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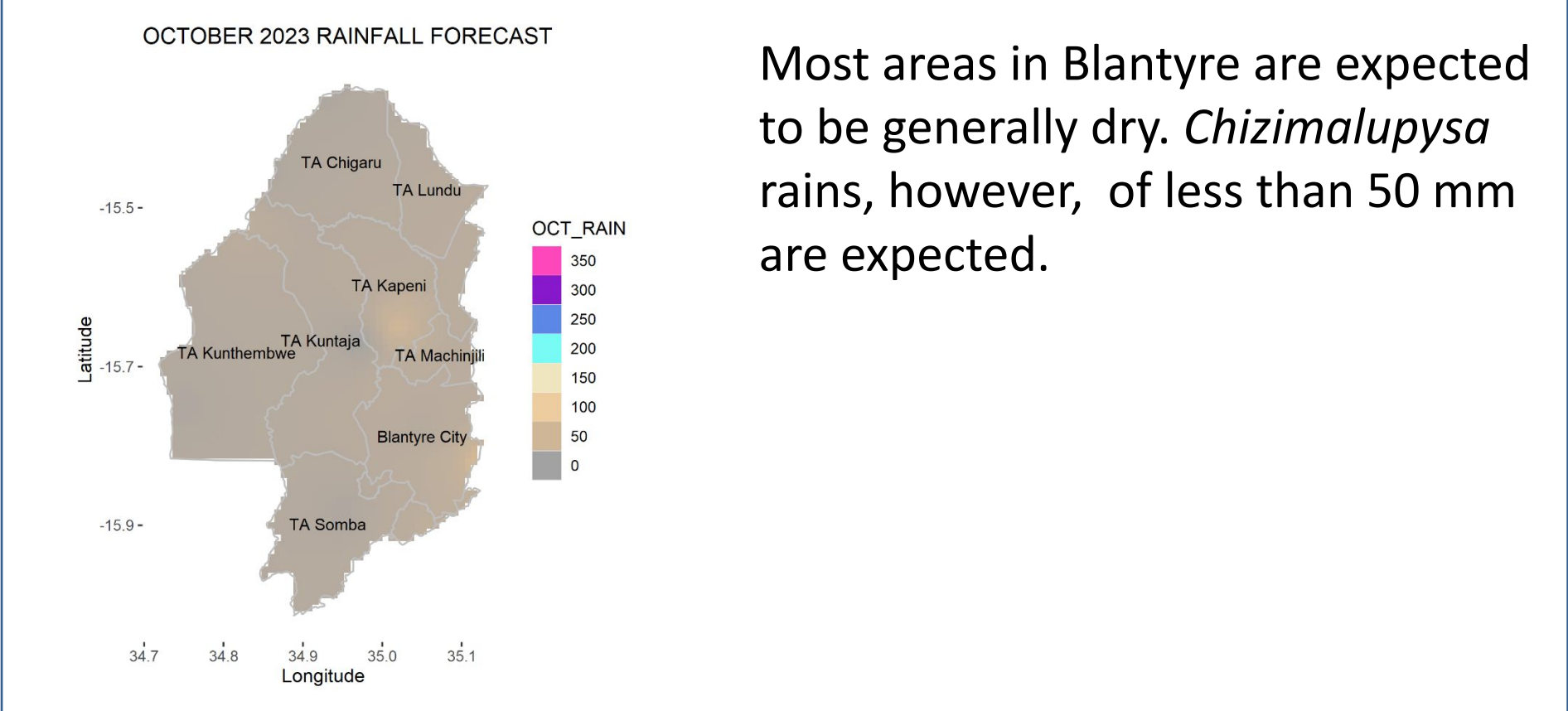


BLANTYRE DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2023-2024

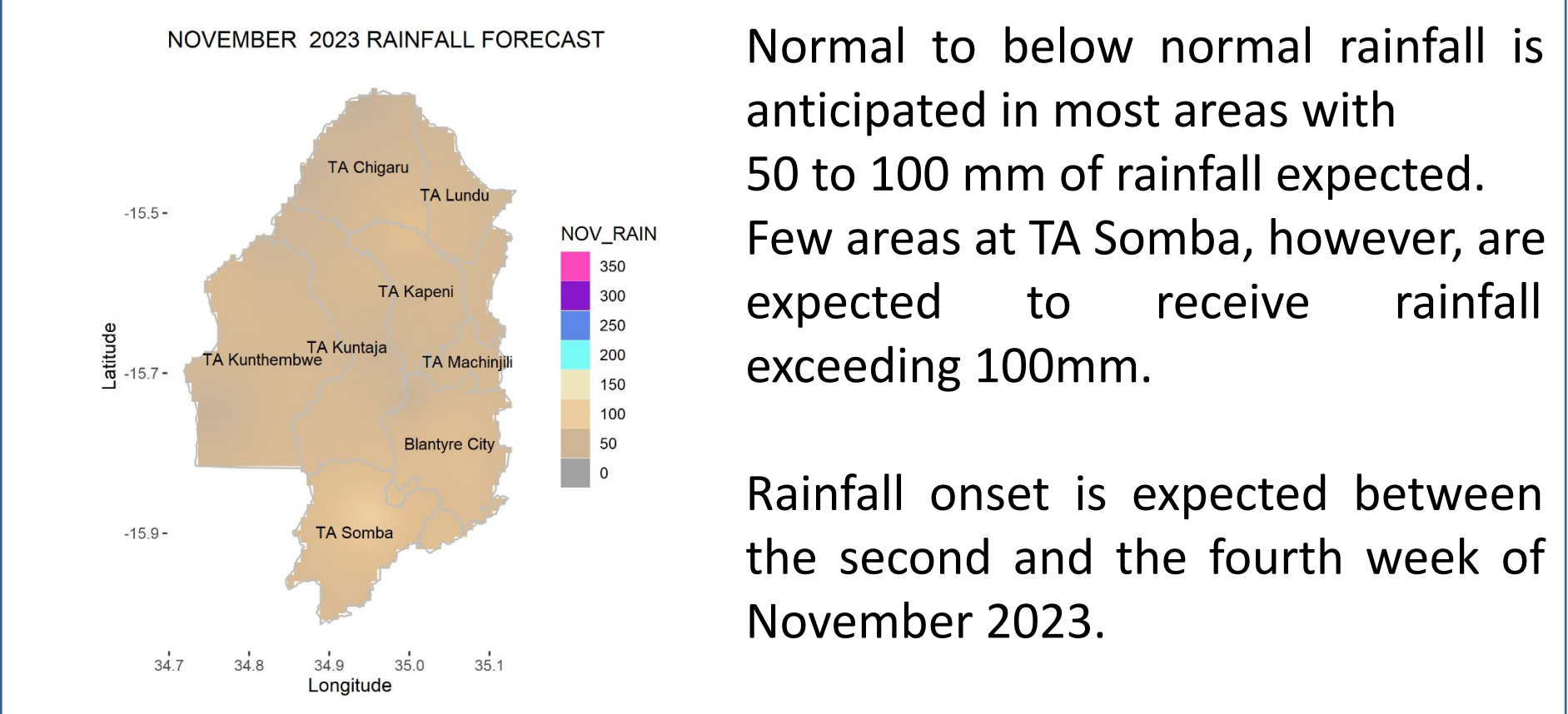
Overview of 2023/2024 Rainfall Season

The 2023-2024 rainfall season is expected to be influenced by moderate to Strong El Nino. El Nino is the unusual warming of ocean waters over the eastern-central Pacific Ocean.
Blantyre is expected to receive **normal total rainfall however**, below normal rainfall is likely in November and February during the rainfall season.

