



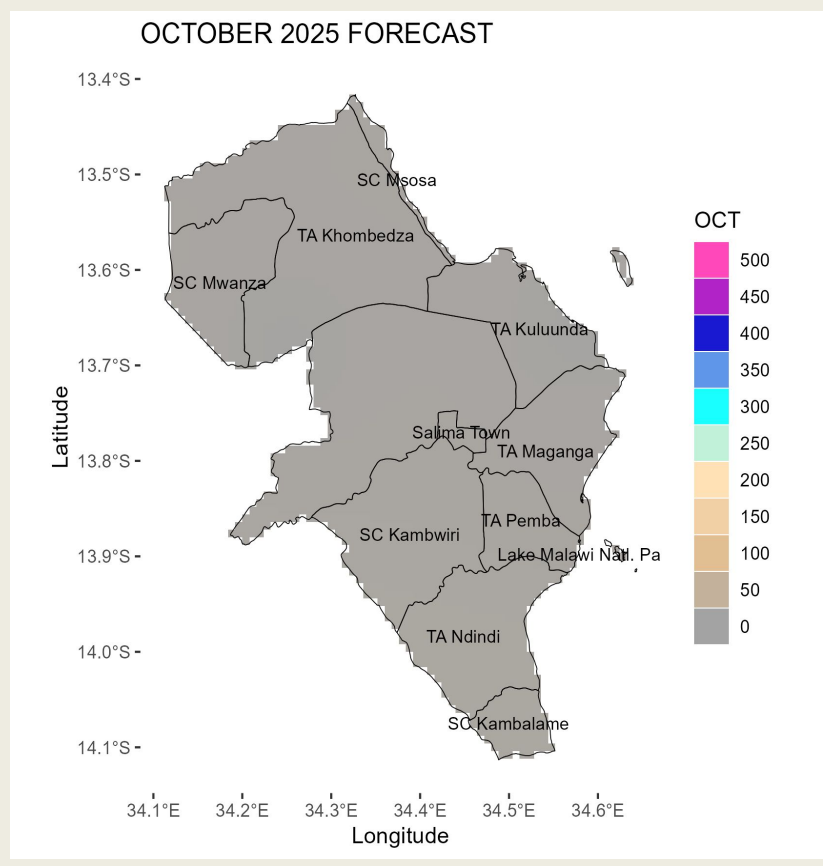
SALIMA DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2025-2026

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.

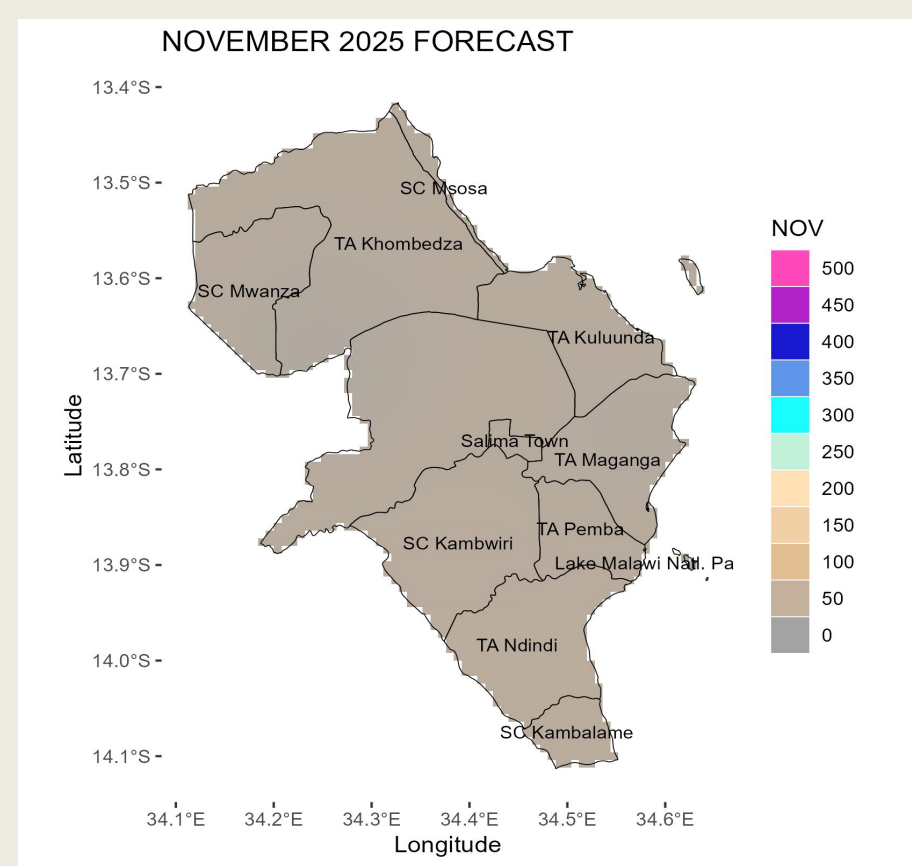
Salima District is expected to receive **normal to above normal rainfall amounts**.

