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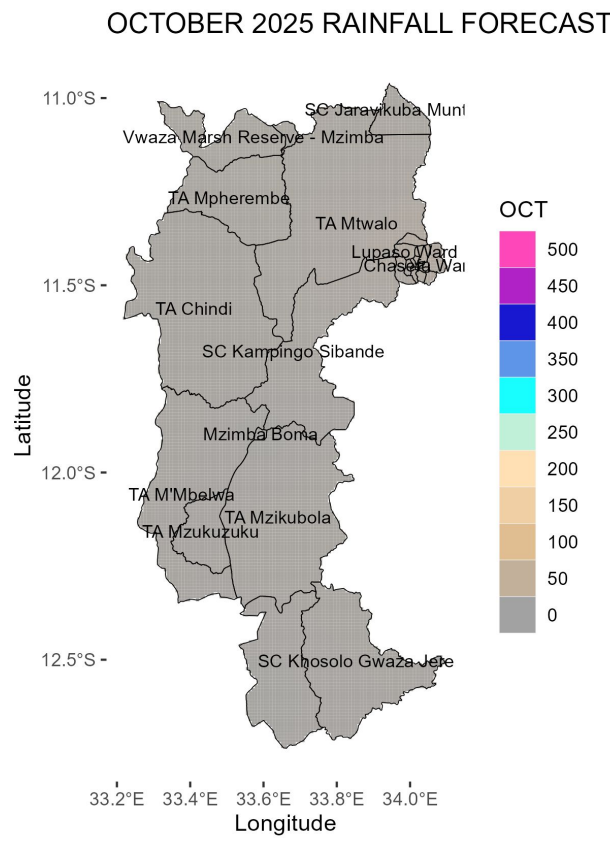
MZIMBA DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2025-2026

OVERVIEW OF 2025/2026 RAINFALL SEASON

The 2025-2026 rainfall season in Malawi is likely to be partly influenced by Neutral – El Nino Southern Oscillation conditions in the tropical pacific ocean, among others.

Mzimba district is expected to receive **normal to above normal** total rainfall amount

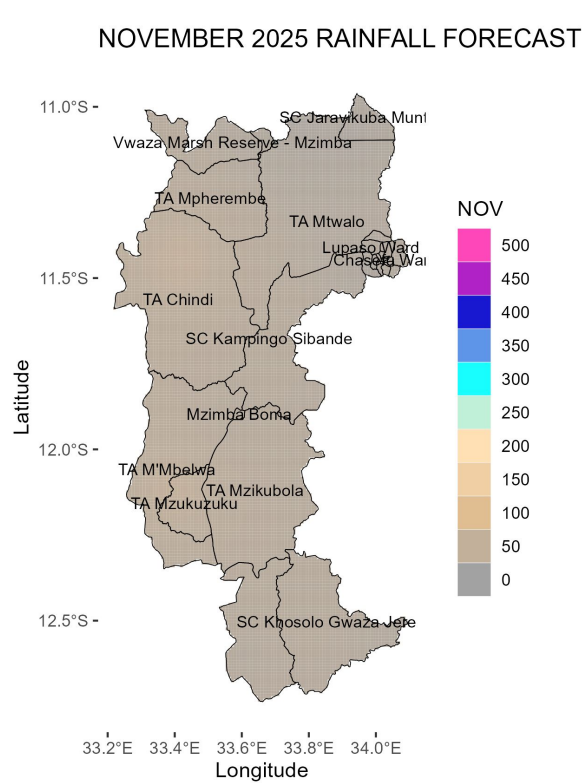
October 2025



Mzimba is expected to experience generally dry conditions in October.

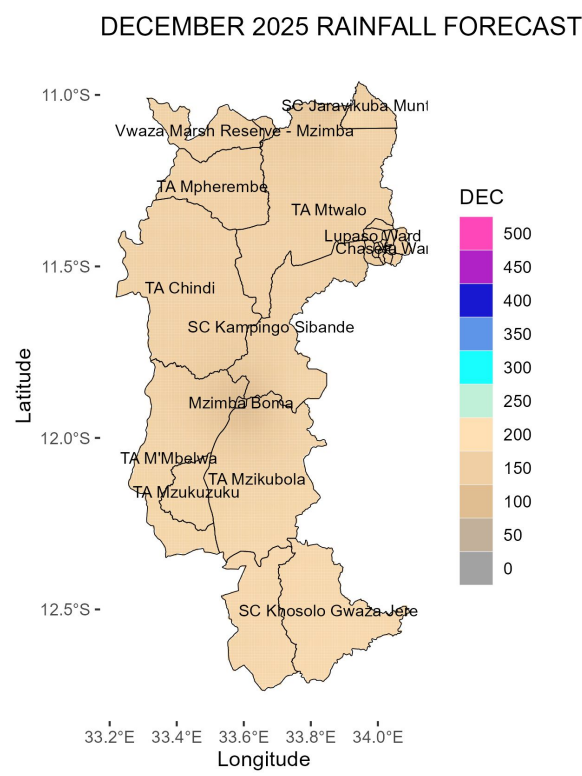
However, Chizimalupsya rains are expected over few areas of the district.

