

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE



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MULANJE 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.

Mulanje district is expected to receive normal rainfall amounts.

October 2025 OCTOBER 2025 RAINFALL FORECAST OCT 15.6'S SC Juma TA Nkanda TA Nkanda TA Chikumbu TA Alburan In Reserve TA Chikumbu TA Mabuka OCT TA Chikumbu TA Mabuka OCT TA Chikumbu TA Chikumbu TA Mabuka OCT TA Chikumbu TA Chikumbu TA Chikumbu TA Mabuka OCT TA Chikumbu TA Chikum

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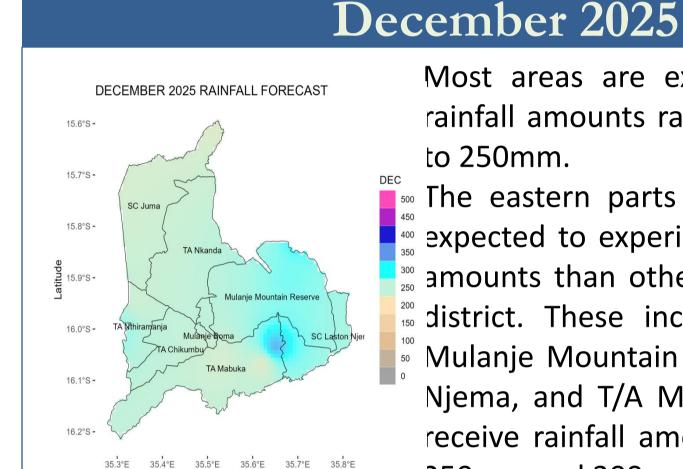
During October, Mulanje district is expected to be hot and dry with some areas likely to receive rainfall amounts of less than 50mm. Chizimalupsya rains are likely to be accompanied with gusty winds and lightning.

NOVEMBER 2025 RAINFALL FORECAST 15.6°S 15.8°S 15.8°S 16.0°S TA Nhiramanja Mulanje Mountain Reserve 16.1°S TA Nhiramanja Mulanje Mountain Reserve TA Chikumbu TA Mabuka TA Mhiramanja Mulanje Mountain Reserve TO 150 mm are expected during the company of the co

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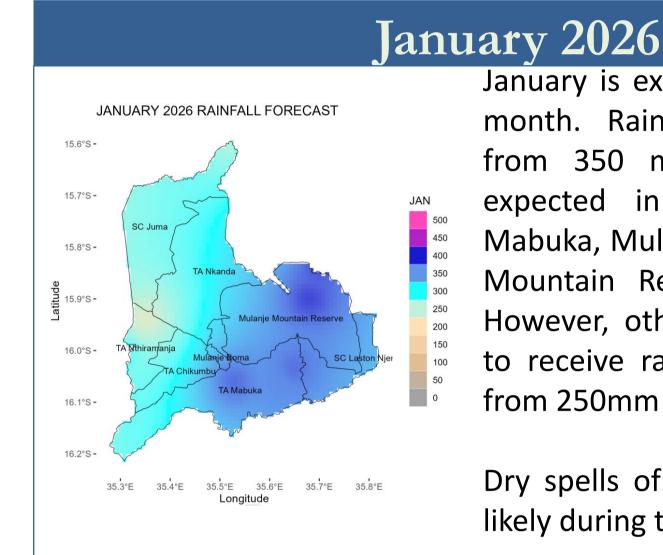
Normal to below normal rainfall amounts ranging from from 50mm to 150mm are expected during this month in most areas of the district. Gusty winds and thunderstorms are expected during this month.

Onset of rainfall is likely to start from third week of November 2025.



Most areas are expected to receive rainfall amounts ranging from 200mm to 250mm.

The eastern parts of the district are expected to experience higher rainfall amounts than other areas of Mulanje district. These include areas around Mulanje Mountain Reserve, SC Laston Njema, and T/A Mabuka are likely to receive rainfall amounts ranging from 250mm and 300mm.