OCTOBER 2025



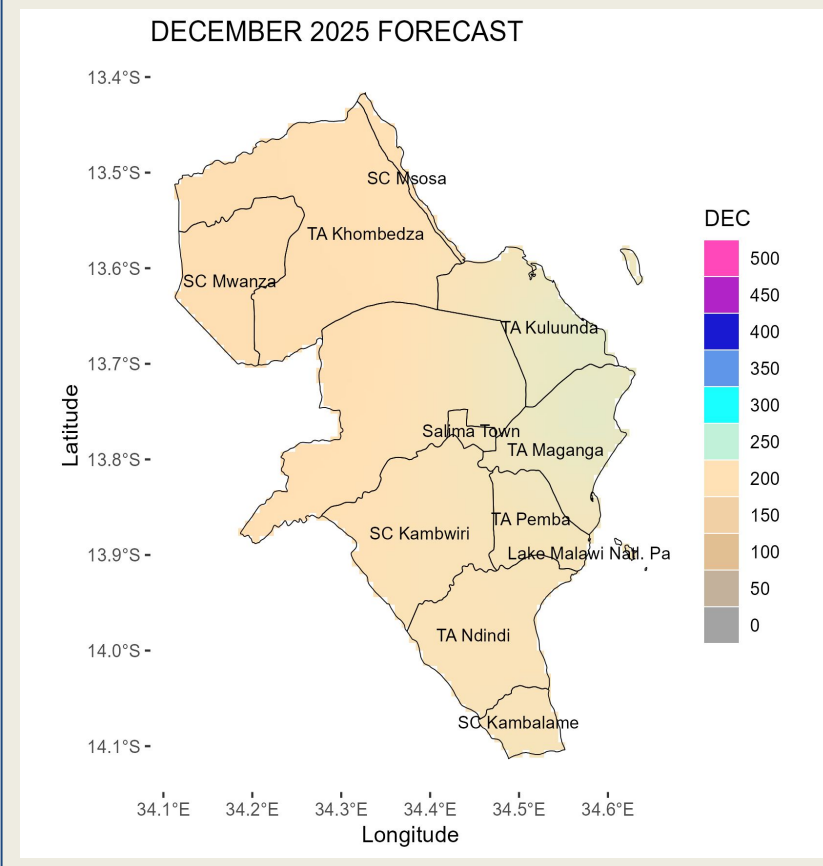
During the month of October, Salima is expected to be dry over most areas. However, Chizimalupsa rains of about 15mm are likely in few areas. These rains will be associated with strong winds and thunderstorms due to excess heating.

NOVEMBER 2025



In November, several areas in Salima are expected to receive below normal rains of less than 50 mm.

