range between 130 and 140 days.

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

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MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	0.0	12.6
NOV	8.4	22.9
DEC	106.1	194.3
JAN	160.5	244.3
FEB	159.1	172.8
MAR	168.0	310.8
APR	57.2	188.9

