

## The USAID FEWS-NET

# Haiti Weather Hazards Assessment

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1) Drought conditions since November 2004 resulted in below normal harvests last season across Centre and Artibonite Departments of Haiti, as well as the surrounding areas. Across southern Haiti, drought conditions led to below average harvests and reduced flow from springs. The drought has also reduced moisture for this season's crop planting and emergence. Similar conditions can be found from the west-central portions of the Dominican Republic through the eastern peninsula. Showers are expected throughout the period, which should result in some improvement. However, more substantial rainfall is needed.

2) Although not as pronounced as in other parts of the area, drought conditions are prevalent across Ouest and Southeast Departments of Haiti into southwestern portions of the Dominican Republic. More showers are expected during the upcoming week.

