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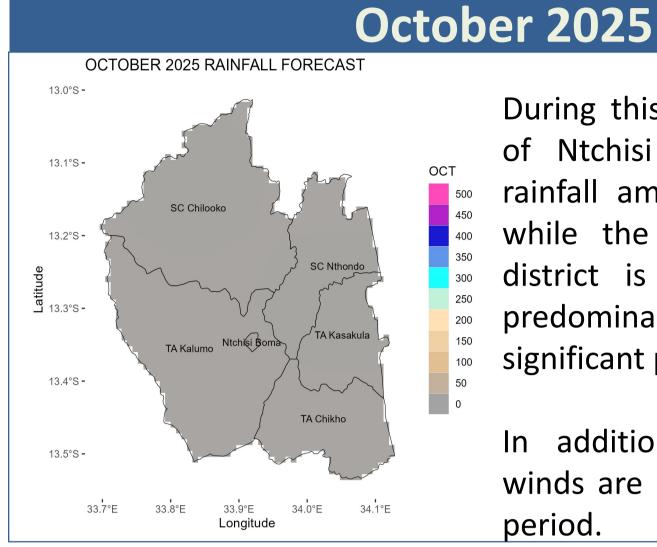
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#### NTCHISI DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2025-2026

# **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.

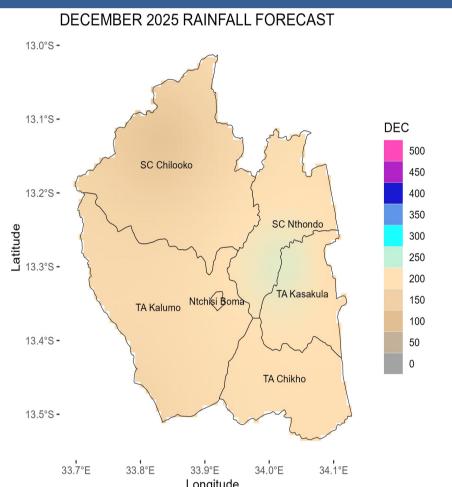
Ntchisi District is expected to receive generally normal to above normal rainfall amounts during the 2025/2026 rainfall season.



During this month, certain areas of Ntchisi District may record rainfall amounts below 50 mm, while the greater part of the district is expected to remain predominantly dry with significant precipitation.

In addition, strong and gusty winds are anticipated during this period.

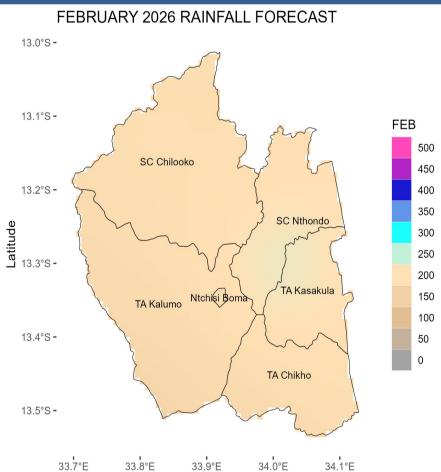
# December 2025



The onset of the rainy season is expected mid-December around 2025.

In December, most parts of the forecast to receive district are between 100 mm and 150 mm of rainfall. However, areas around SC Nthondo and sections of in the northwest are Kasakula projected to record approximately 250 mm.

# February 2026



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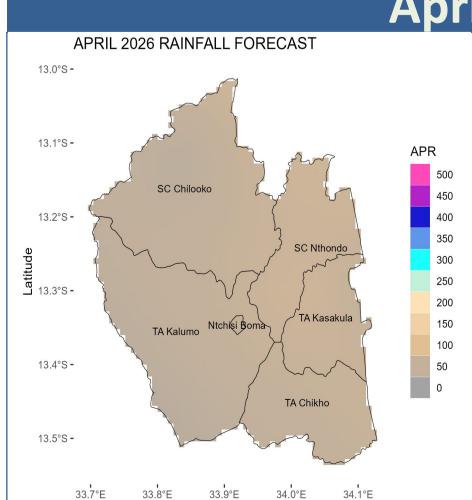
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In February, most parts of the district are expected to receive between 150 mm and 200 mm of rainfall.

However, some areas of SC Nthondo, TA Kasakula, and SC Chilooko in the southwest are expected to receive approximately 250 mm.

There likelihood also a experiencing short dry spells lasting up to seven days during this month.

