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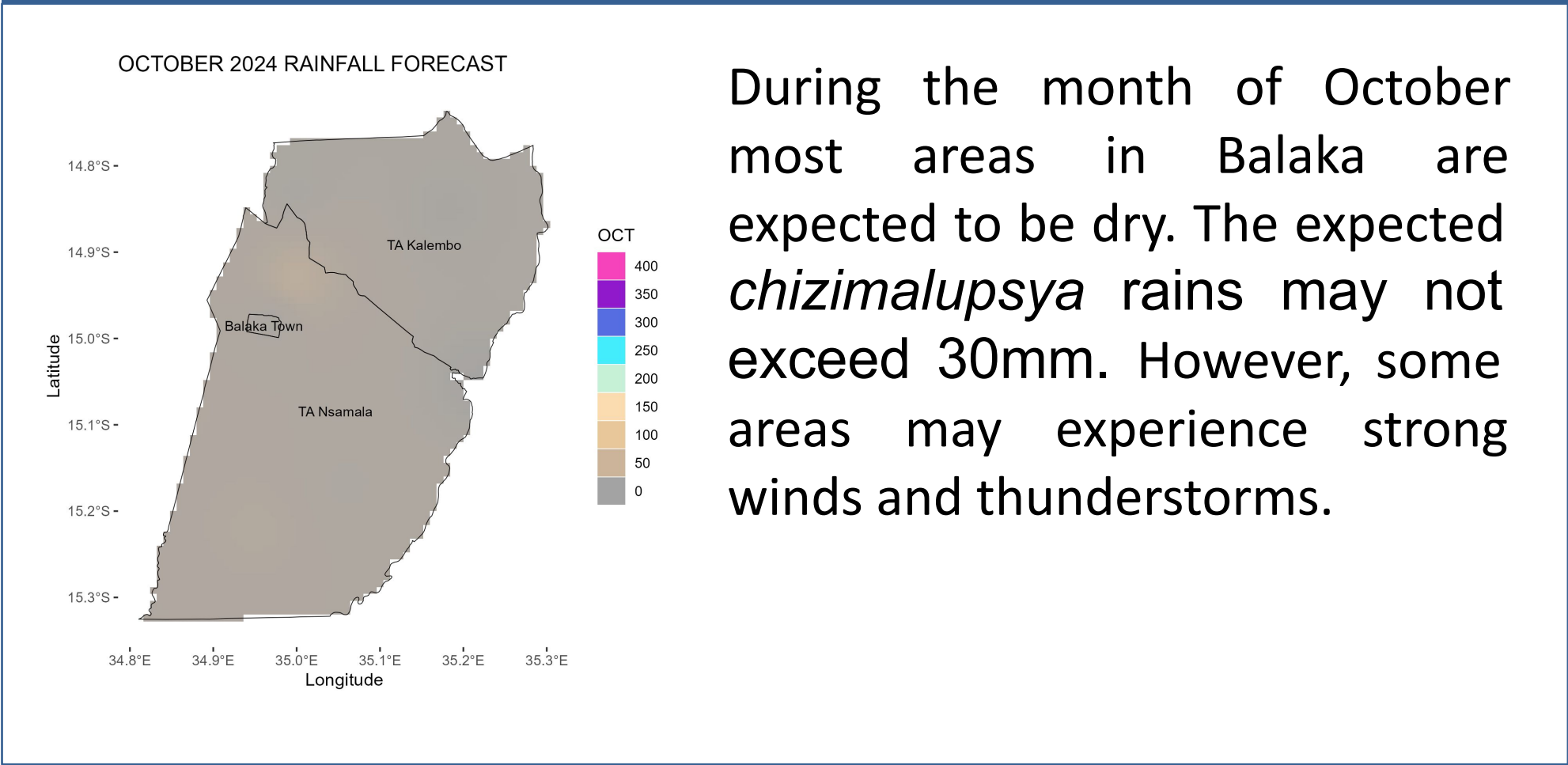
BALAKA DISTRICT DOWNSCALED SEASONAL FORECAST, 2024-2025

Overview of 2024/2025 Rainfall Season

