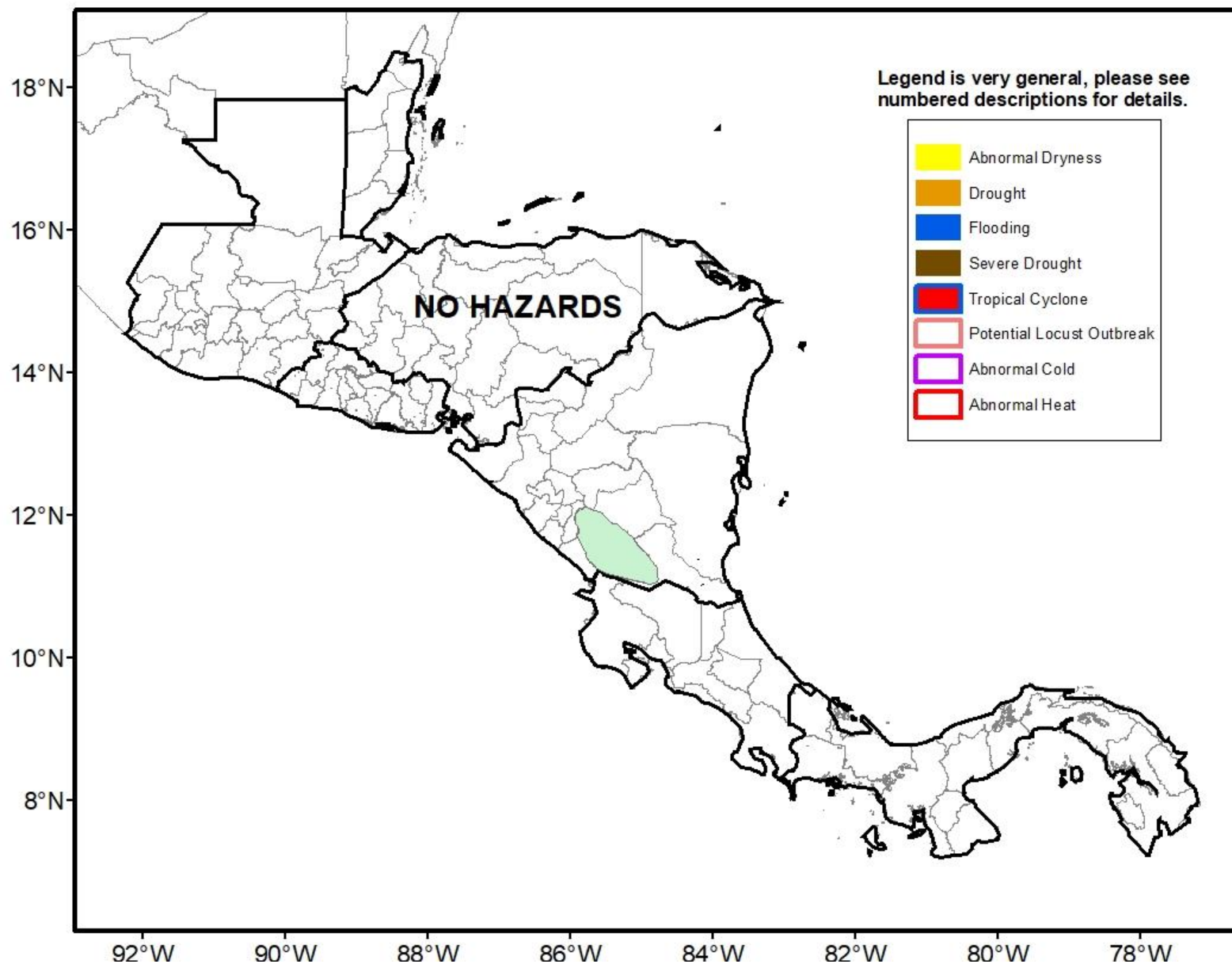




## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook January 30 – February 5, 2020

- Moderate rains were received in the typically active areas during this past week



During the third week of January, rain fell across the climatologically favored Caribbean-facing regions. According to CPC unified gauge data, rainfall was moderate or even heavy in some cases. According to gauge reports, some totals of more than 50mm were observed in northern Honduras and northeastern Nicaragua. Additional moderate rainfall in excess of 25mm was observed locally in Panama. Over the last 30 days, gauge observations indicate that ample rainfall, resulting in positive anomalies, has been received in parts of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Honduras, Belize, and northern Guatemala. Analysis indicates that very similar conditions exist for the period dating to the beginning of December which encompasses the early part of the Apante season. The Vegetation Health Index reveals largely healthy vegetation through late January, especially for Pacific-facing regions. A few local areas, such as in Guatemala's Petén department and northern Belize, indicate negative conditions.

During the outlook period, near-average or slightly enhanced rainfall is expected. Weather models forecast increased rains of 25mm or more for portions of central Guatemala and Costa Rica. There will be generally lesser amounts in Belize, Northern Honduras, and Eastern Nicaragua. Models also indicate that near-average temperatures will linger in the region.

