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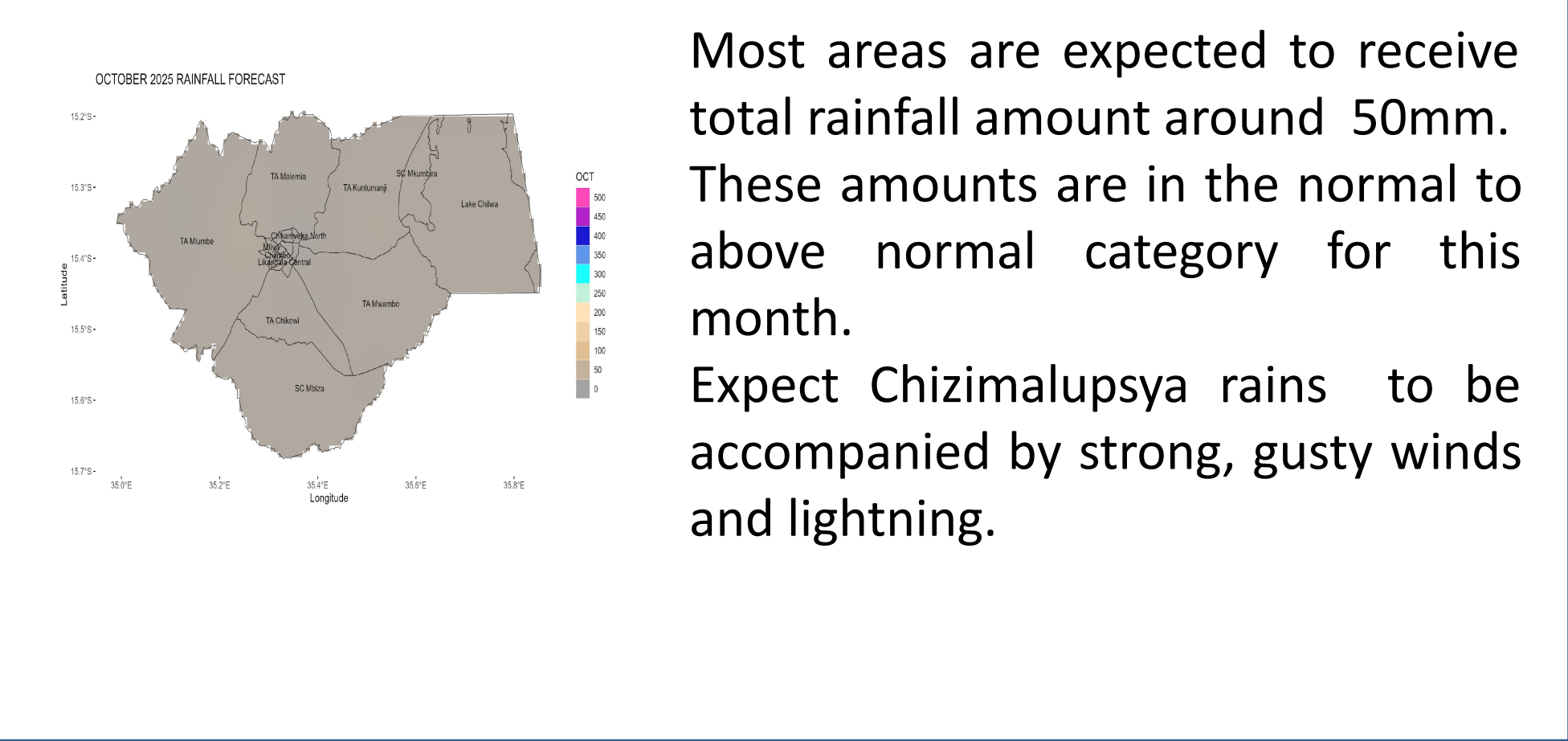
ZOMBA DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2025-2026

Overview of 2025/2026 Rainfall Season

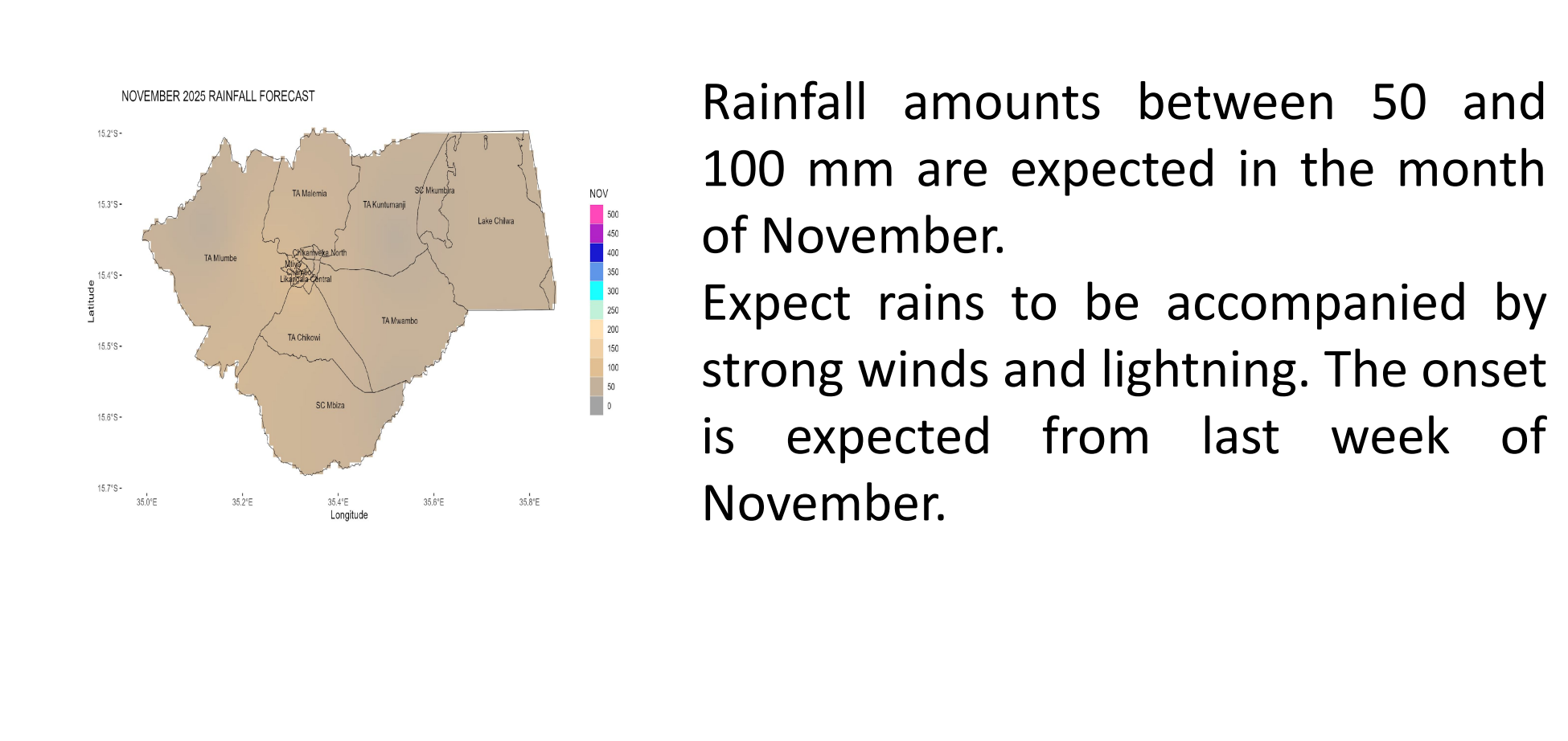
The 2025/2026 rainfall season is likely to be partly influenced by Neutral El Nino Southern Oscillation conditions in the tropical Pacific Ocean among other factors.

Zomba District is expected to receive generally **normal to above normal rains cumulative rainfall** during the 2025/2026 rainfall season.

