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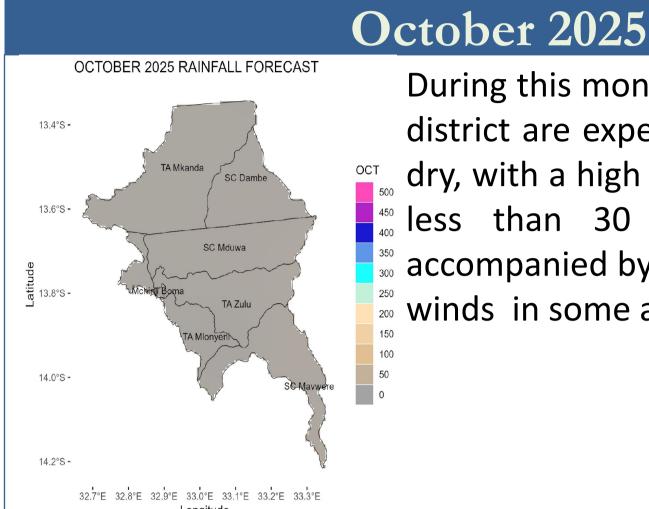
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MCHINJI DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2025-2026

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.



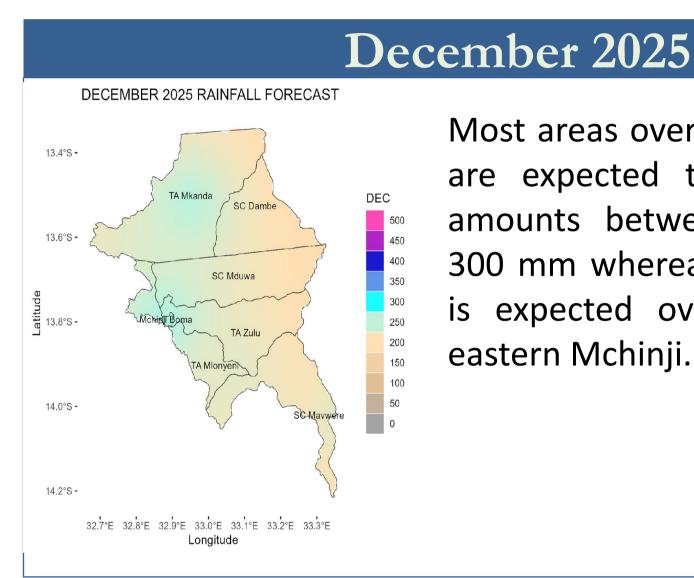
During this month, most areas in the district are expected to be generally dry, with a high likelihood of rains of less than 30 mm that will be accompanied by lightning and strong winds in some areas.

November 2025 OCTOBER 2025 RAINFALL FORECAST 13.8°S -14.0°S -32.7°E 32.8°E 32.9°E 33.0°E 33.1°E 33.2°E 33.3°E

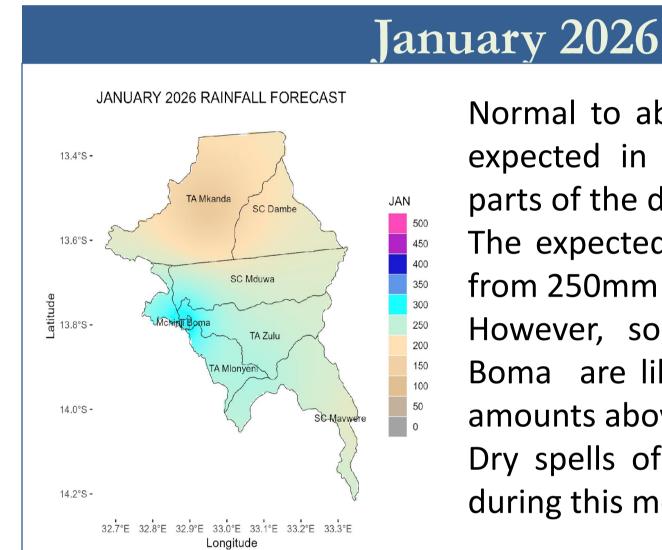
Normal to below normal rainfall amounts are expected over most areas except for the Boma and SC where higher Mawere than expected rainfall amounts are expected.

There is also high chance of gusty winds and lightning to occur.

Start of rains is expected in mid November.



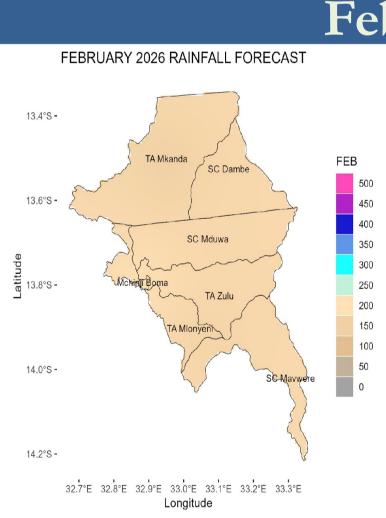
Most areas over the western parts are expected to receive rainfall amounts between 250 mm and 300 mm whereas around 200 mm is expected over most parts of eastern Mchinji.



Normal to above normal rainfall is expected in central and southern parts of the district in January 2026. The expected amounts are ranging from 250mm to 300mm.

However, some parts of Mchinji Boma are likely to receive rainfall amounts above 300mm.

Dry spells of one week are likely during this month.



APRIL 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

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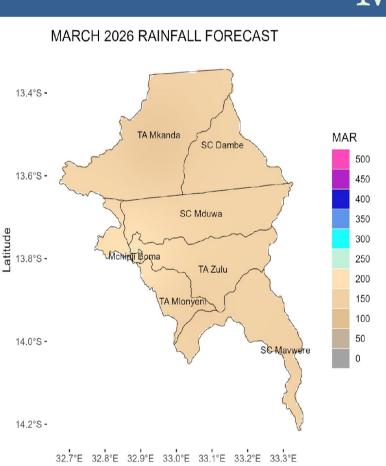
February 2026

Normal to below normal rainfall is expected across the district.

Most areas are expected to receive rainfall amounts ranging from 150 mm to 200 mm.

Most likely are also dry spells of about two weeks.

March 2026



Most areas in the district are rainfall expected to receive amounts between 150 and 200 mm which is within the normal to above normal range for this month.



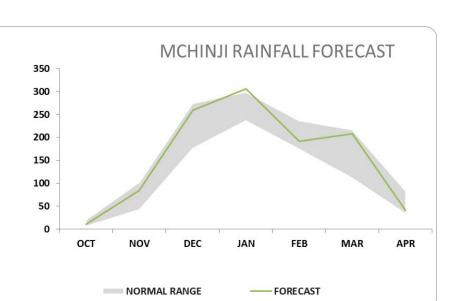
Most parts of Mchinji are expected to receive normal to above normal rainfall amounts range that is between 50 mm and 100 mm except for a few areas around the Boma.

Cessation is expected to be in mid April.

- 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.

	MCH	INJI	
MONTH	NORMAL RANGE		FORECAST
ОСТ	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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