

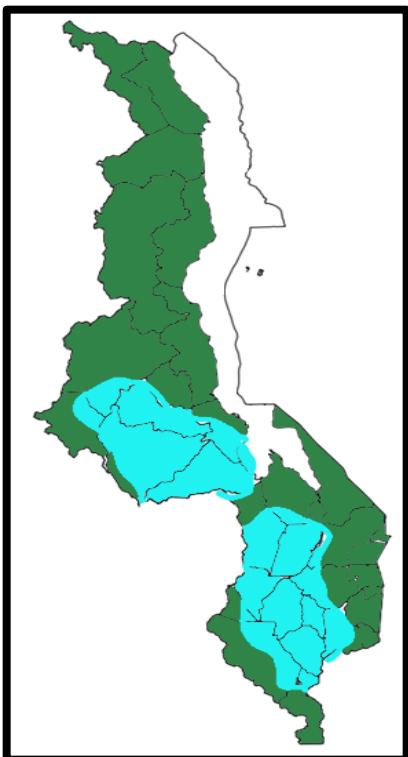


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AIR QUALITY FORECAST BULLETIN

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1. Expected Air Quality Distribution Map

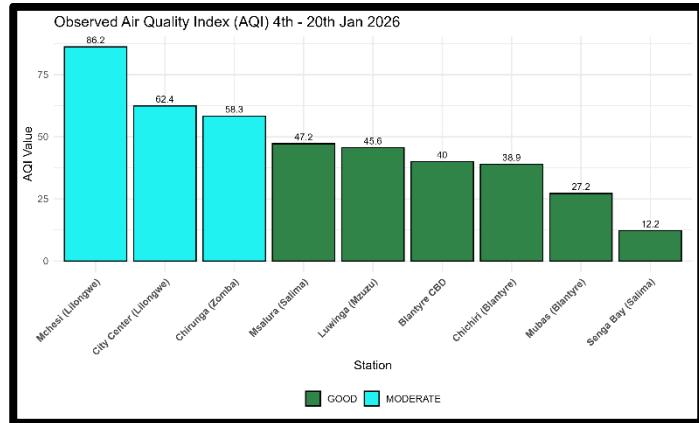


Please refer to the [AQI Levels table](#) below for the interpretation of the colors.

southern areas. But for areas around major cities of Lilongwe and Blantyre moderate conditions are expected. The UV radiation is expected to range from very high to extreme across the country.

3. Observed Air Quality Index

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



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

4. Expected Sources of Pollution

- Vehicle and factory emissions.

2. Forecast Summary

The country is expected to continue having good air quality especially over northern and some central and

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

- Promote vegetation cover/tree planting during this rainfall season to improve air quality.

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