November 2025



Expect rainfall amounts of not more than 50mm normal rainfall during this month.

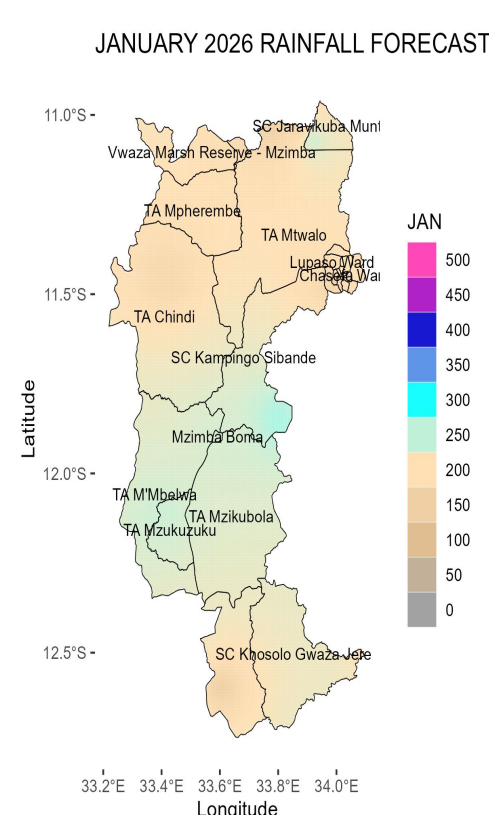
December 2025



Normal to above normal rainfall, in the range of 150mm to 200mm, is expected

Onset of the season is likely from mid December, 2025.

January 2026

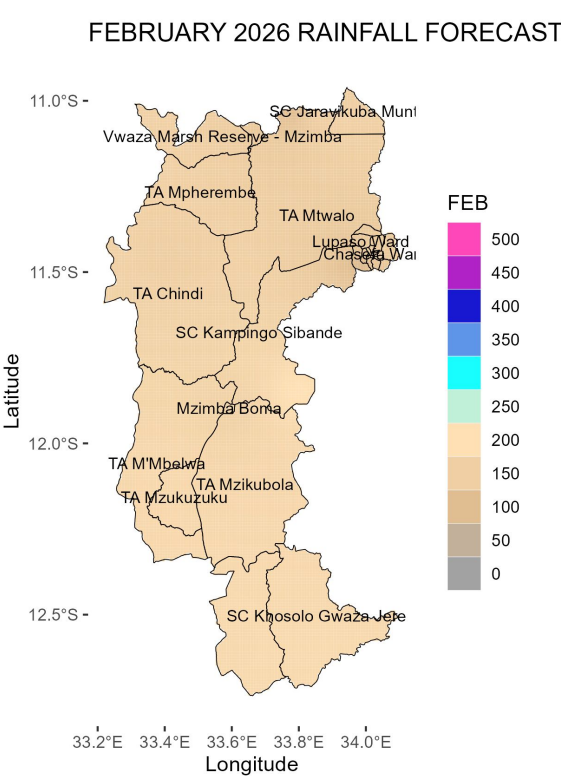


Normal to above-normal rainfall amounts exceeding 200 mm are possible in most areas of Mzimba.

Expect high rainfall of about 250 mm to 300mm over TA Mzikubola, SC Kampinga Sibande, Mzimba boma, T/A Mpherembe, M'Mbelwa, T/A Mzukuzuku and SC Jaravikuba Muni.

Dry spells of about a week are also expected.

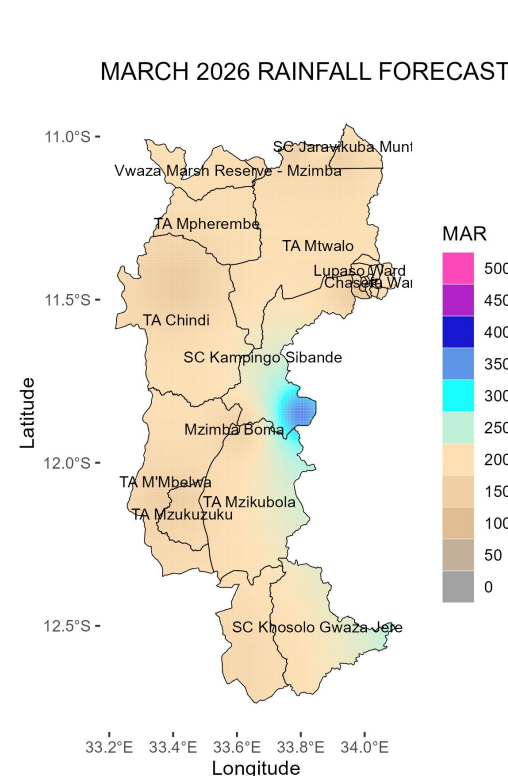
February 2026



Normal rainfall amounts are expected during February 2025. Most areas in Mzimba are expected to receive about 200 mm rainfall in February.

Dry spells of about a week are also expected.

