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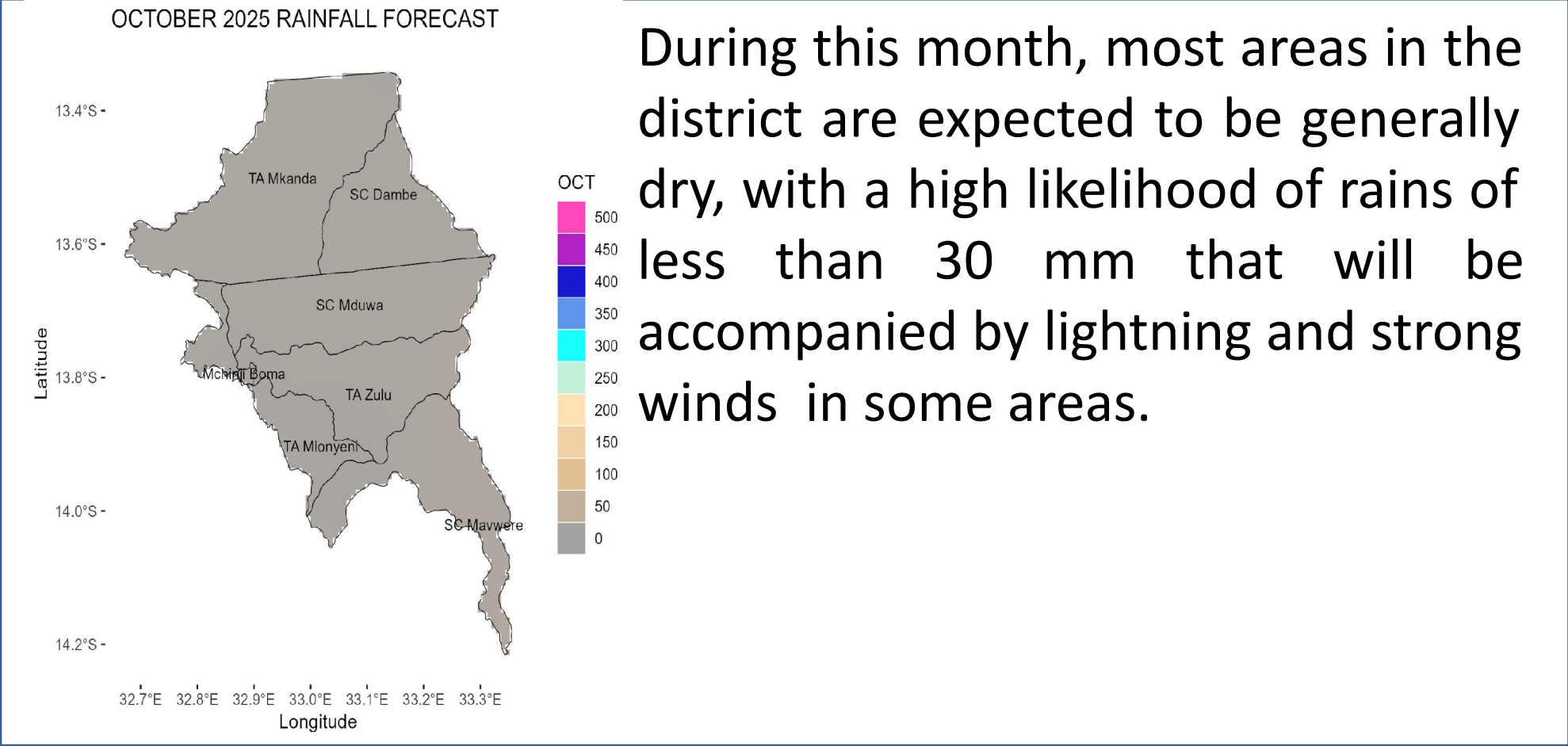
MCHINJI DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2025-2026

Overview of 2025/2026 Rainfall Season

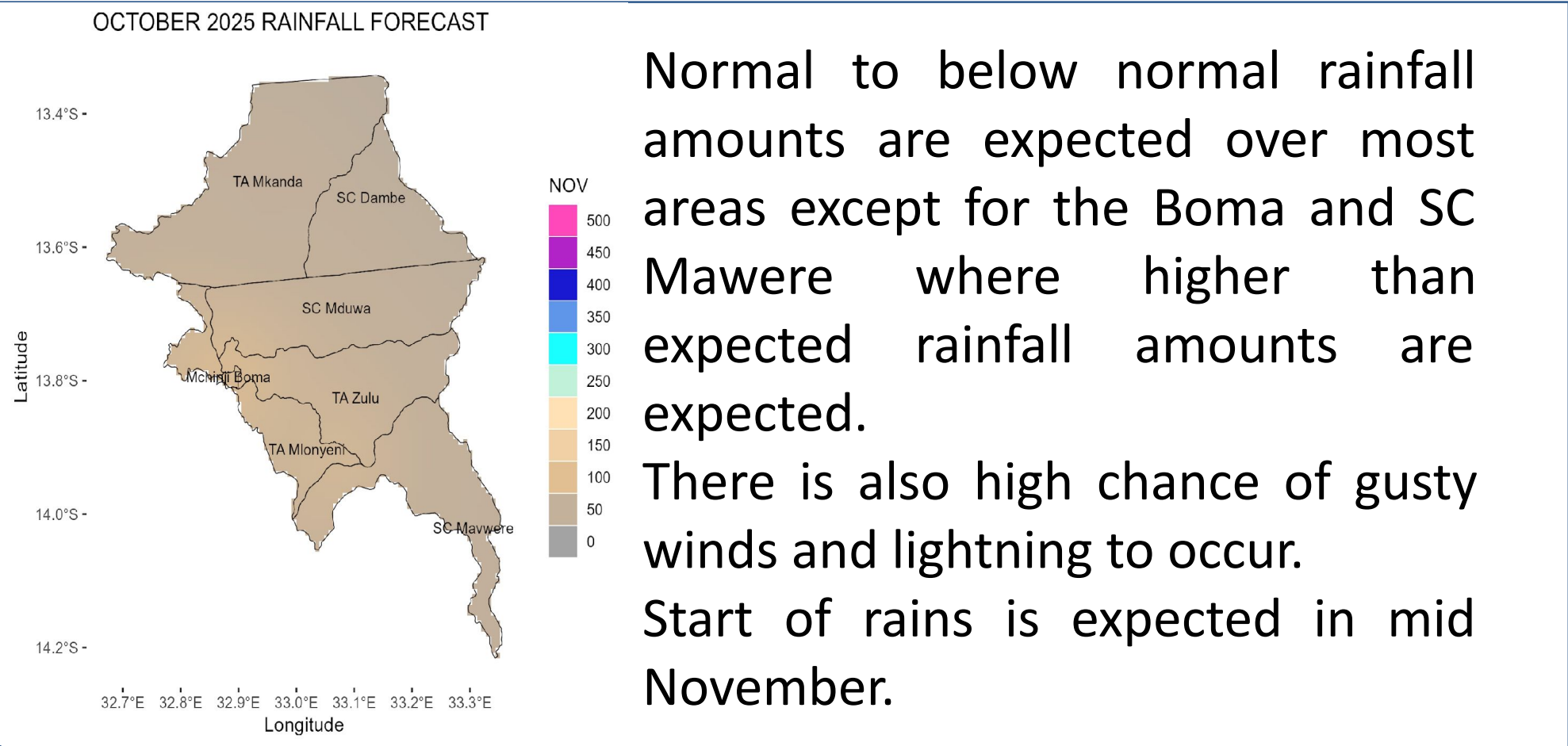
The 2025/2026 rainfall season is likely to be partly influenced by Neutral El Nino Southern Oscillation conditions in the tropical Pacific Ocean among other factors.

Mchinji is expected to receive **normal to above normal total rainfall amounts** during the 2025-2026 rainfall season.