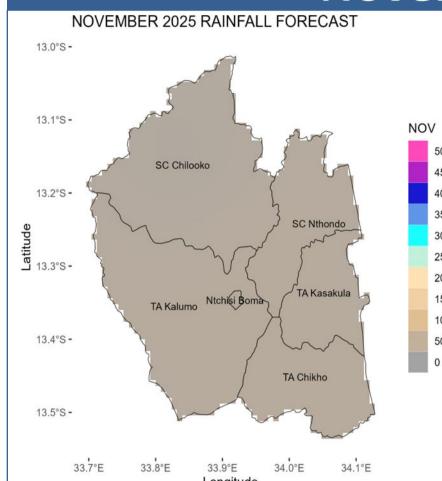
# **April 2026**



In Ntchisi District, the 2025/2026 rainfall season is anticipated to conclude towards the first week of April.

During this cessation period, most district are within the areas record cumulative expected to rainfall totals of less than 50 mm.

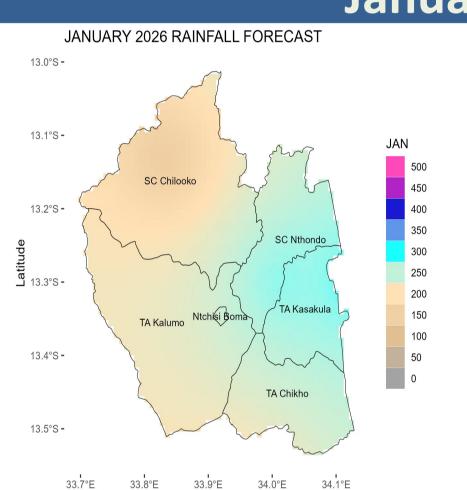
#### November 2025



In November, most areas of the district are forecast to receive less than 50 mm of rainfall.

The period is further expected be characterized by gusty and occurrences winds lightning.

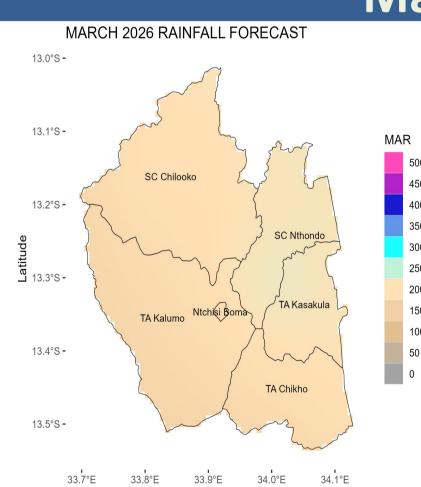
### January 2026



January is anticipated to be a wet month, with most areas of the receive district expected to between 200 mm and 300 mm of rainfall, falling within the normal to above-normal range.

However, areas within SC Chilooko and parts of TA Kasakula may record rainfall amounts exceeding 300 mm.

## **March 2026**



In March, most areas of Ntchisi District are expected to receive normal rainfall amounts ranging from 150 mm to 200 mm.

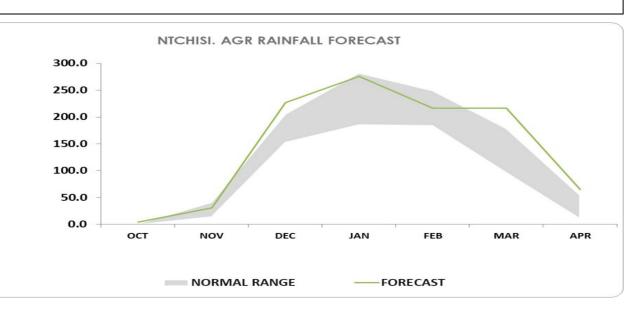
However, localized zones, particularly in SC Nthondo and parts of TA Kasakula in the northwest, may record higher totals of around 260 mm.

reflects This generally normal conditions across the district, with isolated experiencing areas above-normal rainfall.

- Rainfall onset is anticipated from mid December,
- Dry spells of up to seven days, anticipated in January and February.
- The seasonal cessation projected towards the first week of April.
- The **seasonal length** for Ntchisi District is projected to range between 110 and 120 days.

The table and figure below illustrate the monthly rainfall distribution for the season, with the grey band indicating the normal

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MONTH	NO RMA L	RANGE	FO REC A ST
OCT	0.0	0.9	4.7
NOV	14.4	40.9	30.5
DEC	152.9	204.7	226.8
JA N	186.0	281.4	275.8
FEB	183.7	248.7	216.2
MAR	96.5	178.0	216.4
A PR	11.1	54.1	65.2



The forecast will be updated in December 2026

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