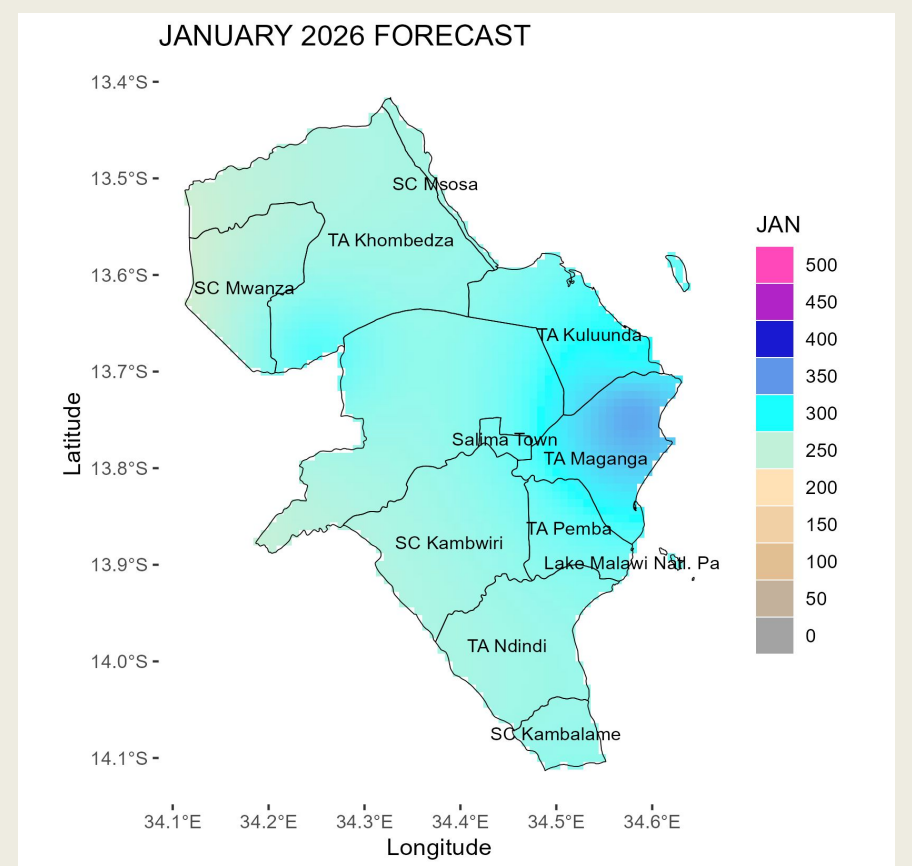
DECEMBER 2025



Rainfall across most areas of Salima district will range between 150–250 mm, with some areas around TA Maganga, TA Pemba, and TA Kuluunda receiving rainfall amounts ranging from 250mm to 300mm).

The rainfall onset is expected from mid December.

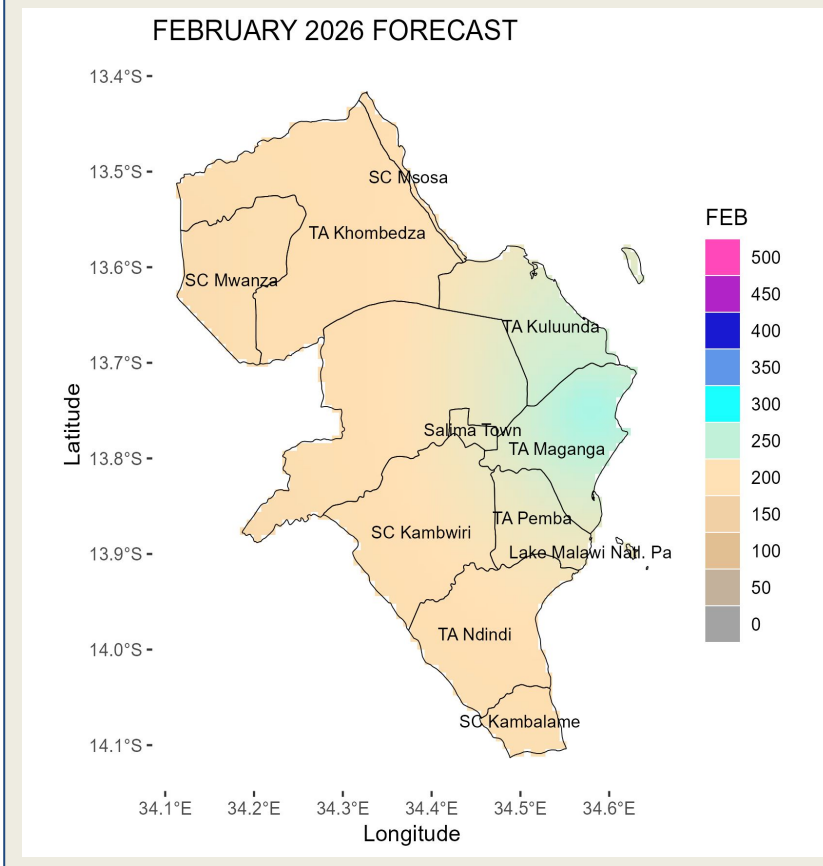
JANUARY 2026



Most Areas around Maganga, Pemba, Kuluunda and lakeshore may exceed 300 mm, while areas around Mwaza, Kambwiri and Ndindi may receive rainfall amounts ranging from 200–250 mm.