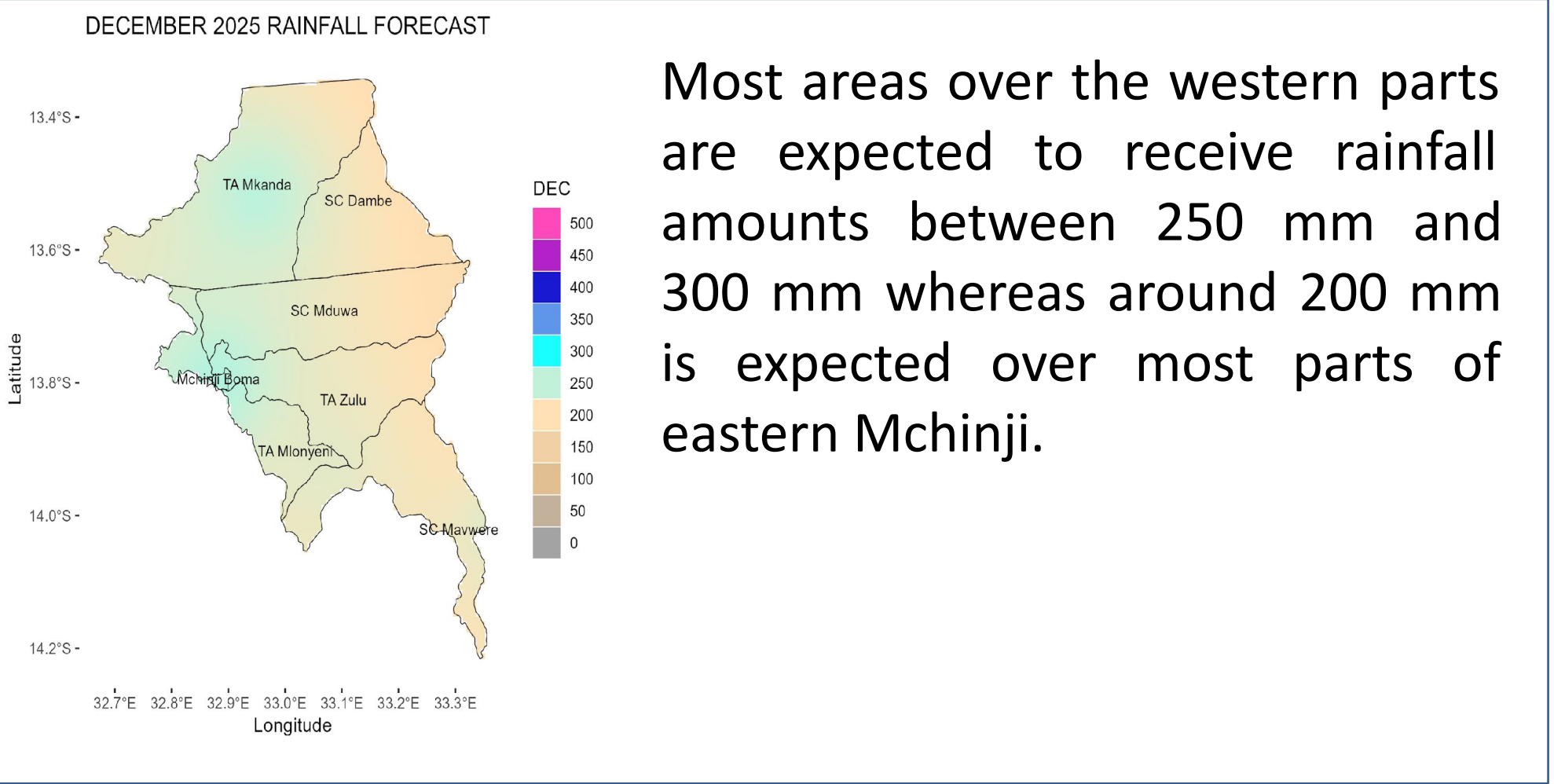
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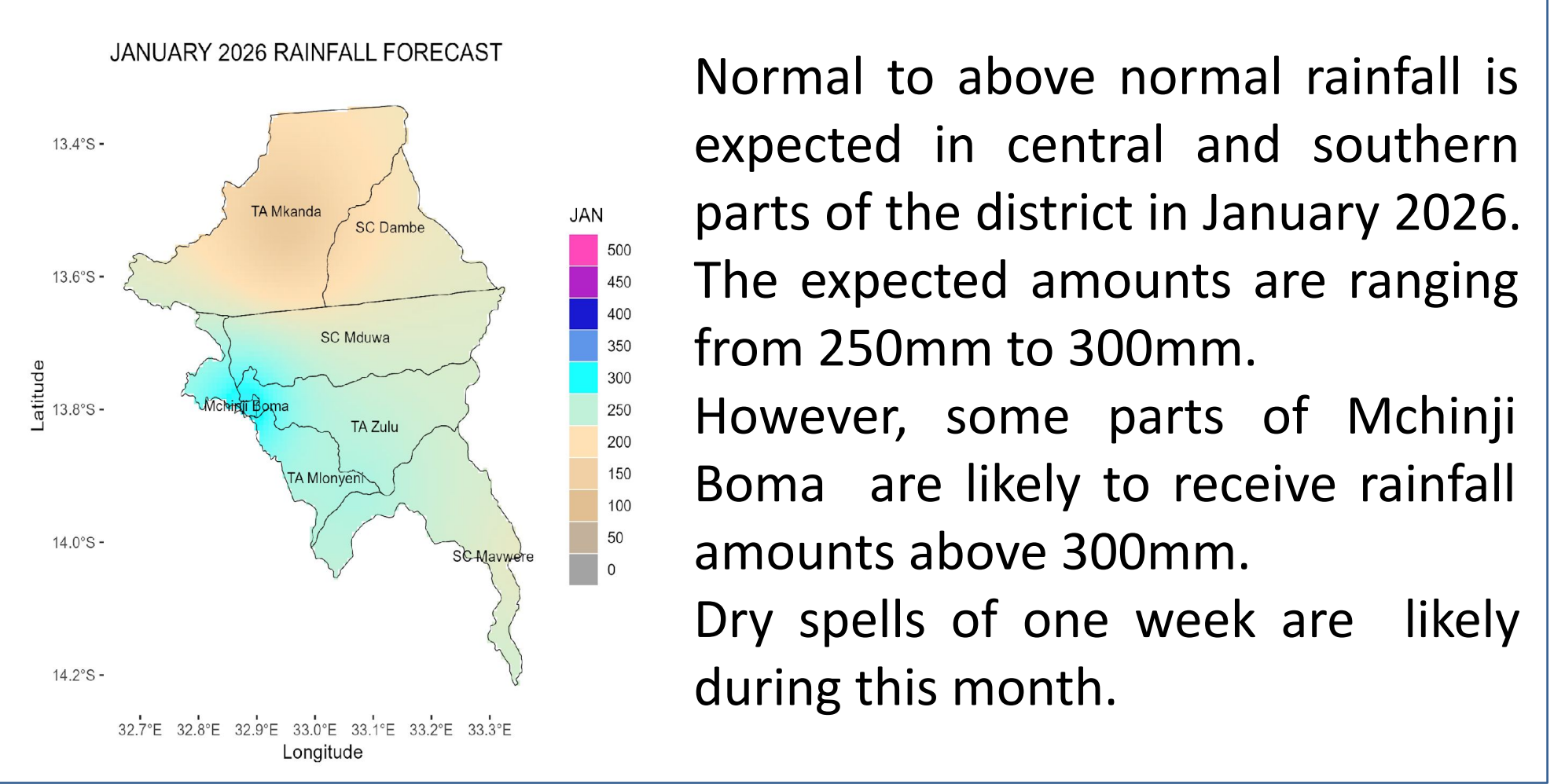
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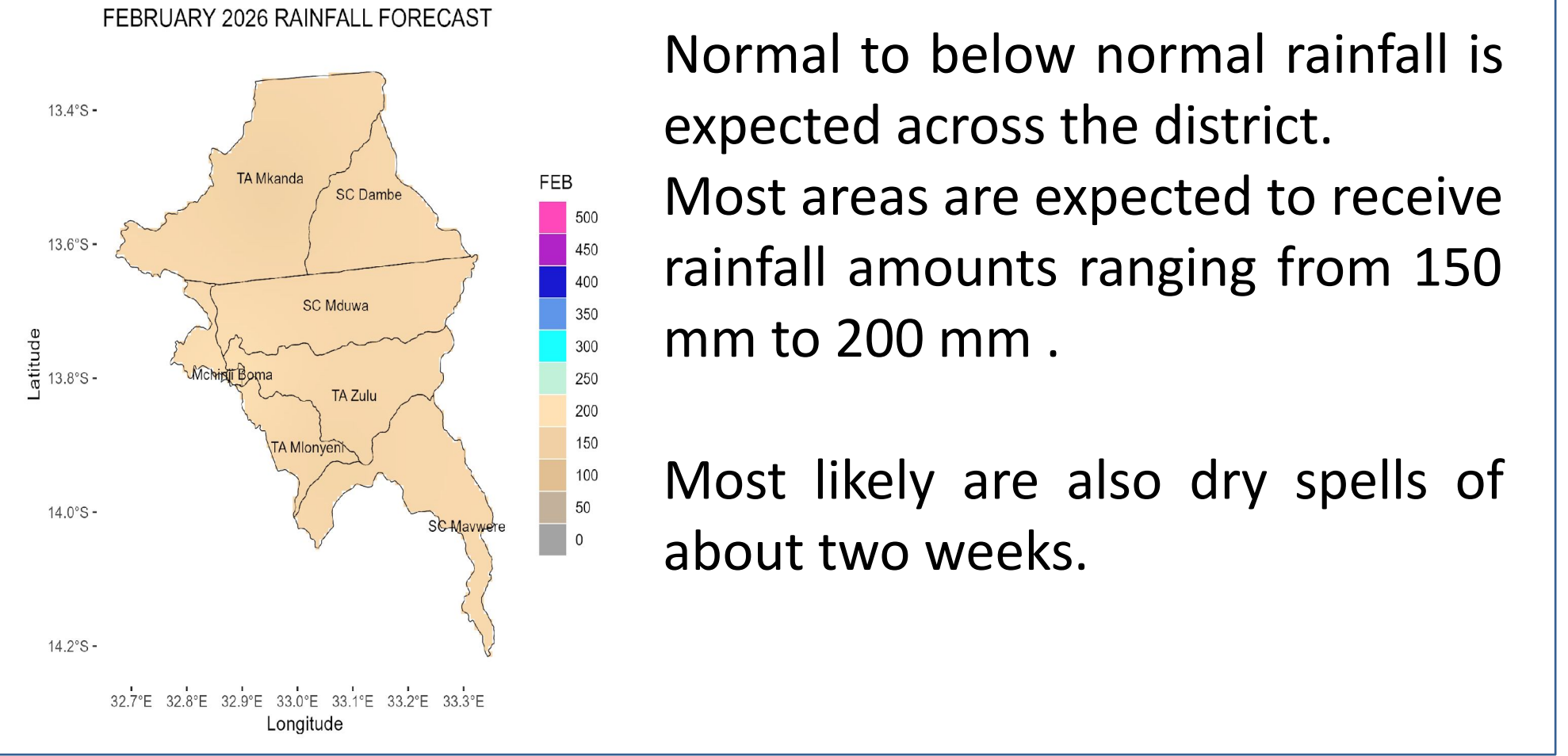