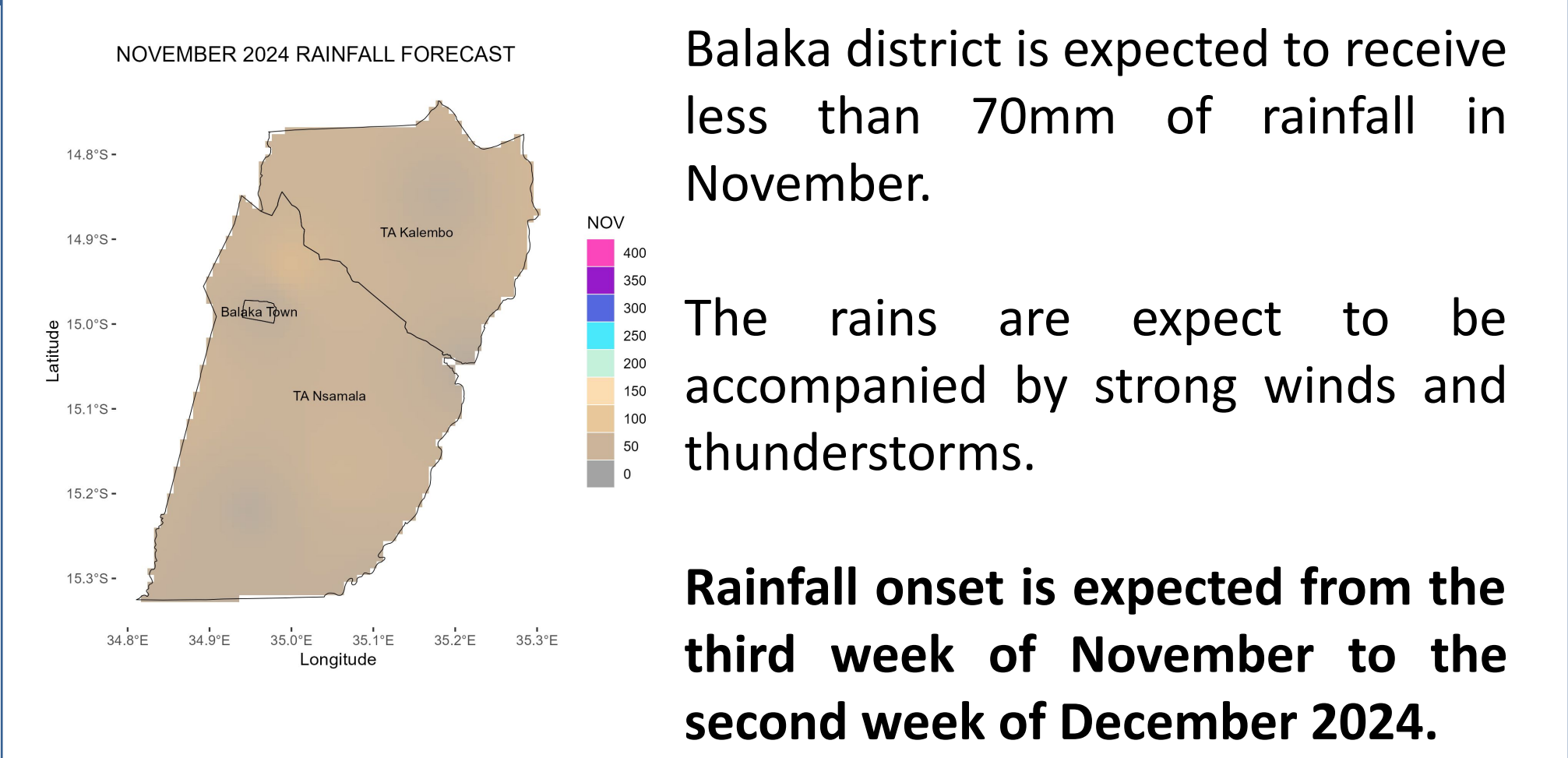
The 2024-2025 rainfall season is expected to be influenced by weak La Nina. La Nina is the unusual cooling of ocean waters over the eastern-central equatorial Pacific Ocean.