There is a threat of a dry spell of about a week in January 2026.

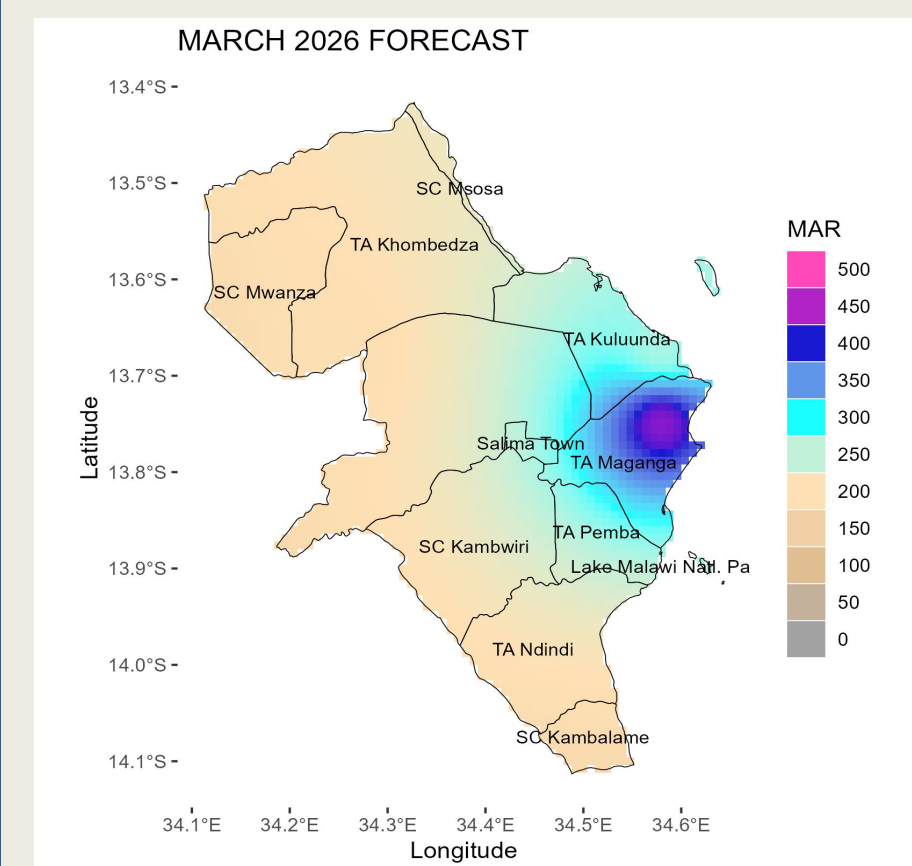
FEBRUARY 2026



February is expected to receive normal to below normal rainfall amounts over most areas. Areas around TA Maganga are expected to receive normal to above normal rains of at least 300mm.

