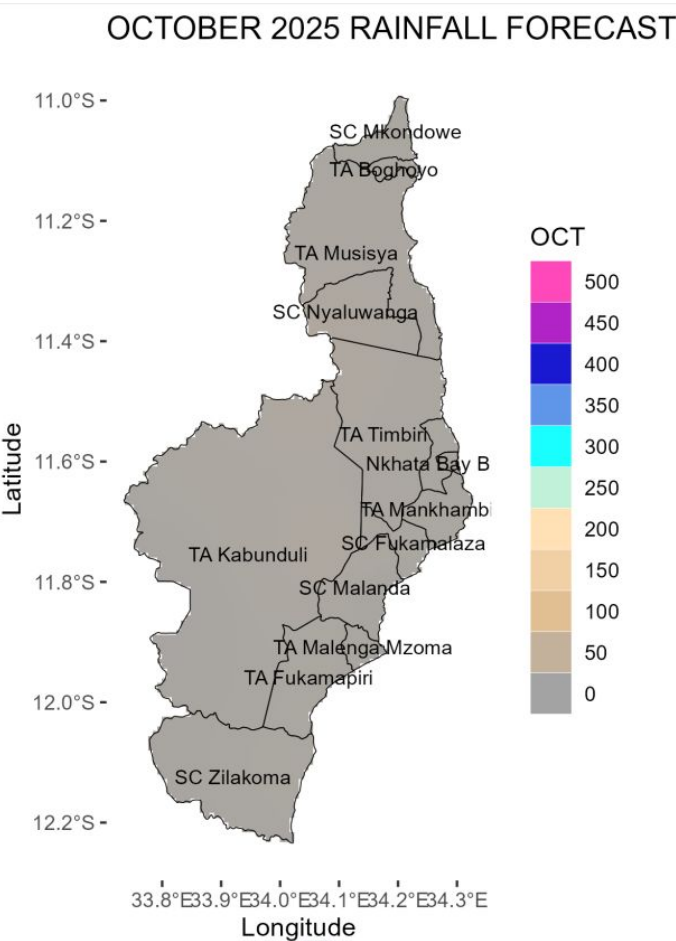




Overview of 2025/2026 Rainfall Season

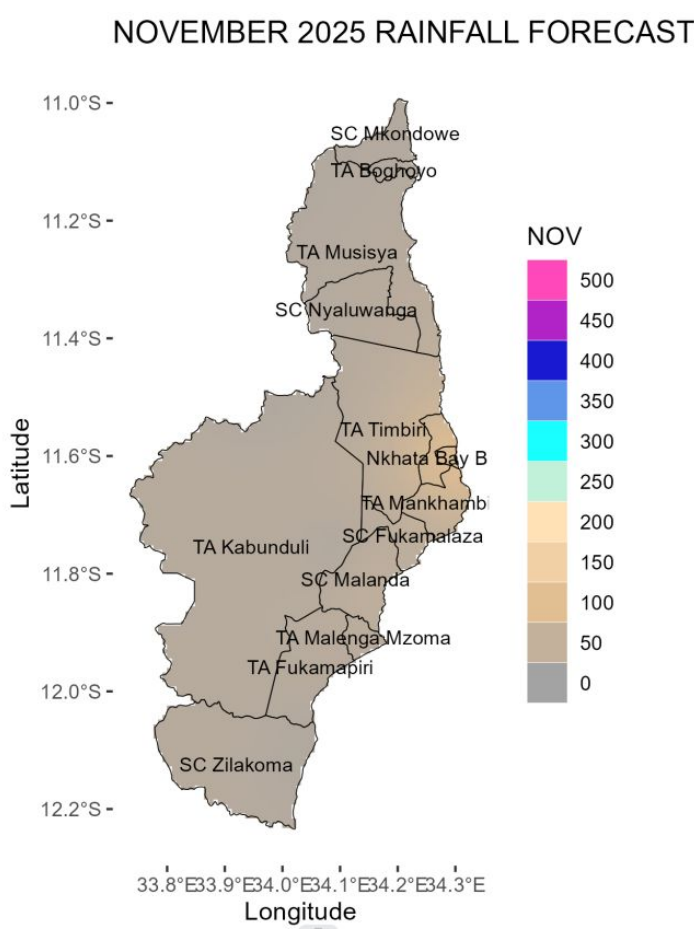
The 2025/2026 rainfall season is likely to be partly influenced by Neutral El Nino Southern Oscillation conditions in the Tropical Pacific Ocean among other factors. Nkhata Bay is expected to receive **normal to above normal** rainfall amounts. However, there is a high chance of receiving **Normal to below normal** rainfall amounts during the months of November, 2025 and February, 2026.