The 2024-25 rainfall season will be wetter as compared to the previous season as the district is generally expected to receive **normal to above normal rainfall amounts in some months.**

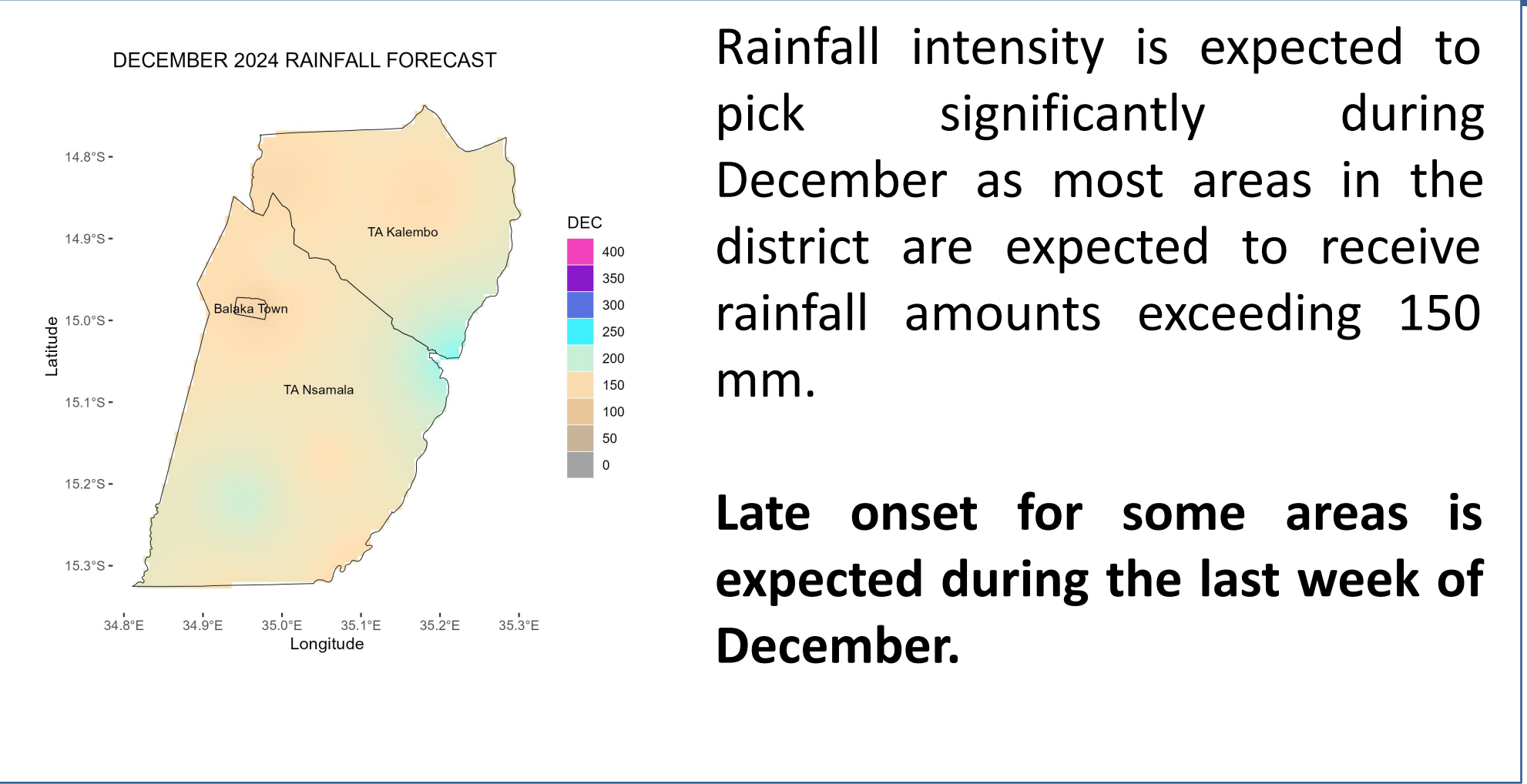
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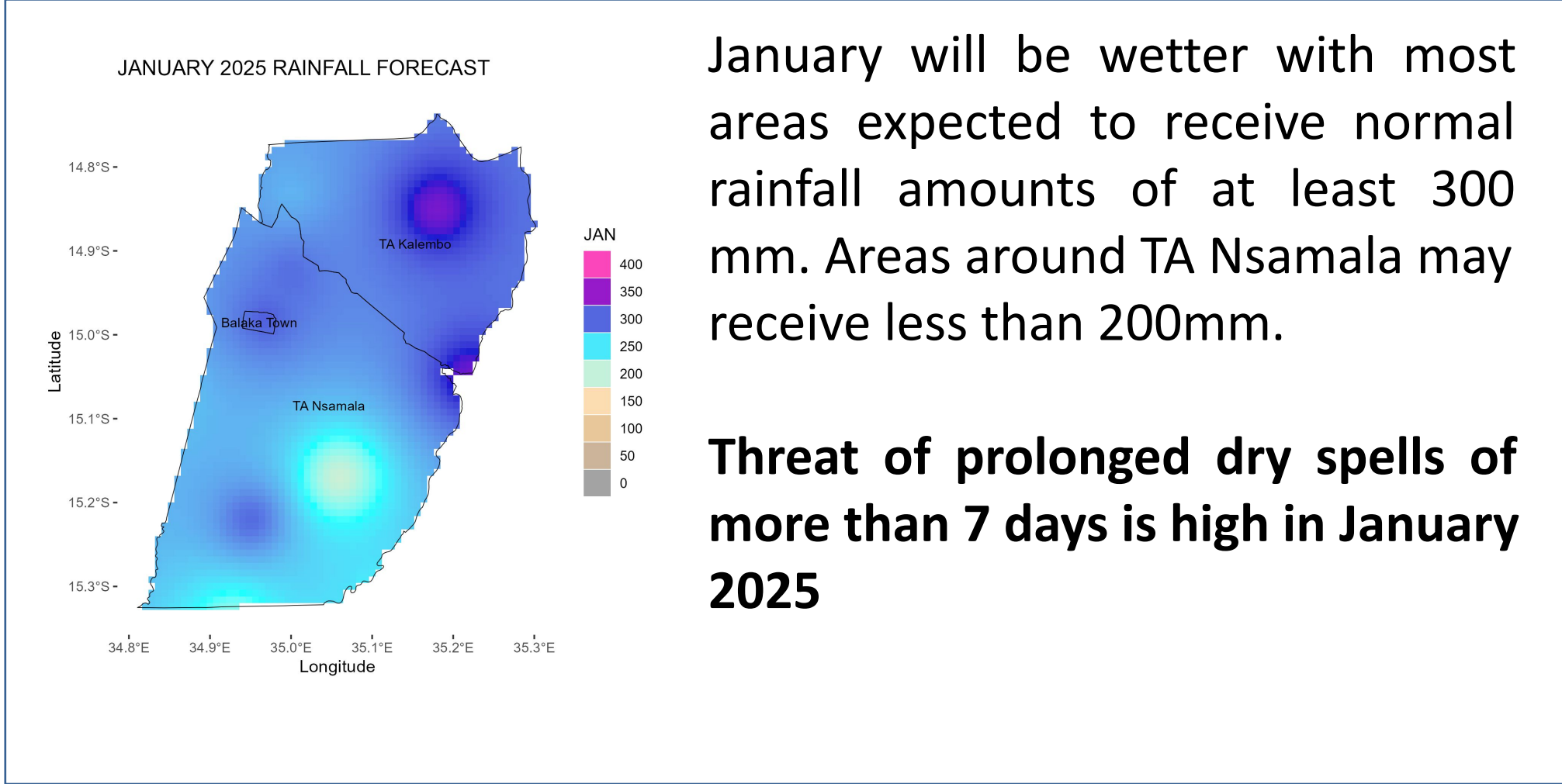