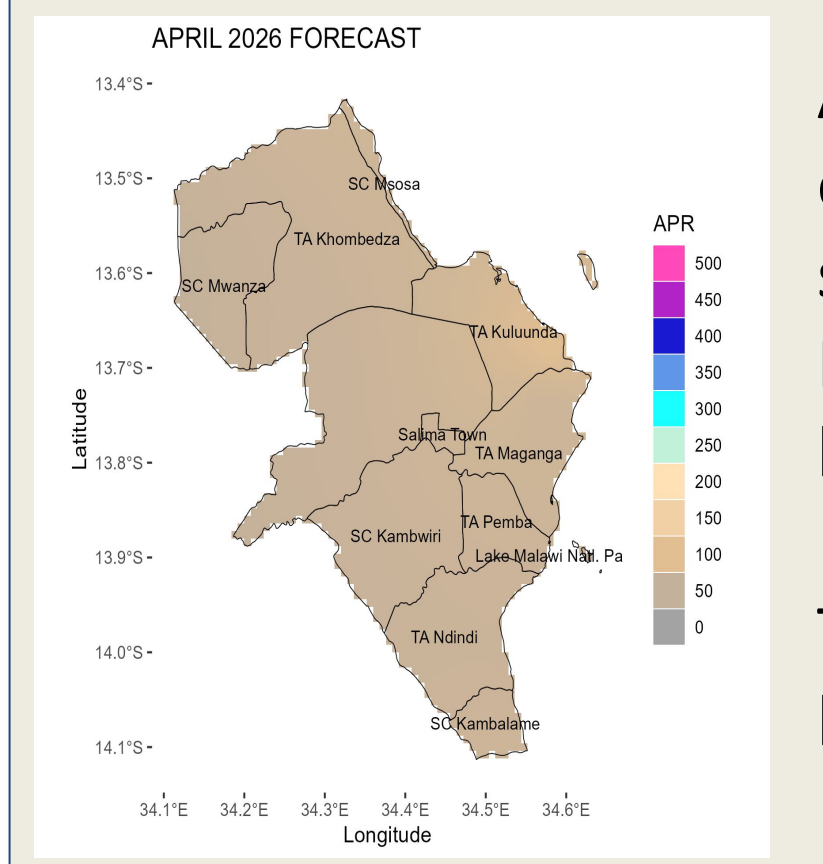
Dry spells of about one week are expected in the district.

MARCH 2026



In March, Salima is expected to receive about 150 to 250 mm of rainfall across the district but areas around TA Maganga and TA Kuluunda are expected to be wetter and will receive more than 300mm.

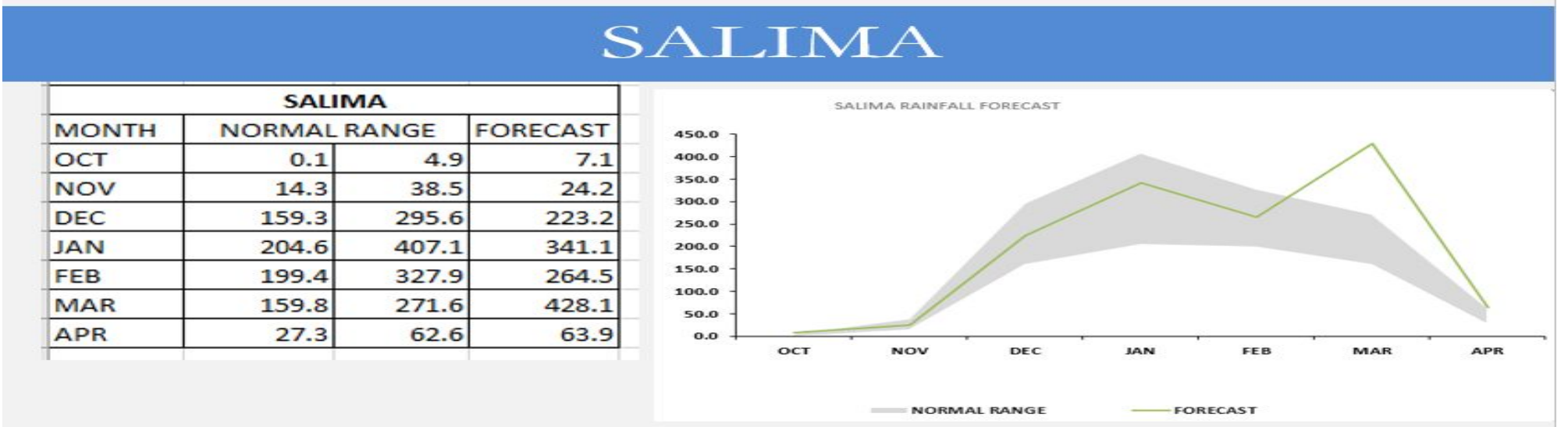
APRIL 2026



A significant reduction in rainfall is expected in April as the rainfall season will be coming to an end. Most areas are expected to receive less than 50mm.

The expected cessation for Salima is likely to be mid April 2026.

- The rainfall onset is expected from mid December.
 - Rainfall cessation is expected to occur from mid April.
 - The seasonal length is expected to range from 120 to 130 days.
 - Dry spells of about a week are most likely in January and February 2026.
- The table and figure below show monthly rainfall distribution at Salima for the season with a normal band in grey.



The forecast will be updated in December 2025

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