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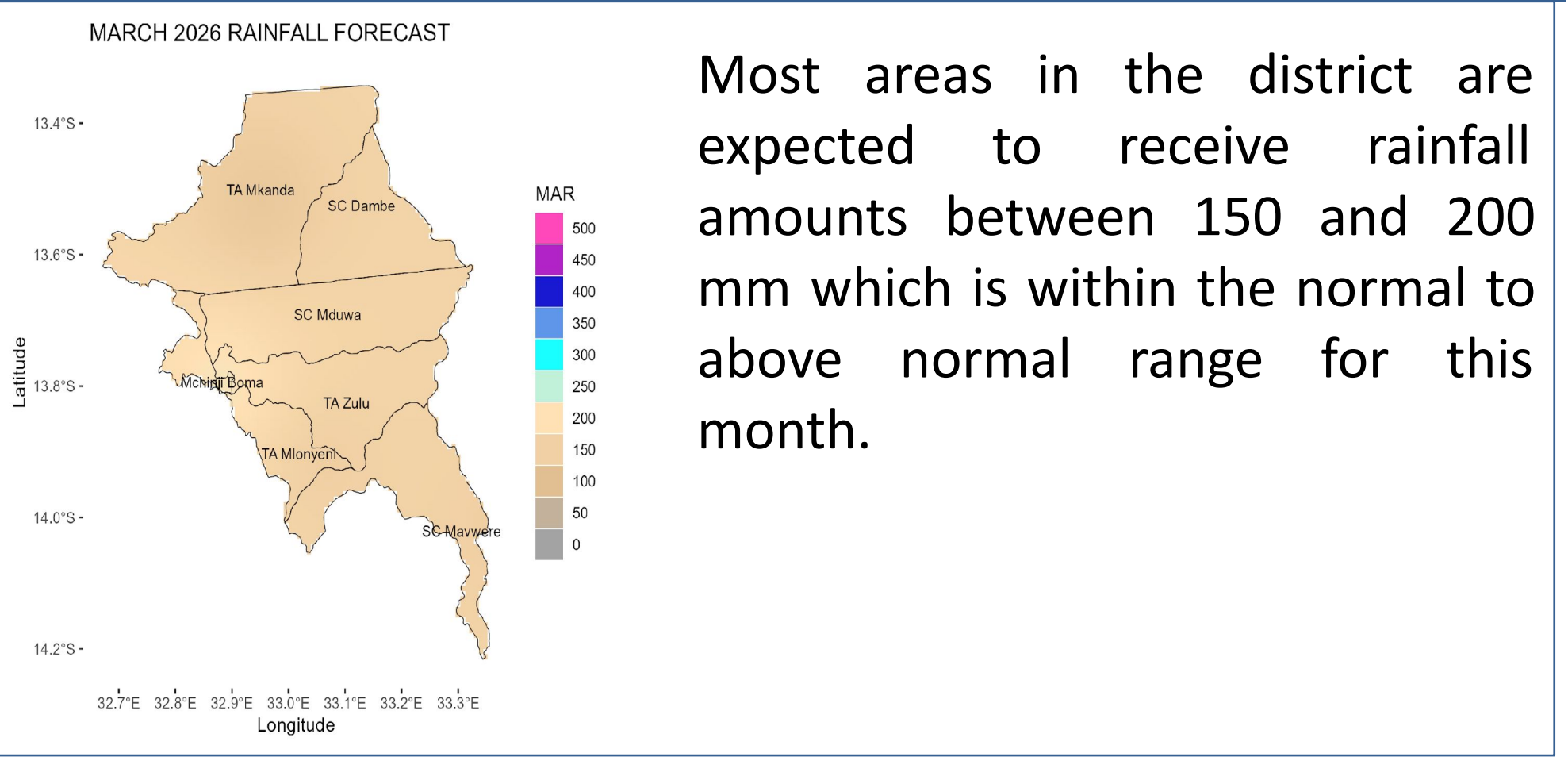
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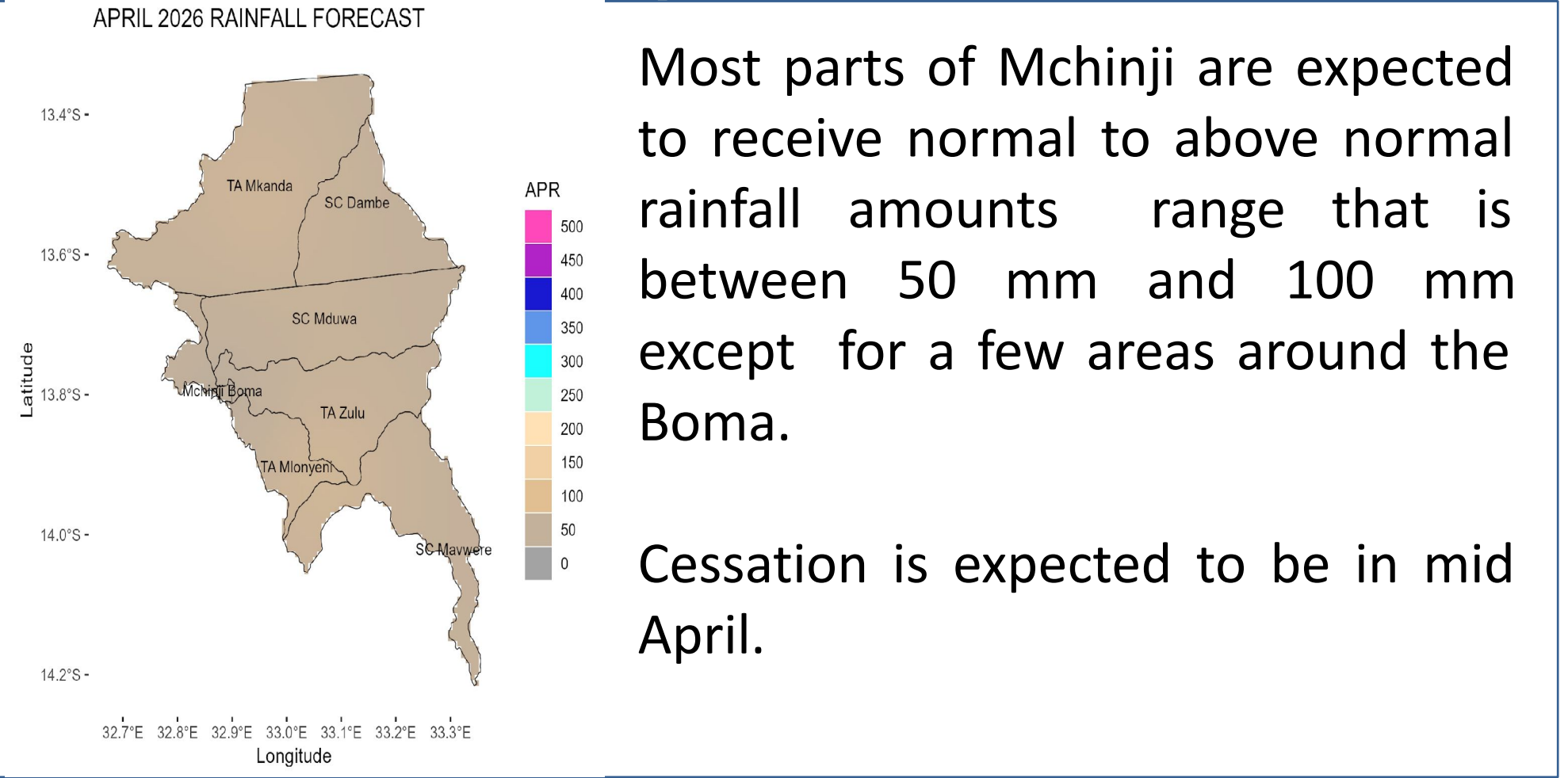
February 2026



March 2026



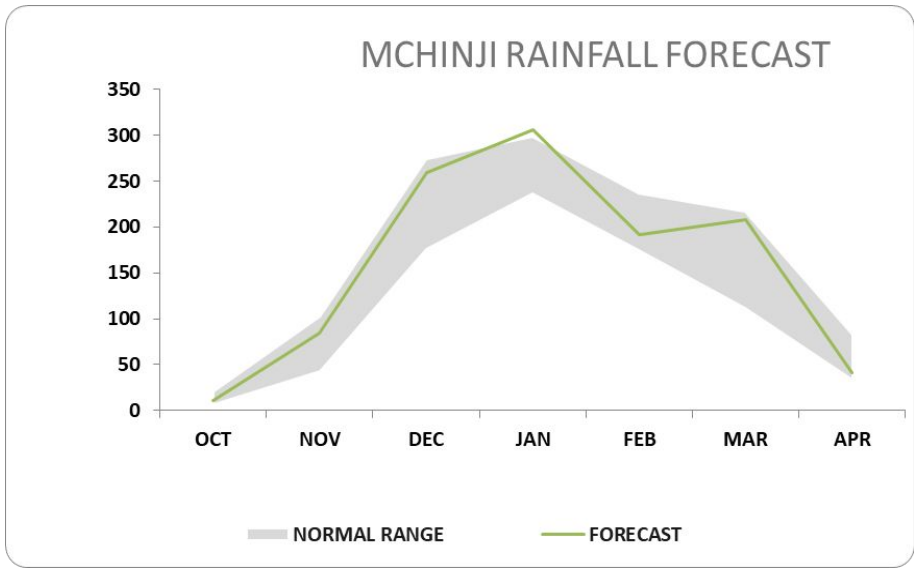
April 2026



- Rainfall onset is expected from mid December.
- Cessation is expected in mid of April, 2026.
- There is a chance of dry spells of about one week in both January and February.
- The seasonal length is expected to be around 130 to 140 days.

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

| MCHINJI | | | |
|---------|--------------|---------|----------|
| MONTH | NORMAL RANGE | | FORECAST |
| OCT | 6.71 | 21.388 | 10.9 |
| NOV | 42.672 | 102.393 | 84.8 |
| DEC | 175.583 | 274.016 | 259.3 |
| JAN | 235.94 | 298.09 | 306 |
| FEB | 174.548 | 235.959 | 191.6 |
| MAR | 111.548 | 216.984 | 208.1 |
| APR | 33.456 | 82.897 | 41.4 |



The forecast will be updated in December 2025

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