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NTCHEU 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. Neutral El Nino-Southern Oscillation refers to atmospheric and oceanic conditions in the equatorial Pacific that are near their long-term average with no active El Nino and La Nina forcing. Ntcheu district is expected to receive **normal to below normal** rainfall amount during the 2025/2026 rainfall season.

October 2025

OCTOBER 2025 RAINFALL FORECAST

During October, Ntcheu district will receive rainfall less than 30 mm

The first rainfall will be accompanied by strong winds and lightning.

November 2025

NOVEMBER 2025 RAINFALL FORECAST

In November, Most areas of the district will receive rainfall amounts in the range of 20 - 50mm.

This falls within normal to below normal range.

December 2025

DECEMBER 2025 RAINFALL FORECAST

Most areas of the district are expected to receive rainfall amounts in the range of 200 - 240mm during the month of December.

The onset is expected from mid December 2025.

January 2026

JANUARY 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

Normal to below normal rainfall amounts in the range of 150 - 200mm are expected in most parts of the district.

Dry spells of about less than a week are likely to occur during February.

February 2026

FEBRUARY 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

Normal to below normal rainfall amounts in the range of 150 - 200mm are expected in most parts of the district.

Dry spells of about less than a week are likely to occur during February.

March 2026

MARCH 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

In March most areas of the district are expected to receive rainfall in the range of 110 - 150mm

April 2026

APRIL 2026 RAINFALL FORECAST

The rainfall cessation is expected by early April in many areas of Ntcheu with most areas receiving rainfall not more than 60.

Ntcheu district is expected to **receive normal to below normal rainfall amounts**. The **Onset** of rainfall in Ntcheu is expected mid December, 2025. Rainfall cessation is expected early April 2026. The **seasonal length** is expected to be between 120 to 130 days. Dry spells of about 7 days are expected both in January and February 2026. The table and figure below show monthly rainfall distribution for the season with a normal band in grey.

| NTCHEU | | | |
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| MONTH | NORMAL RANGE | FORECAST | |
| OCT | 9.8 | 44.6 | 19.3 |
| NOV | 66.6 | 123.2 | 44.6 |
| DEC | 182.7 | 319.5 | 218.1 |
| JAN | 270.9 | 432.1 | 235.3 |
| FEB | 163.6 | 252.1 | 202.5 |
| MAR | 127.6 | 199.3 | 189.6 |
| APR | 10.8 | 59.2 | 37.2 |