October 2025



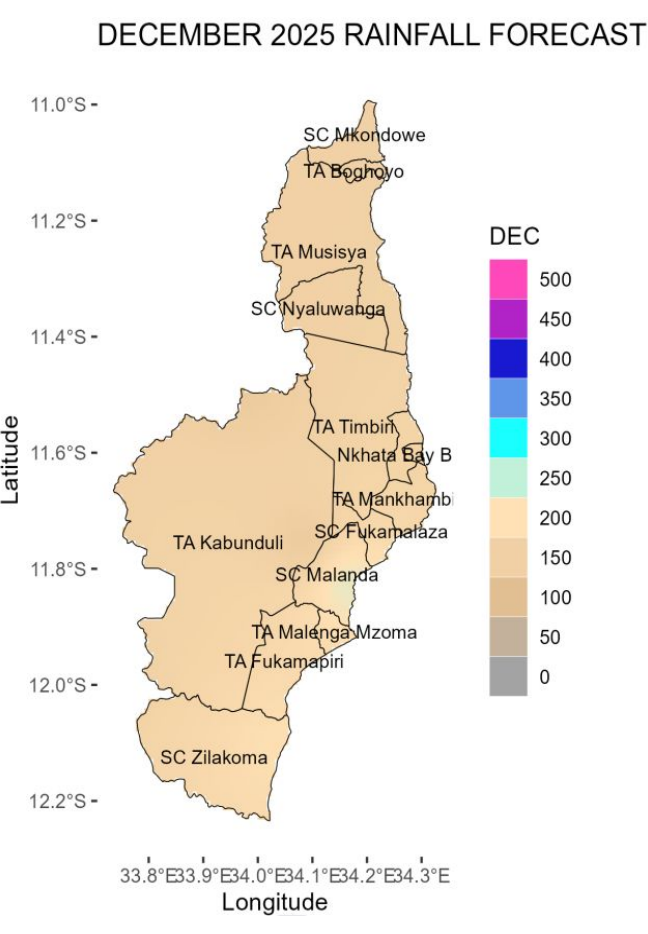
Hot and dry conditions are expected in October in Nkhata Bay district. However, *Chizimalupysa* rains might be experienced in some areas of the district during the month.