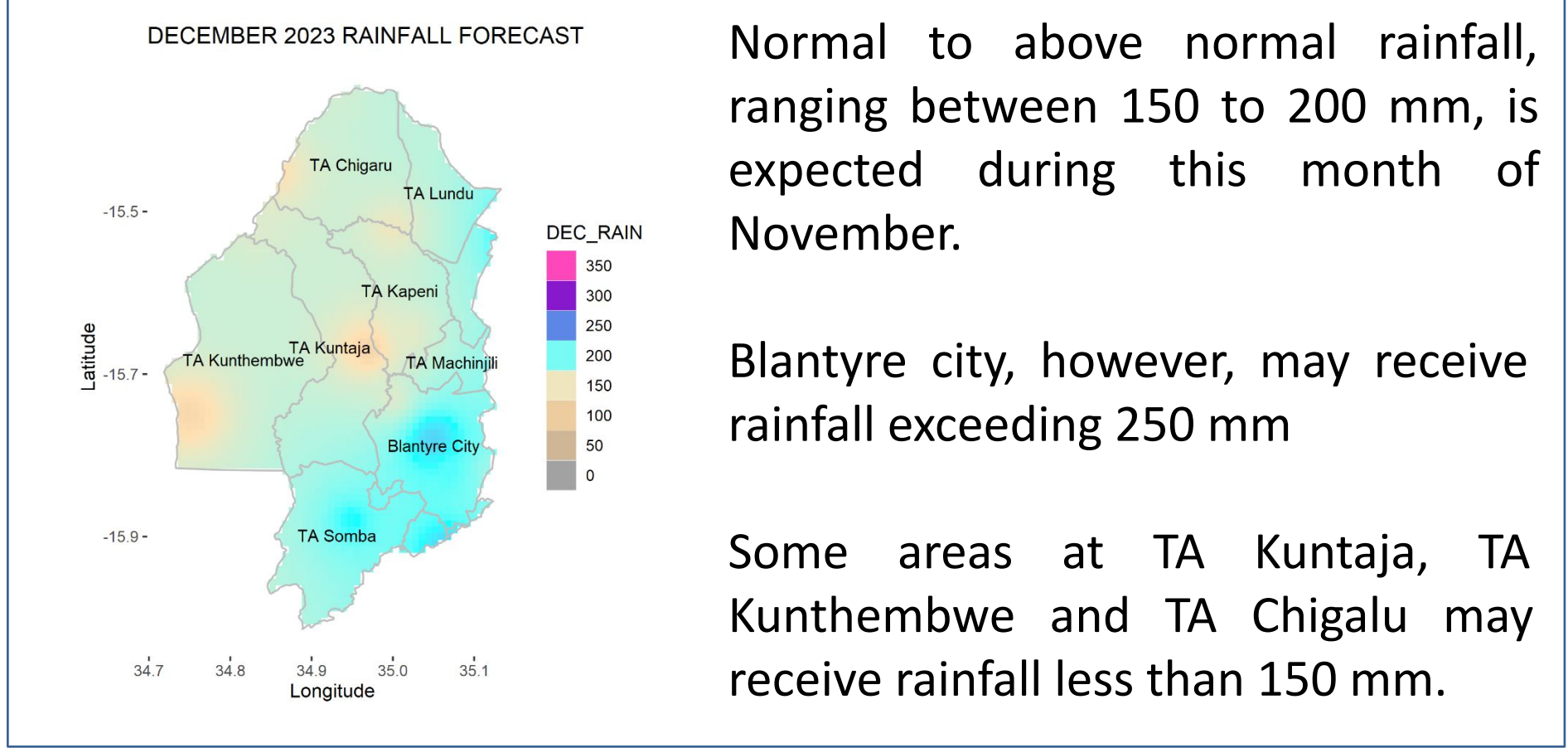
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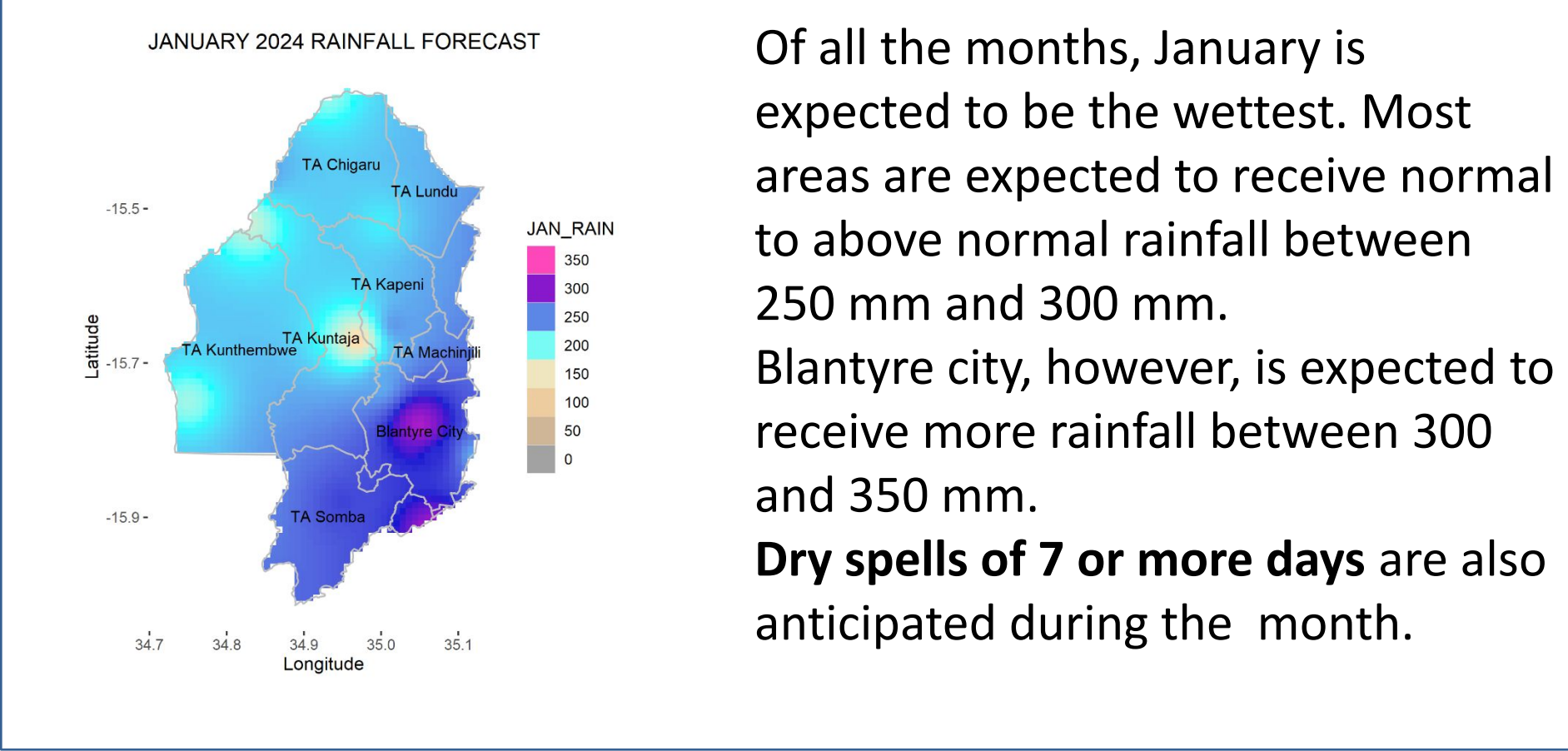
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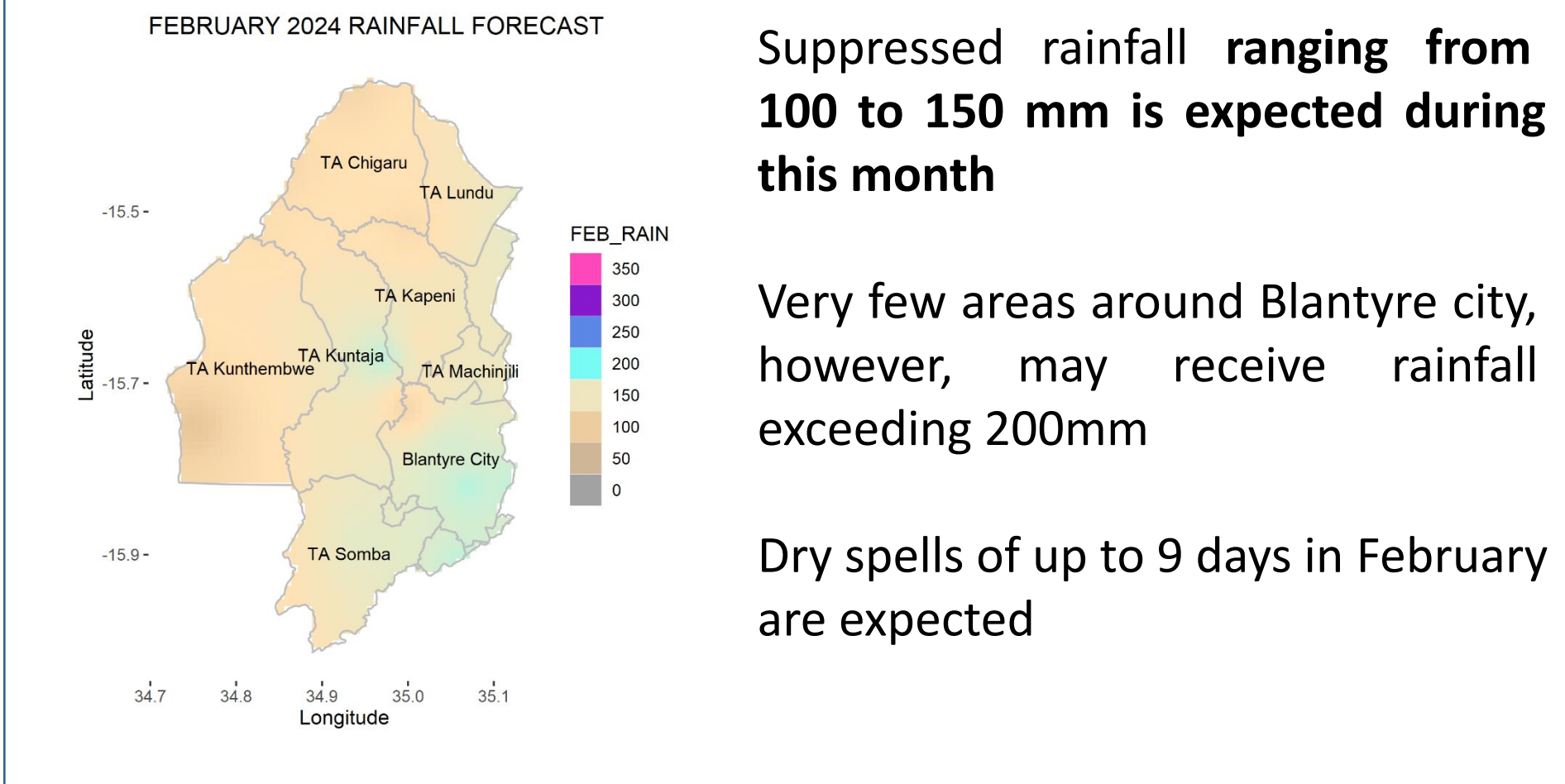