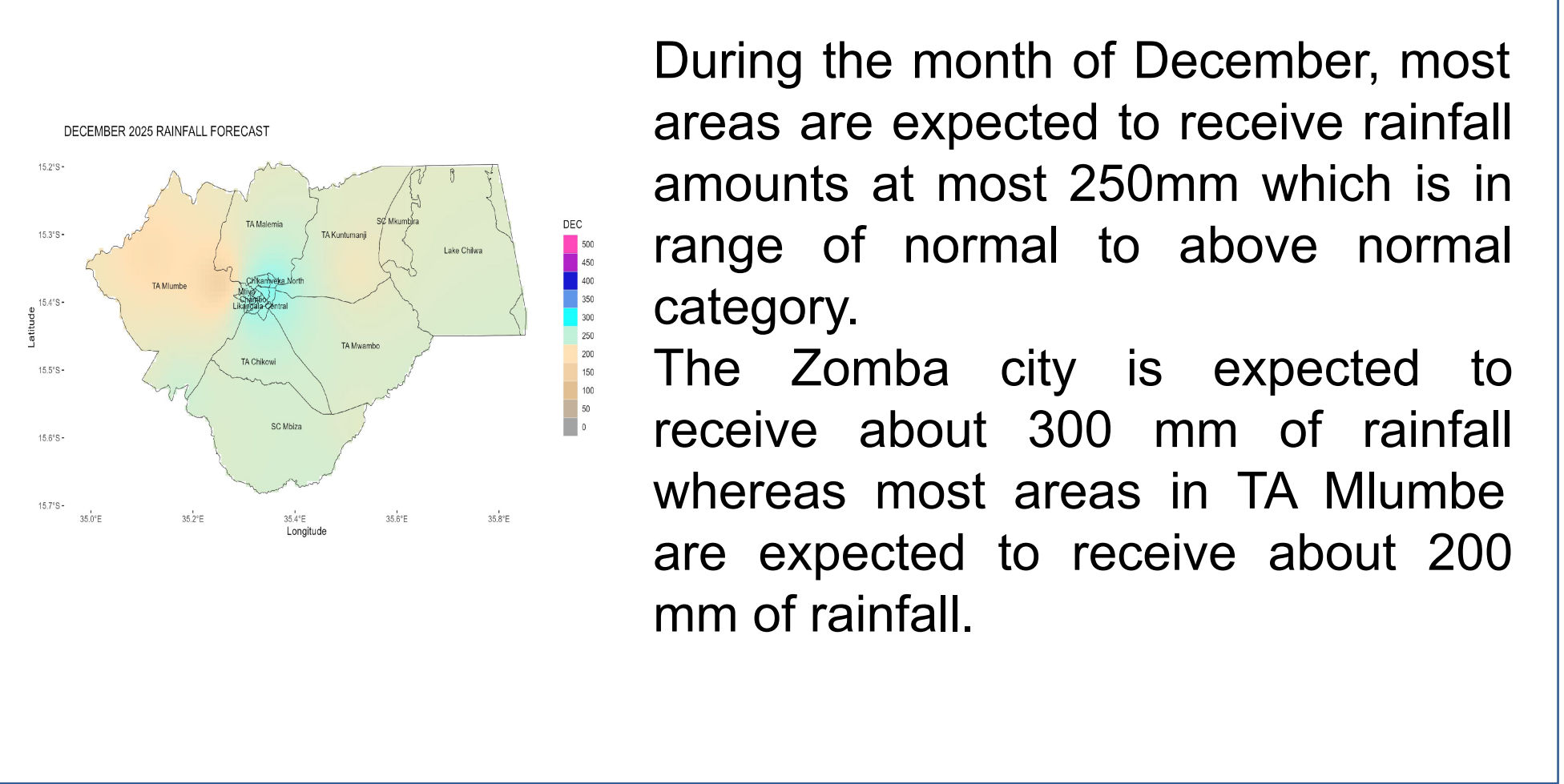
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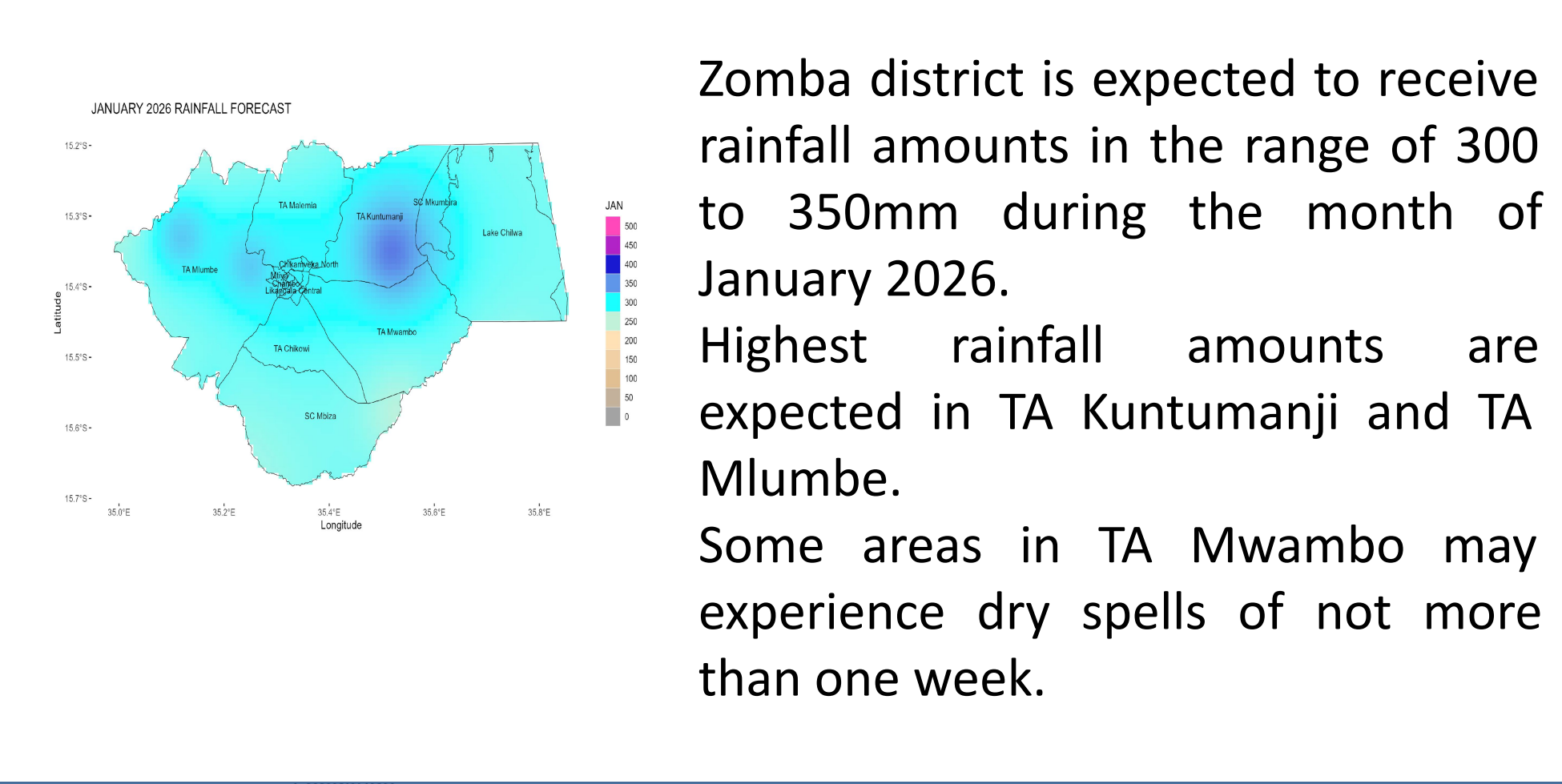
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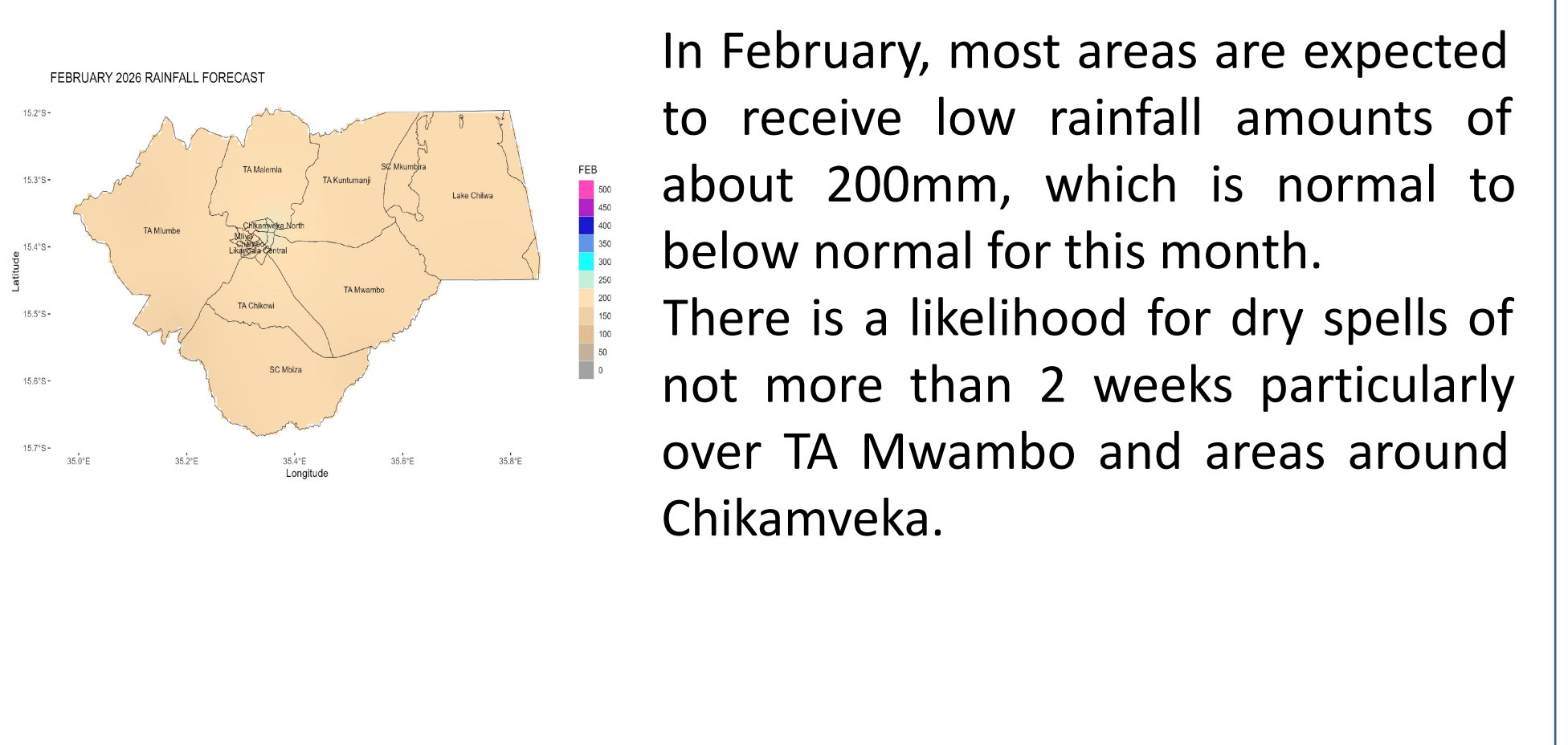