November 2025



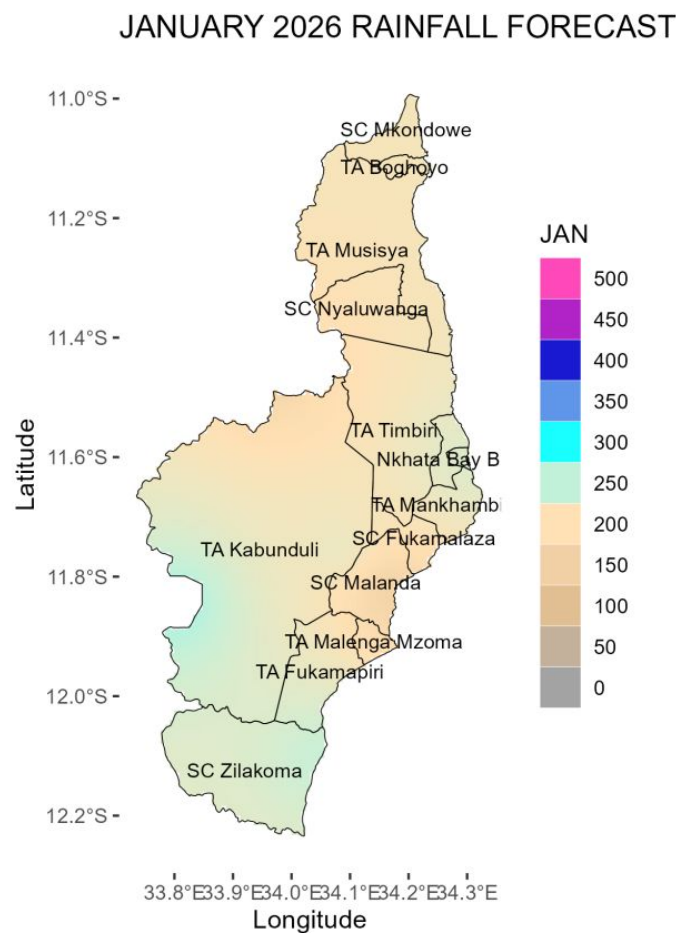
November 2025, is expected to be hot and dry, with normal to below normal rainfall in Nkhata bay. Rainfall amounts between 50 mm and 100 mm may be experienced mainly along the lakeshore areas of the district coupled with gusty winds, lightning and thunderstorms.

December 2025



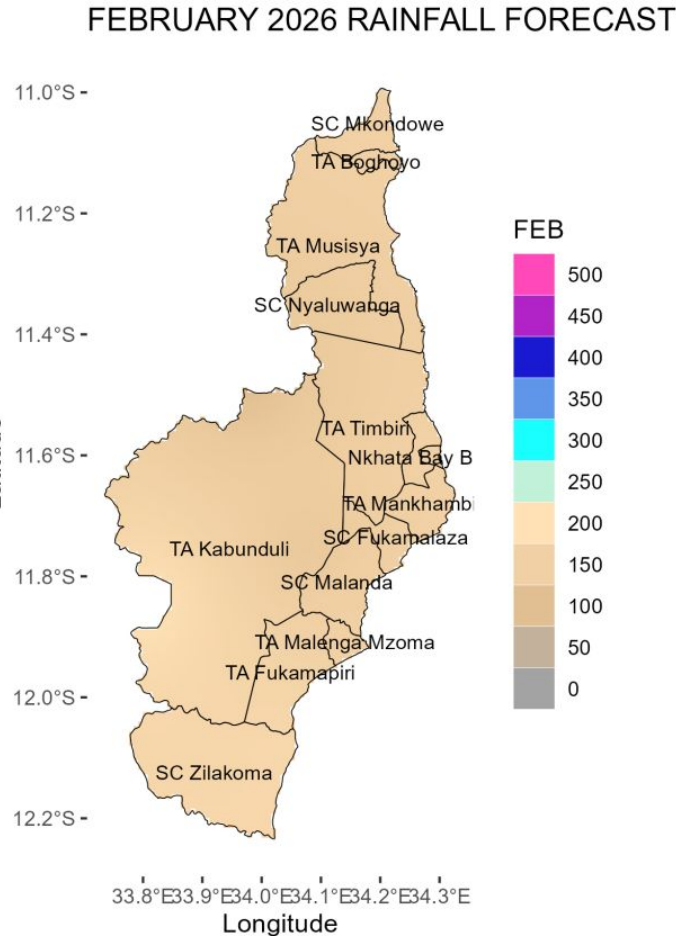
Most parts of Nkhata bay are likely to receive normal to above-normal rainfall amounts ranging between 150 mm and 200 mm. Some areas of TA Kabunduli, TA Timbiri, Nkhata Bay boma, SC Nyaluwanga and south of Usisya are projected to experience normal to below-normal rainfall. The onset of rains is expected around mid-December 2025.

