

October 2024

During this month, **most areas are likely to be dry**. However, **Chizimalupsa rains** are possible in a few areas and will be associated with **strong winds and thunderstorms**. The **anticipated amounts are generally below 10mm**, which is **within the normal range** for October's rainfall.

November 2024

Below-normal rainfall amounts are anticipated during this month, with **many areas expected to register around 100mm** in November. There is also a **high chance of gusty winds and lightning** accompanying the rains.

December 2024

Generally, **normal rains are expected** in most areas during December. However, some places are likely to receive **normal to below-normal rainfall**. Rainfall is **expected to start between the second and third week** of this month. Many areas are **likely to receive around 200mm** of rainfall during December.

January 2025

In January, the forecast suggests that **rainfall amounts will be normal to above normal**. Most areas to the **south of TA Tambala and TA Kaphuka** are expected to receive rainfall **exceeding 300mm**. However, some areas in **TA Pemba and SC Chauma** are expected to receive **between 200mm and 250mm**.

February 2025

In February, **rainfall is expected to be within the normal range**. However, some areas **south of TA Kaphuka and north of TA Kachindamoto** are likely to experience **below-normal rainfall amounts**. Most areas are expected to receive between **100mm to 200mm**, while areas **south of TA Tambala** may receive approximately **250mm**. There is a **chance of dry periods lasting more than a week**.

March 2025

Normal to above-normal rainfall amounts are expected in March. Most areas in **TA Kachindamoto** are likely to receive **about 150mm**, while **areas south of TA Tambala** are anticipated to receive **about 250mm**.

April 2025

The **rainy season is expected to end between the fourth week of March and the second week of April**. However, there is a **possibility that some areas will receive more than 50mm** of rainfall during this month.

Season Summary

The **2024–2025 rainfall season** is expected to be influenced by a **weak La Niña**, which is the **unusual cooling of ocean waters over the eastern-central equatorial Pacific Ocean**. The season is forecasted to be **wetter compared to the previous one**, with **Dedza District** expected to receive **generally normal to above-normal total rainfall amounts** from **October 2024 to April 2025**.

- **Rainfall onset** is expected between the **second and third week of December 2024**.
- **Cessation** is anticipated between the **third week of March and the second week of April 2025**.
- The **seasonal length** is expected to be between **110 and 121 days**.
- **Prolonged dry spells of about a week** are expected in **February**.