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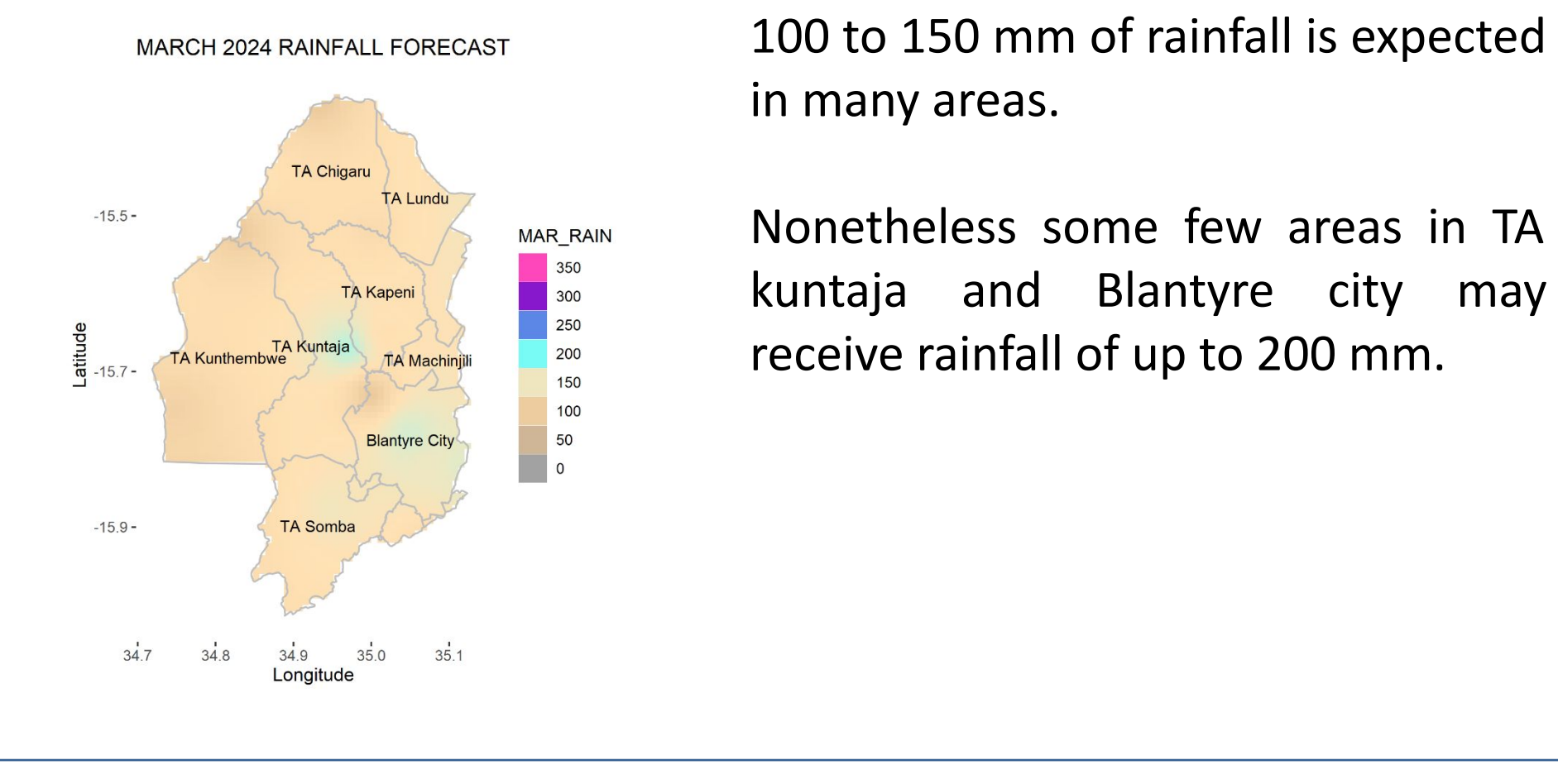
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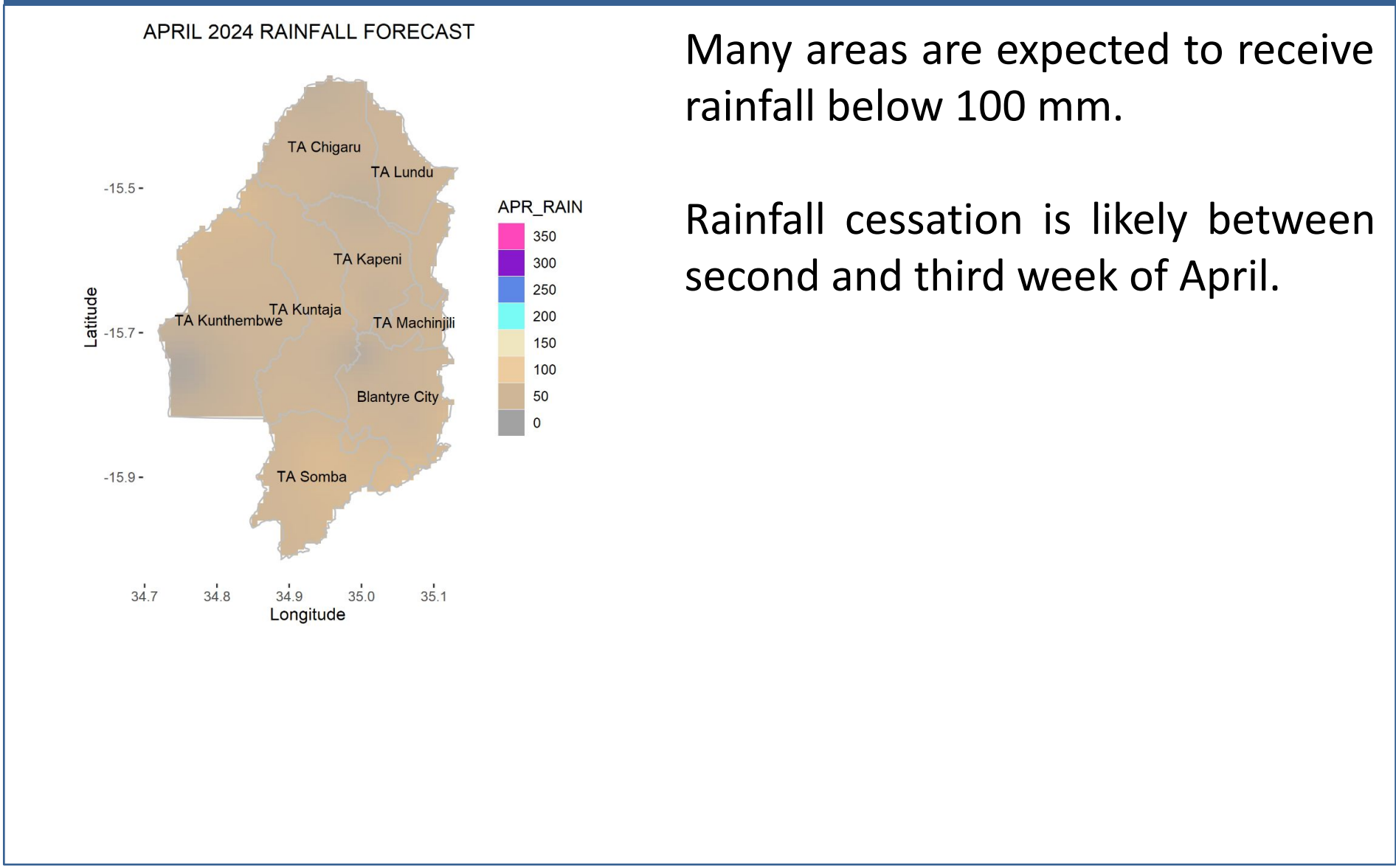
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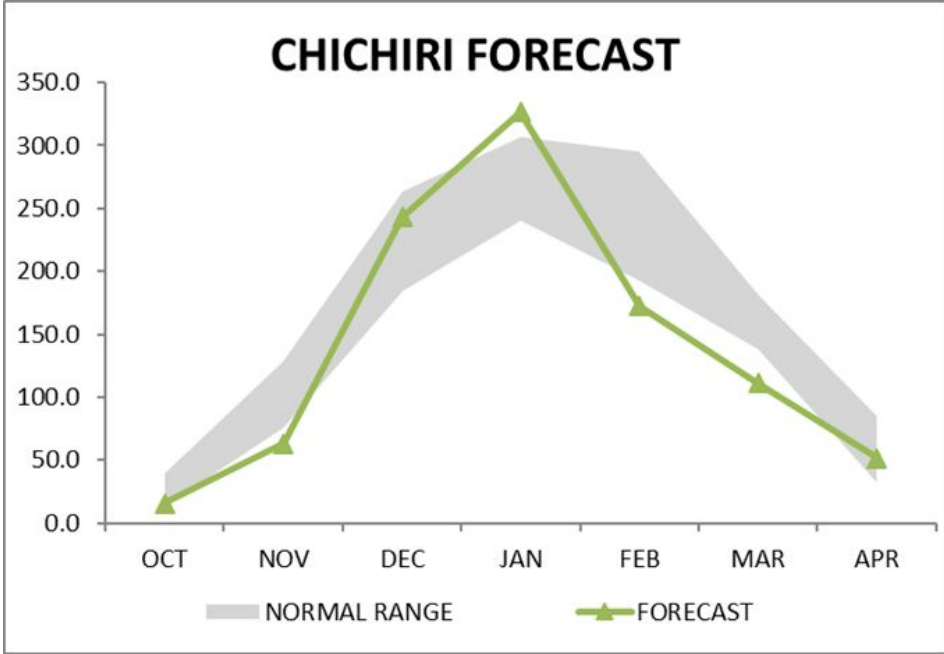


April 2024



In Blantyre, rainfall onset is expected between second and fourth week of November 2023, and cessation between second and third week of April 2024.
The seasonal length in the district is likely to be between 138 to 143 days.
Dry spells exceeding 7 days or more are expected in January and February.
The table and figure below show monthly rainfall distribution for the season with a normal band in grey.

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MONTH	NORMAL RANGE	FORECAST
OCT	12.9	39.7
NOV	76.0	128.8
DEC	184.0	263.4
JAN	240.6	306.6
FEB	193.1	294.6
MAR	137.5	181.3
APR	32.3	85.6



The forecast will be updated in December 2023
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