January 2026



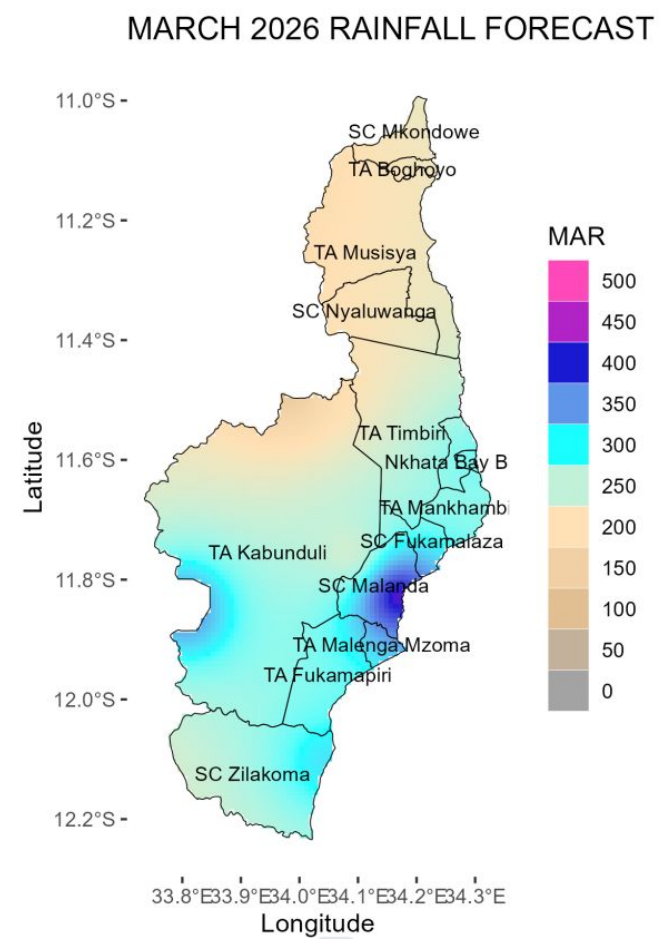
January is expected to be very wet across the district with normal to above normal rainfall amounts. Areas of SC Zilakoma and South of TA Kambunduli are expected to receive rainfall amounts of about 250 mm. The rest of the areas are likely to receive 150 to 200mm. A dry spell of about a week is likely in this month.

February 2026



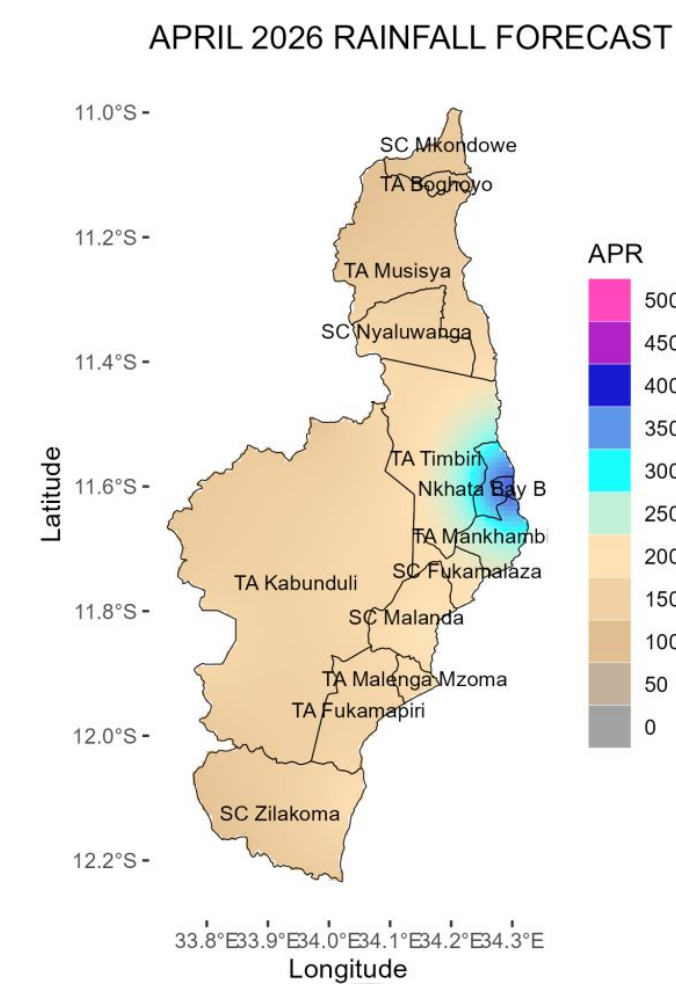
Normal to below-normal rainfall amounts are expected in February, with most areas likely to receive between 150 and 200 mm of rainfall. The risk of dry spells is low, however some areas in the district may experience dry spells of about one week during the month.

