



MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CLIMATE CHANGE

DEPARTMENT OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

WEEKLY WEATHER STATEMENT

29TH DECEMBER 2025 TO 04TH JANUARY, 2026

SUMMARY OF WEATHER AHEAD

Expect another wet week across most parts of the country, with particularly heavy rainfall forecasted along the lakeshore, central, and northern areas. This persistent rain is due to the ongoing oscillation of the Inter-Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) over the country, which is enhancing cloud formation and precipitation. Total rainfall amounts could exceed 120 mm in districts such as Nkhata Bay and Nkhotakota—significantly higher than the normal for this period. **These intense and prolonged downpours elevate the risk of flash floods, especially in low-lying and poorly drained areas, posing threats to infrastructure, agriculture, and human safety.**

Moderate Mwera winds will also be blowing on Lake Malawi at times.

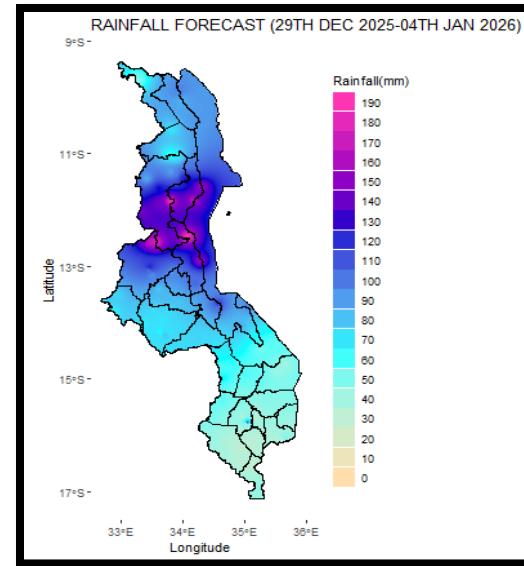


Figure 1 Cumulative rainfall forecast from 29th December to 04th January 2026

WEATHER DURING PAST WEEK

The country experienced overcast conditions during the past week, marked by widespread thunderstorms and persistent rainfall that turned locally heavy in several areas. **The most significant rainfall was recorded on 28th December at Mchilawengo in Mzimba District, where 141.0 mm of rain was reported.** However, the most striking totals were observed in the southern areas, particularly Chikwawa and Nsanje, where the cumulative rainfall between 26th and 28th December surpassed the average expected for the entire month. **In Supuni, Chikwawa, a staggering 177.0 mm fell over the three-day period, exceeding monthly norms.** Similarly, Kasinthula recorded 150.8 mm, while Lurwe in Nsanje received 150.2 mm.

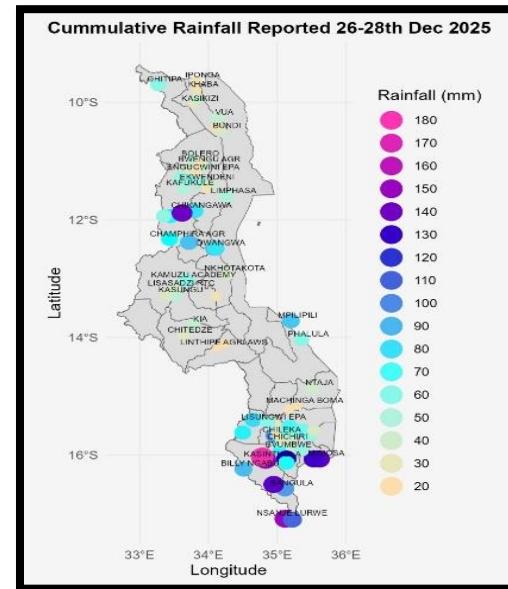


Figure 2: Cummulative rainfall amounts reported during the past three days.

WEEKLY ADVISORIES:

- As threat of flash flooding is high, avoid crossing flooded or fast flowing waters.
- Inspect building as the walls and soils may be weakened due to torrential rains.
- Thunderstorms: Seek shelter in safer places.

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