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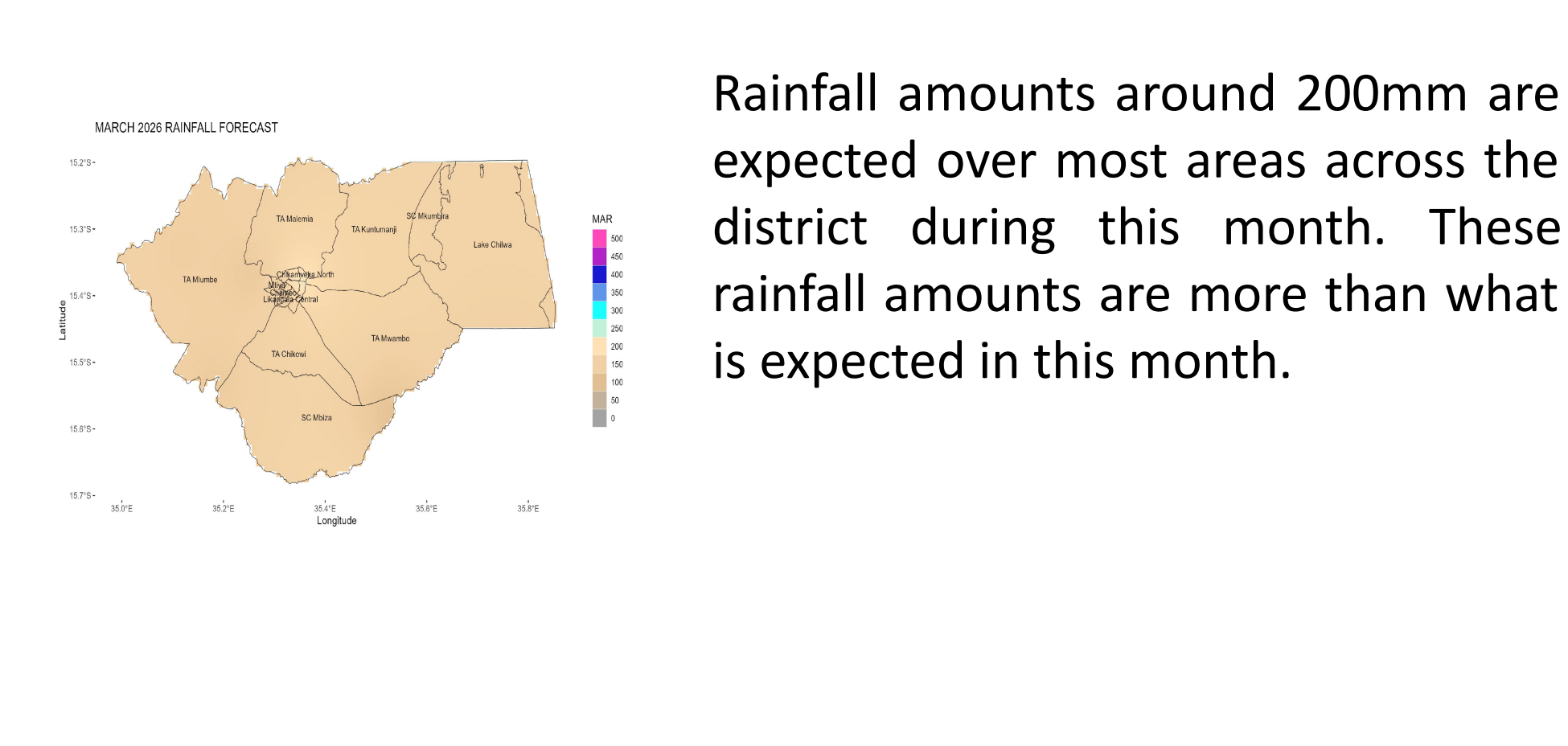
January 2026



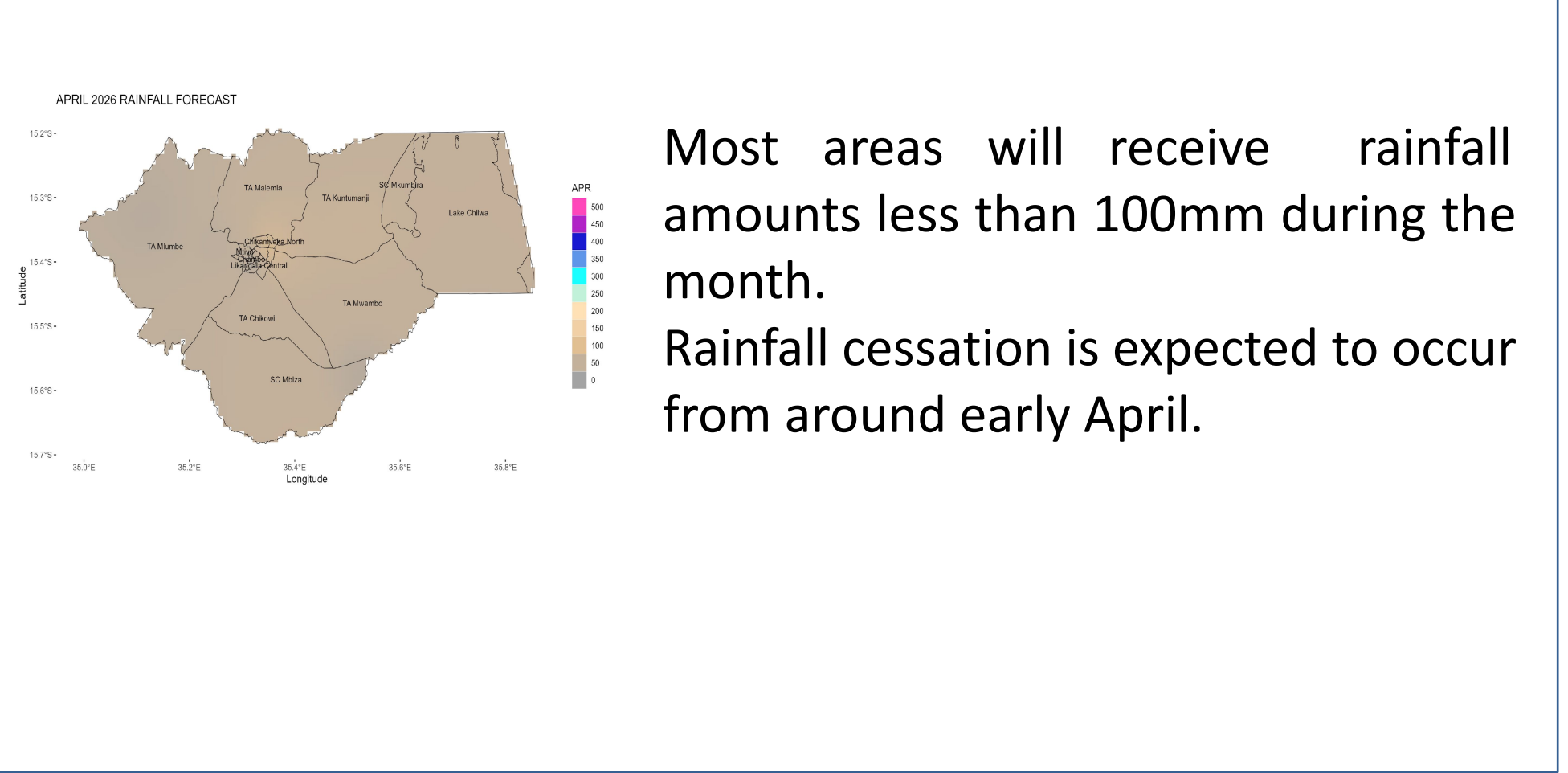
February 2026



March 2026



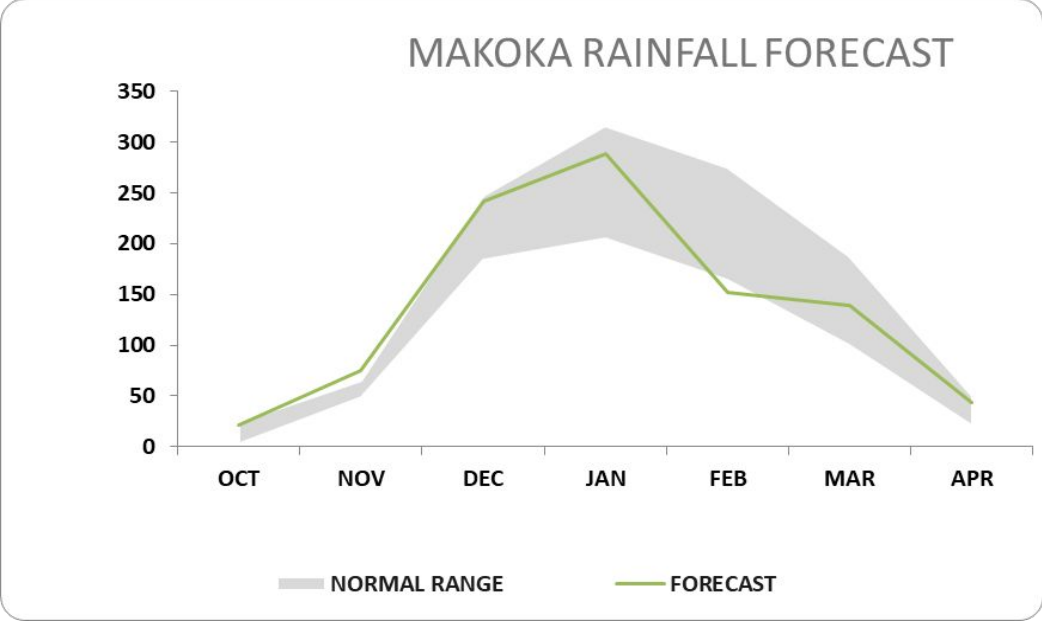
April 2026



- Rainfall onset is expected from last week of November.
- Cessation is likely in early April.
- The season length is expected to last 120-130 days.
- There is a low likelihood of dry spells of more than a week in January and high likelihood of over a week-long in February.

The table and figure below show monthly rainfall distribution at Makoka with a normal band in grey.

MAKOKA		
MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	2.898	24.901
NOV	48.627	65.044
DEC	183.553	247.281
JAN	205.121	315.248
FEB	164.061	275.423
MAR	100.452	187.772
APR	20.992	50.452



The forecast will be updated in December 2025

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