

## October 2024

October is expected to be generally dry with little or no rainfall activities in some areas. Forecast rainfall amounts are in the range from **5 to 20mm**, possibly due to **Chizimalupysa rains** in a few areas. Occurrences of **gusty winds and windstorms** are more likely.

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## November 2024

Rainfall ranging from **20 to 150mm** is expected. Most areas in the district may receive **lower than normal amounts**. However, areas around **T/A Mazengera** may receive rainfall amounts of about **130 to 150mm**.

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## December 2024

Rainfall amounts in the range of **100 to 180mm** are expected in most parts of Lilongwe. Pockets of **below-normal** rainfall are expected in the western parts of **T/A Chadza**. Normal to above normal rainfall amounts are expected in a few areas around **TA Chiseka, Khongoni, and Chitukula**. Most areas in Lilongwe are expecting **onset by the second and third week of December 2024**, but some areas may have early onset.

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## January 2025

Normal to above-normal rainfall amounts are expected over most areas, with more rains in western parts of **T/A Mazengera** and northern parts of **SC Mtema** exceeding **300mm**. Pockets of lesser amounts may be experienced in areas around **TAs Kalolo, Chanza, and eastern parts of T/A Mazengera**.

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## February 2025

Higher rainfall is forecasted in some areas, particularly **SC Mtema** and towards the northern parts of **TA Chiseka**, reaching up to **250 mm** while most parts of the district are expected to receive moderate rainfall, ranging from **150 mm to 200 mm**.

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## March 2025

Most areas in the district are expected to receive lower rainfall amounts, generally below **150mm**. A few areas, particularly in the western parts of **TA Kalolo and Mazengera**, are forecasted to receive rainfall of about **250mm**. Rainfall cessation is expected from the **second into third week of March 2025**.

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## April 2025

Generally, most areas across Lilongwe district are expected to receive less than **50 mm** of rainfall. However, a few areas around **T/A Mazengera and Chiseka** will receive rainfall amounts of about **100-130mm**.

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## Season Summary

Lilongwe district is expected to receive **normal rainfall amounts** during the 2024/2025 rainfall season. Onset is expected from the **second week to third week of December 2024**, but some areas may have early onset. Cessation is expected from the **first week of April 2025**, but some areas will have early cessation. The seasonal length is expected to range from **100 to 140 days**. There is a chance of **dry spells in January and February 2025** of not more than one week.

The 2024-2025 rainfall season is expected to be influenced by a **weak La Niña**, which is projected to prevail until early 2025. La Niña is the unusual cooling of ocean waters over the eastern-central equatorial Pacific Ocean.