March 2026



March is expected to be wetter in Nkhata bay, with the northern half expected to receive between 150 mm and 200 mm of rainfall while the southern half is likely to receive between 250 mm and 300 mm of rainfall. Higher rainfall amounts, exceeding 300 mm, are expected in lakeshore areas such as TA Malanda.

April 2026

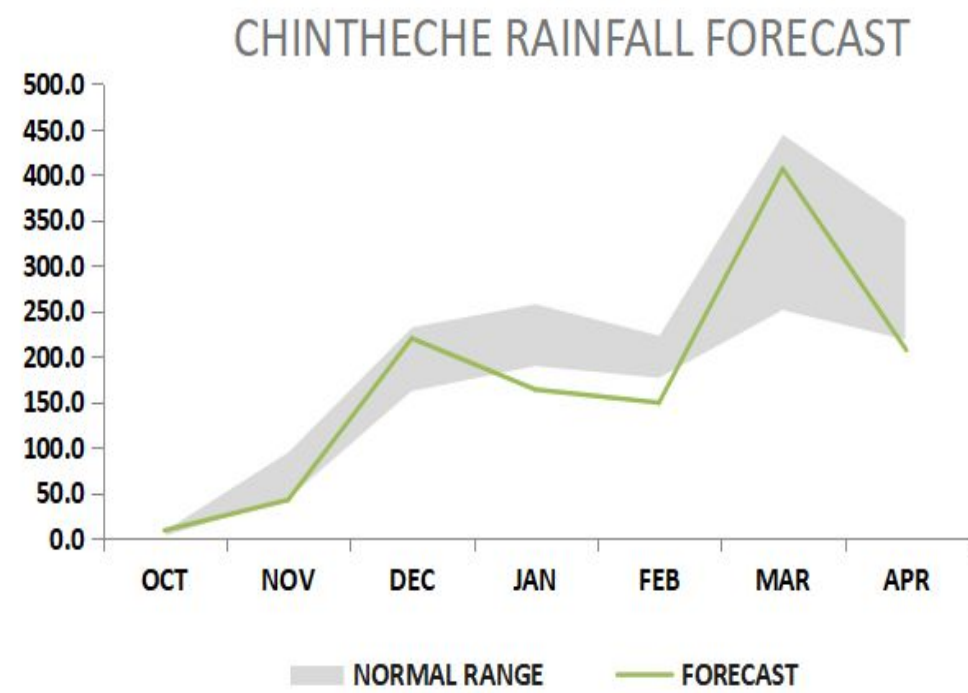


Most areas are expected to receive normal to above-normal rainfall amounts ranging from 100 mm to 150 mm. However, some lakeshore areas, including Nkhata Bay Boma, parts of TA Mankhamba, and the southern part of TA Timbiri, are likely to receive rainfall amounts exceeding 250 mm. Cessation is anticipated to be from end of April, 2026.

Nkhata Bay is expected to receive normal to above normal rainfall. However, there is chance of below normal rainfall during November and February. Onset is expected from mid December 2025. Cessation is expected from end of April 2026. Seasonal length is expected to range from 130 to 140 days. The risk of dry spells is low, with only one-week dry spells expected in January and February.

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

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MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	1.5	9.5
NOV	41.9	96.0
DEC	160.6	220.2
JAN	188.2	259.1
FEB	175.2	224.5
MAR	249.8	446.1
APR	217.0	351.8



The forecast will be updated in December 2025

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