MARCH 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

35.3°E 35.4°E 35.5°E 35.6°E 35.7°E 35.8°E Longitude

15.6°S -

15.7°S -

15.8°S -

15.9°S -

16.0°S -

16.1°S -

January is expected to be a wettest month. Rainfall amounts, ranging from 350 mm to 400 mm, are expected in areas such as T/A Mabuka, Mulanje boma and Mulanje Mountain Reserve.

However, other areas are expected to receive rainfall amounts ranging from 250mm to 300mm.

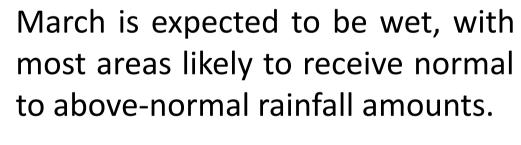
Dry spells of less than a week are likely during this month.

FEBRUARY 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST 15.6°S 15.8°S 15.8°S 15.9°S TA Nihiramanja Mulanje Boma TA Chikumbu TA Chikumbu TA Mabuka 16.1°S -

35.4°E 35.5°E 35.6°E 35.7°E 35.8°E Longitude Most areas of the district are expected to receive rainfall amounts ranging from 200mm to 250mm. Few areas to the east of T/A Mabuka and west of SC Laston Njema will likely receive rainfall amounts around 300mm.

Dry spells of about seven days are likely in this month.

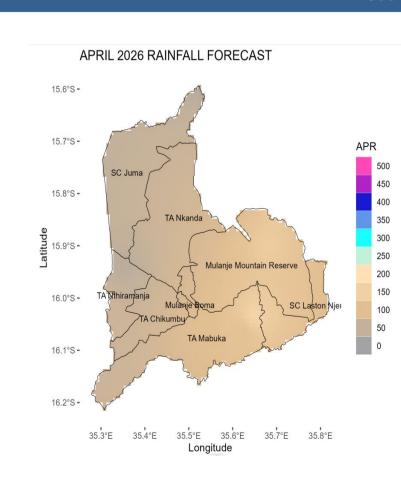
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Rainfall amounts, ranging from 250 mm to 300 mm, are expected in areas such as SC Laston Njema and Mulanje Mountain Reserve while other areas are expected to receive rainfall amounts ranging from 200mm to 250mm.



February 2026



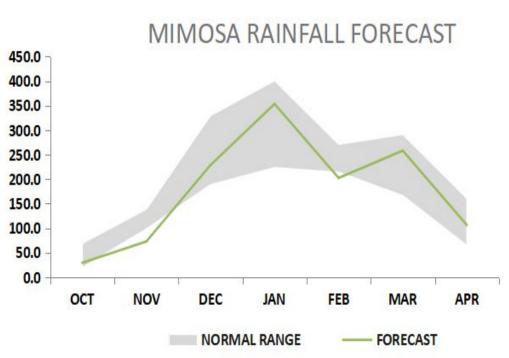
Areas around Mulanje Mountain Reserve, SC Laston Njema, T/A Mabuka and Mulanje boma are expected to receive rainfall amounts from 100 mm and 150 mm of rainfall. Other areas are likely to receive rainfall amounts ranging from 50mm to 100mm.

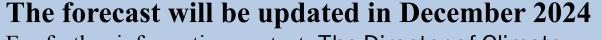
Cessation is likely to be from fourth week of April 2026.

- Onset is expected from the third week of November .
- Cessation is anticipated from the fourth week of April
- Season length is expected from **150 to 160 days**.
- Dry spells of about a week are likely in January and February.

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

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MONTH	NORMAL RANGE		FORECAST
OCT	19.5	69.2	29.5
NOV	98.4	138.7	73.1
DEC	188.7	329.7	228.8
JAN	223.7	401.1	353.6
FEB	214.1	271.1	202.6
MAR	166.8	291.2	258.3
APR	65.0	160.8	106.5





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