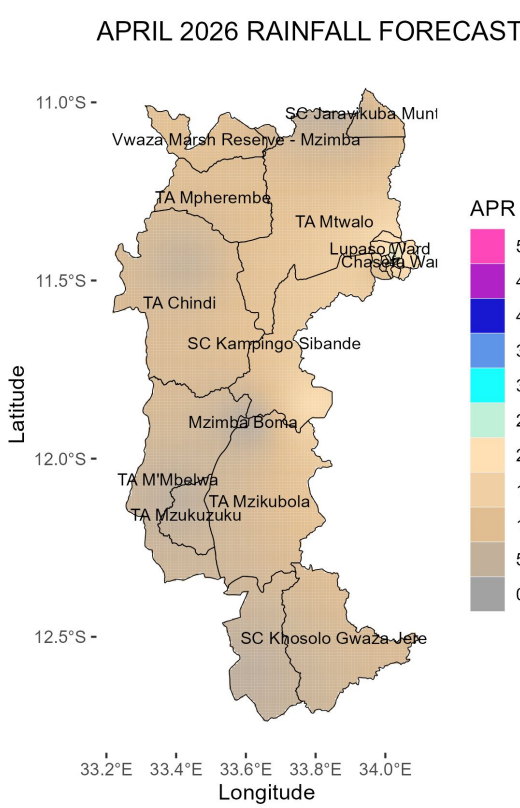
March 2026



Most areas in Mzimba will continue to receive rainfall amounts exceeding 200mm in March 2025, with Mzimba boma expected to receive rainfall ranging from 300 mm to 350 mm.

Dry spells of about two weeks are also expected.

April 2026



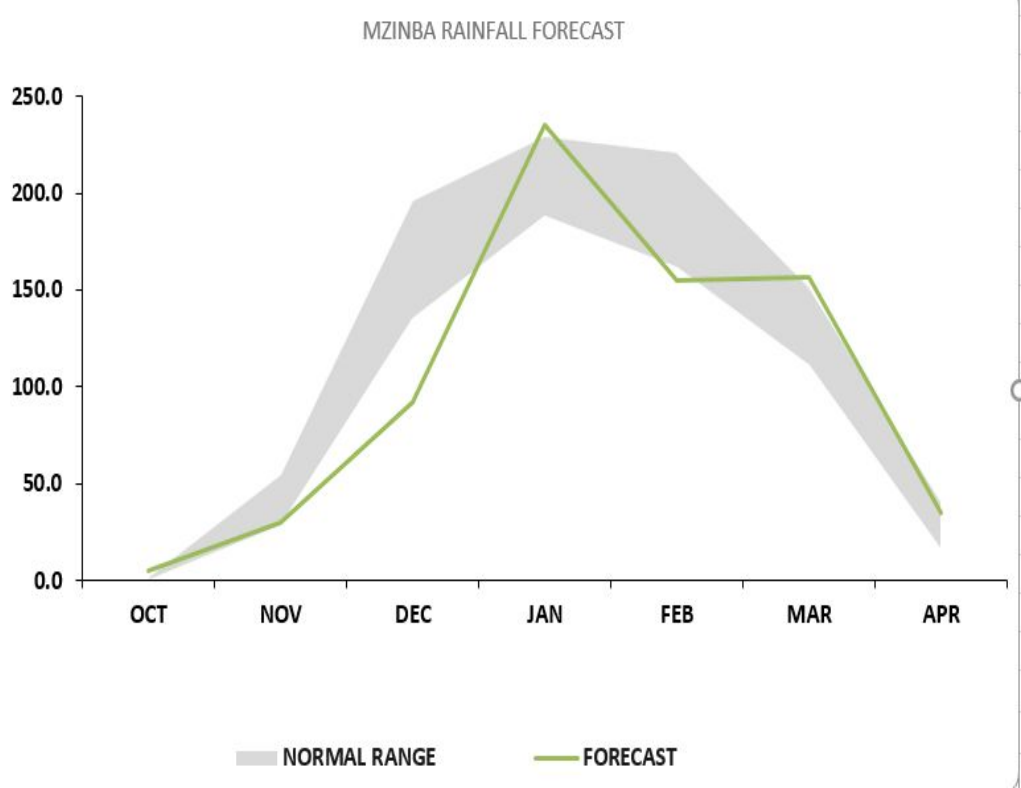
Normal to above-normal rainfall, in the range of 50 mm to 100 mm, is expected.

Rainfall Cessation is expected during the last week of April, 2026.

- Rainfall onset is from mid December 2025.
- The season is expected to end from last week of April 2026.
- The seasonal length is forecasted to be of 130 to 140 days.
- Dry spells of at least 7 days are possible in January and February 2026.

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

MZIMBA			
MONTH	NORMAL RANGE		FORECAST
OCT	0.0	2.0	5.1
NOV	28.1	54.5	29.7
DEC	135.4	196.1	91.8
JAN	188.4	229.2	235.2
FEB	161.3	221.2	154.8
MAR	111.3	151.8	156.3
APR	16.0	40.9	34.9



The forecast will be updated in December 2025

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