

## October 2024

During the month of October, **most parts of Dowa District are likely to have dry conditions**. However, **Chizimalupsa rains are likely in a few areas**, and these will be associated with **strong gusty winds and thunderstorms**. **Rainfall totals of less than 50mm** are expected in those few areas.

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## November 2024

In Dowa, **most areas are likely to receive rainfall amounts ranging from 50mm to 100mm** in November. The **onset of the rain season is expected to begin from the fourth week of November**, and **thunderstorms with strong gusty winds** are anticipated during this period.

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## December 2024

During December, **most parts of Dowa District are likely to receive around 200mm of rainfall**. However, in **some areas to the north of SC Kayembe**, the expected rainfall amounts **may be more than 200mm**. The **onset of the rainfall season is expected to cover the entire district by the second week of December**.

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## January 2025

Dowa is expected to be **wet in January**, with most areas receiving rainfall totals between **200mm to 250mm**. **Central areas of TA Chiwere** are expected to receive **more than 300mm** of rainfall. **Dry spells lasting 7 days or more** are likely this month, especially in some areas of **SC Mponela, TA Dzoole, and SC Chakhaza**.

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## February 2025

In February, **below-normal rainfall is expected in some areas**, with rainfall amounts ranging from **100mm to 150mm** likely in the **south of TA Dzoole, SC Kayembe, and parts of SC Mponela**. **Rainfall amounts of about 250mm** are expected in areas like **central TA Chiwere**. There is a **chance of dry spells lasting about a week or more** during this month.

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## March 2025

Expect most areas of Dowa to receive **rainfall totals ranging from 100mm to 190mm** during the month of March. **Most areas are likely to receive normal to above-normal rainfall amounts** during this period.

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## **April 2025**

**Cessation of rainfall** is expected between the **third week of March and the second week of April**. **Most areas in Dowa will receive rainfall totals of less than 50mm** in this month.

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## **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**.

- Dowa District is expected to receive **generally normal total rainfall amounts** and the season will be **wetter than the previous one**.
- **Rainfall onset** is expected **between the fourth week of November and the second week of December 2024**.
- **Rainfall cessation** is expected **between the fourth week of March and the second week of April 2025**.
- The **length of the season** in the district is expected to be **between 114 to 140 days**.
- There is a **possibility of dry spells of more than 7 days in January and February**.