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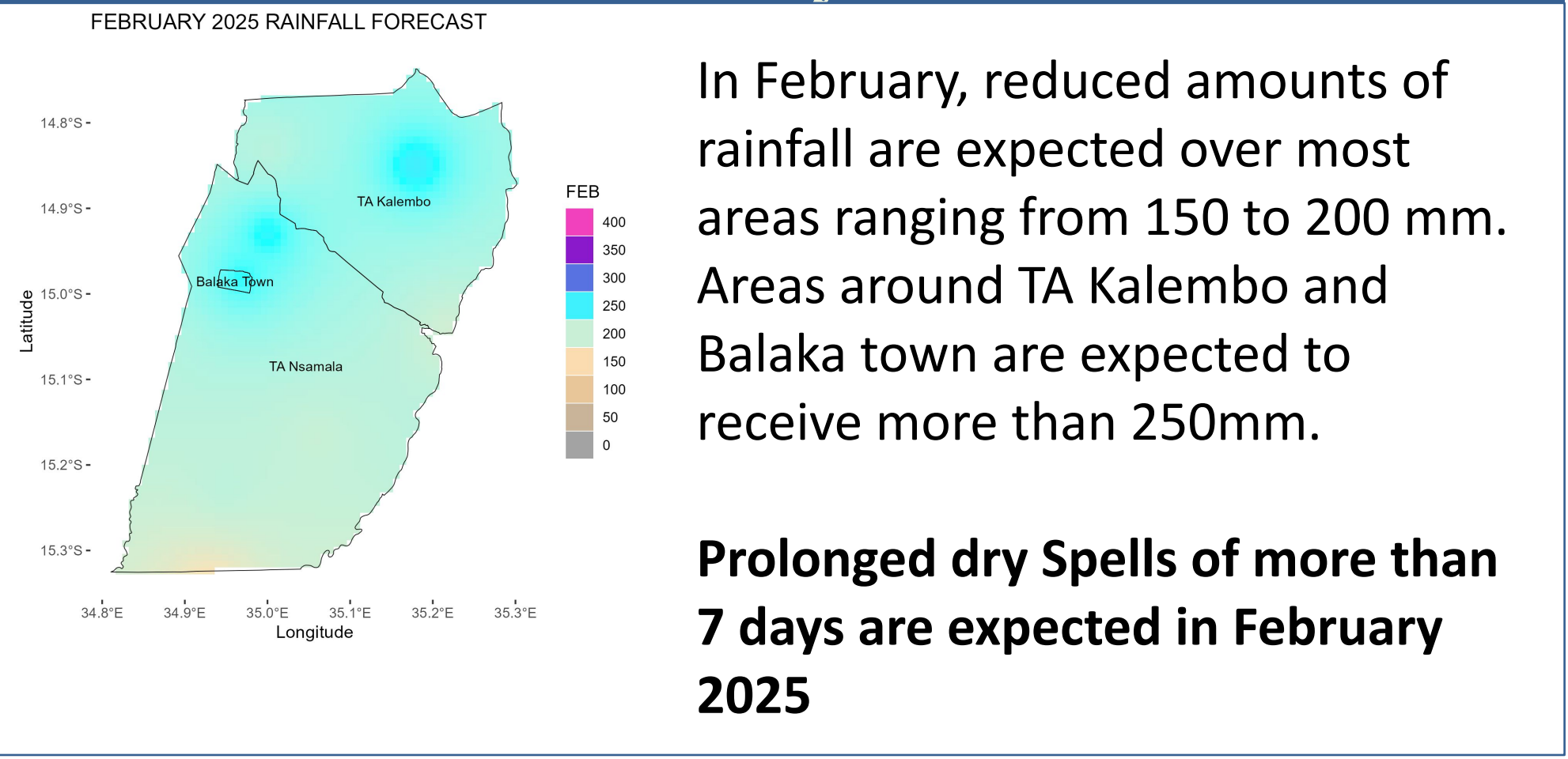
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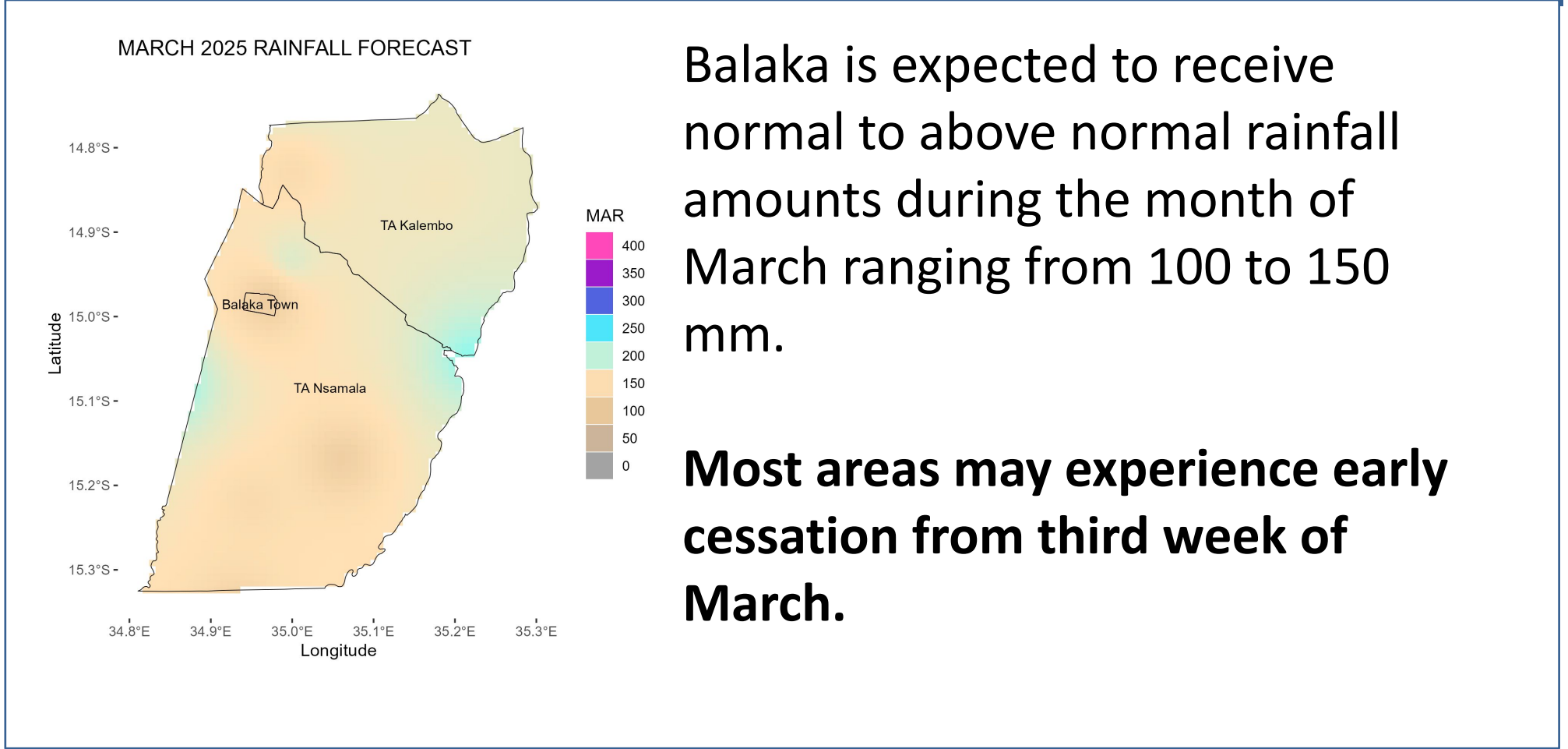
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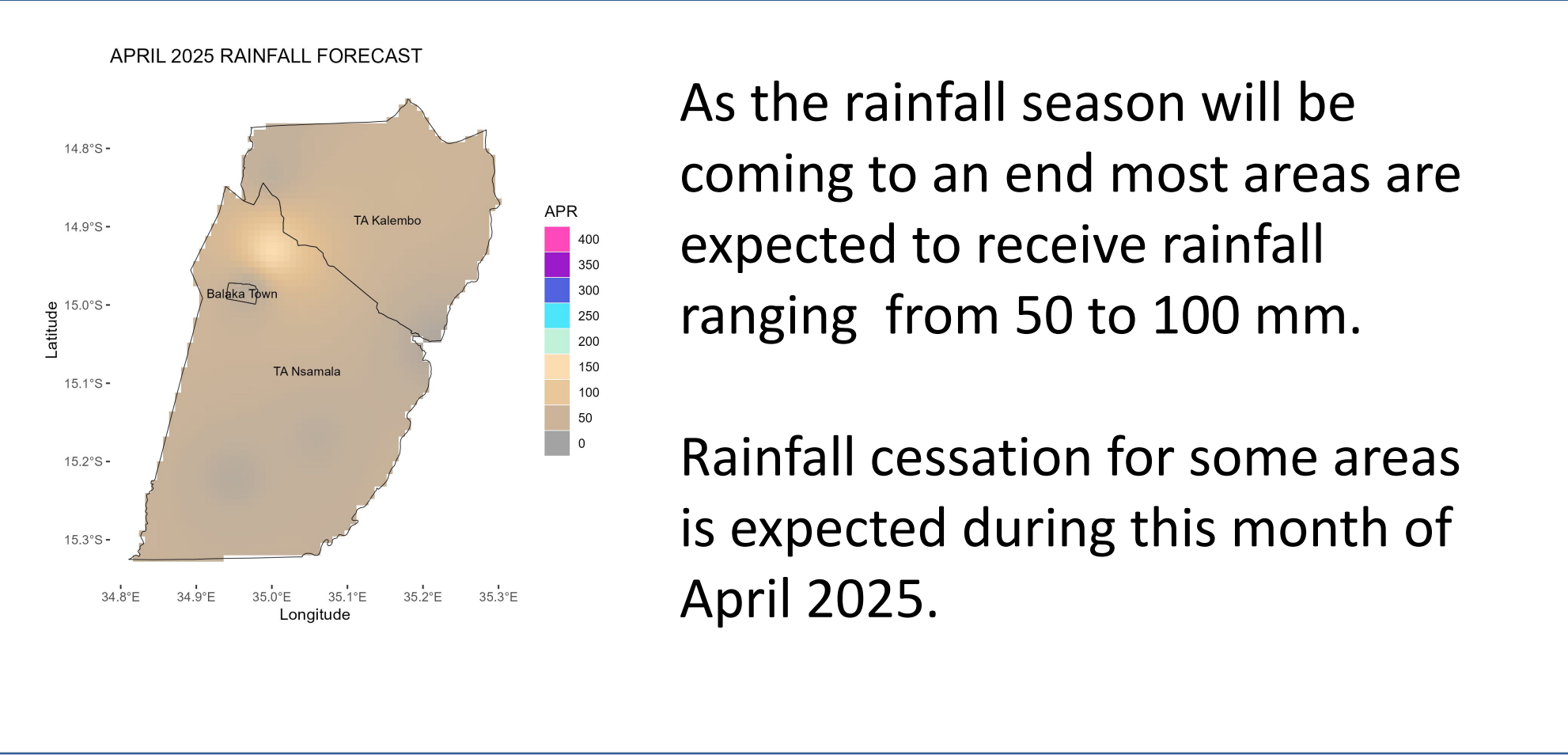
