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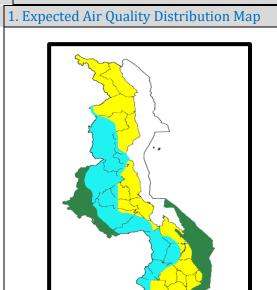
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AIR QUALITY FORECAST BULLETIN

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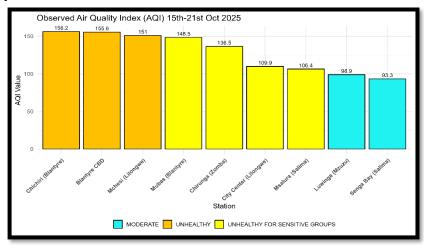


Please refer to the AQI Levels table 4 below for the interpretation of the colors.

precautionary measures such as wearing masks and limiting outdoor activities. and limiting

3. Observed Air Quality Index

The observed average air quality value of index (AQI) during the past week were as follows;



2. Forecast Summary

A condition for unhealthy for sensitive groups is expected over most northern and southern while most of the central areas are expected to experience moderate air quality levels. Members of sensitive groups are advised to take

Contributor of the observed data is MUBAS Air Quality with funding from University of Chicago EPIC Air Quality Fund

4. Expected Sources of Pollution

- Open burning of waste.
- Vehicle emissions.
- Dust from bare ground and construction

5. Air Quality Index (AQI) Levels Explained

AQI Color	Level of Concern	Value of Index	Description of Air Quality
Green	GOOD	0 to 50	Air quality is satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
Aqua Blue	MODERATE	51 to 100	Air quality is acceptable. However, there may be a risk for some people, particularly those sensitive to pollution.
Yellow	UNHEALTHY FOR SENSITIVE GROUPS	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is less likely to be affected.
Orange	UNHEALTHY	151 to 200	Some of the general public may experience health effects; sensitive groups may experience more serious effects.
Red	DANGEROUS	At least 201	Health Alert: The risk of health effects is increased for everyone.

6. Public Advice and Recommendations

- Wear masks in dusty areas.
- Avoid burning; instead, use composting or mulching with organic matter.
- Ensure regular vehicle maintenance to minimize emissions.
- Promote vegetation cover to improve air quality and hence reduce dust accumulation in the atmosphere.
- Follow air quality updates from DCCMS platforms.

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