



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES, ENERGY AND MINING

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WEEKLY WEATHER STATEMENT

05TH JANUARY 2026 TO 11TH JANUARY, 2026

SUMMARY OF WEATHER AHEAD

From Monday, 05th January to Tuesday, 06th January 2026, cloudy conditions with localized thunderstorms and rainfall are expected, with some areas experiencing heavy falls. The localized heavy rains are likely to spread to more areas, mainly along the southern lakeshore areas and parts of the southern region, from Wednesday, 07th January to Friday, 09th January 2026, before reducing over most areas thereafter. These conditions are attributed to the oscillating Intertropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ), supported by an embedded low-pressure system that will be active in the Mozambique Channel before moving overland.

The threat of flash floods is high during this week, especially in Salima, Mangochi and Nkhotakota. Therefore, be alert!

Variable but gusty winds are also expected mainly over the northern parts of the country at the beginning of the week and spreading into many areas from Friday 09th January 2026.

WEATHER DURING PAST WEEK

The country experienced localized thunderstorms that were heavy across the central region and the lakeshore, with the storm's epicenter located in Nkhotakota and its surrounding areas. On **30 December 2025, Nkhunga recorded 285.3 mm** of rainfall in a single day—far exceeding the historical December average for that locale—from **27 December 2025 to 3 January 2026, Nkhunga has registered 675.7mm and cumulatively the month's total has reached 1098mm, roughly nine times the typical December total.** This extraordinary deluge, compounded by runoff from the upper catchments, swelled rivers and low-lying waterways, triggered widespread flooding throughout the district and overwhelming communities repeating the event that took place in March 2024.

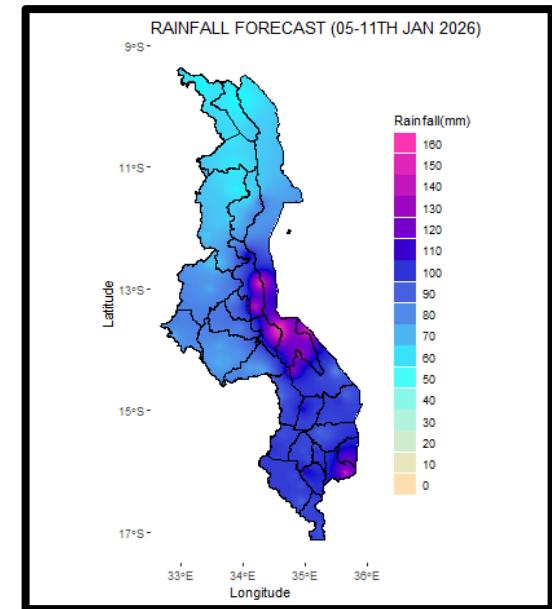


Figure 1 Cumulative rainfall forecast from 05th January to 11th January 2026. Rainfall exceeding 110mm is expected in parts of Mangochi, Salima and Nkhotakota

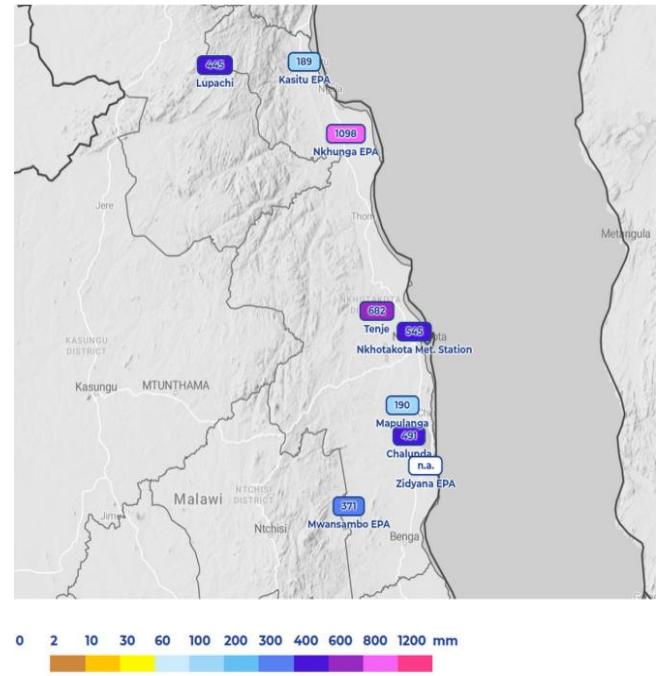


Figure 2: Cumulative rainfall recorded in Nkhotakota in the month of December 2025

WEEKLY ADVISORIES:

- As threat of flash flooding is high, avoid crossing flooded or fast flowing waters
- **Thunderstorms:** Seek shelter in safe places

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