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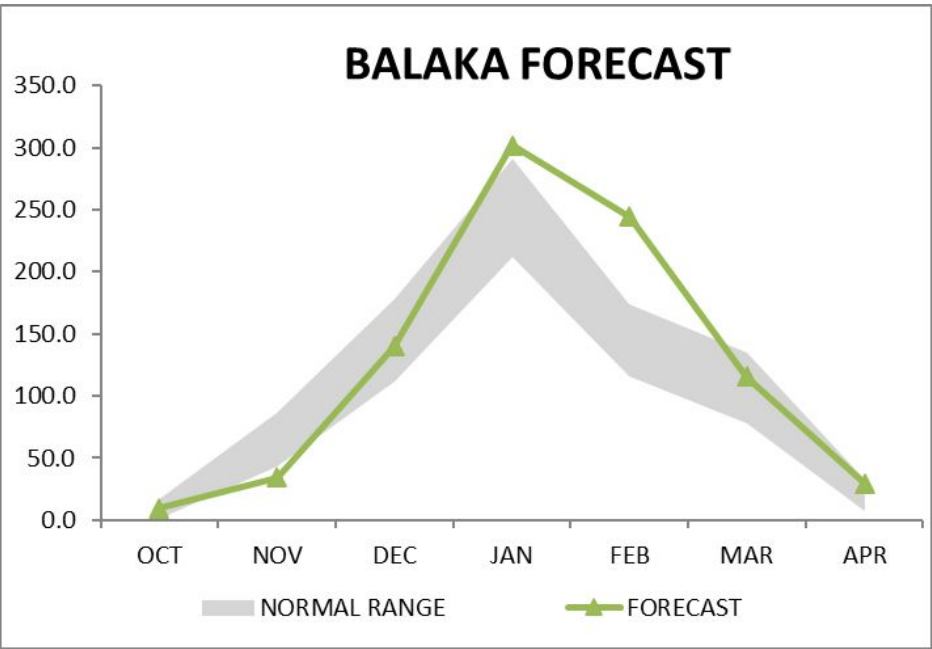
April 2025



Rainfall **onset** is expected from the **third week of November 2024 to second week of December 2024.** Cessation will most likely be between **second and fourth week of April 2025** but some areas can experience early onset during the **third week of March.** Prolonged dry spells of more than 7 days are likely in January and February 2025. Total length of the season in the district is expected to be between **110 and 130 days.**

The table and graph below show monthly rainfall distribution for the 2024-2025 season with a normal band in grey and the forecast in green color.

BALAKA			
MONTH	NORMAL RANGE		FORECAST
OCT	1.2	16.4	9.8
NOV	42.9	86.5	34.1
DEC	112.1	178.6	140.1
JAN	212.3	291.4	302.0
FEB	115.5	174.5	244.2
MAR	78.3	134.7	115.8
APR	7.2	32.9	29.5



The forecast will be updated in December 2024

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