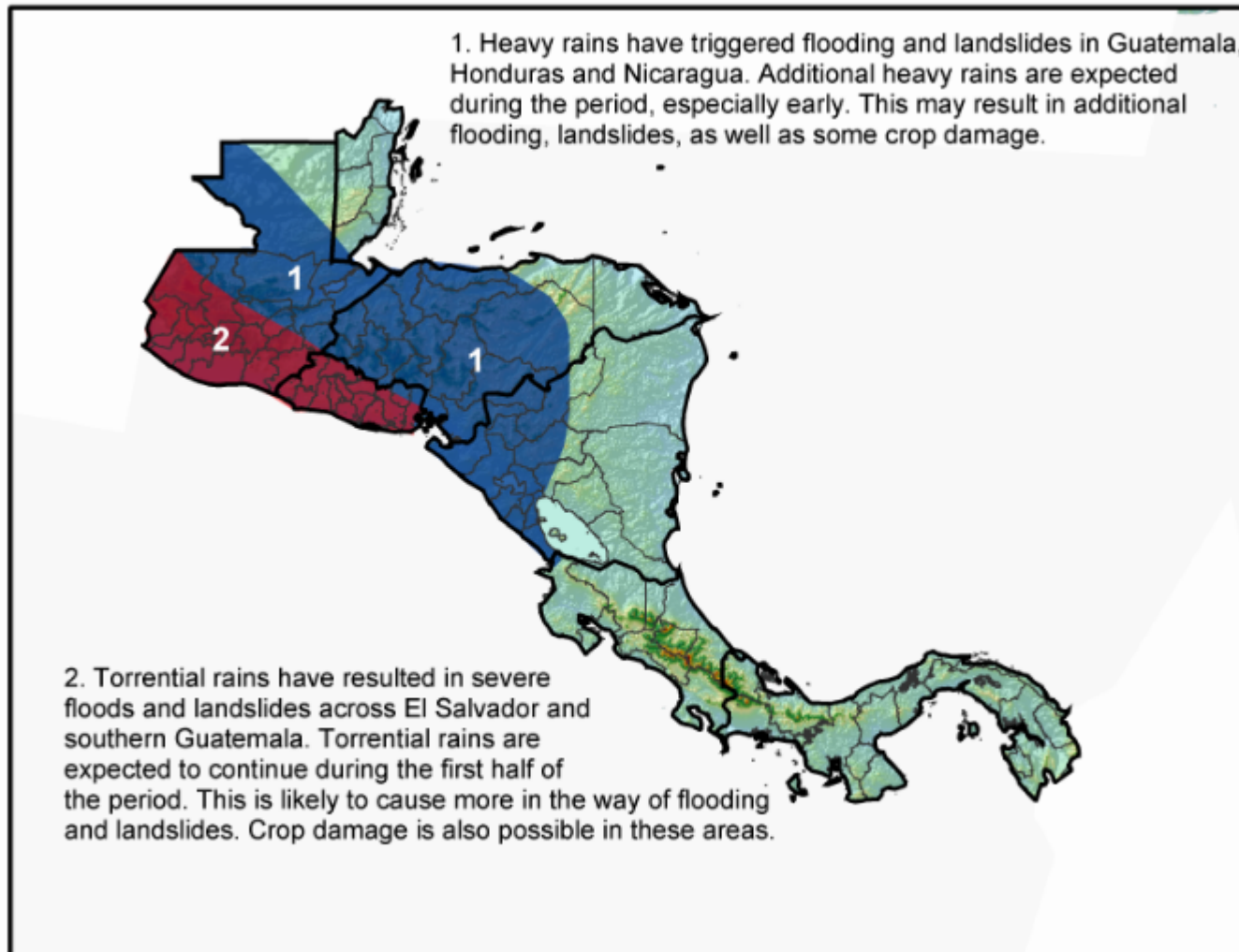


## The MFEWS

# Central America Weather Hazards Assessment

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1) Very heavy rains have soaked much of Guatemala, Honduras, and western Nicaragua over the past several days. These heavy rains have triggered floods and landslides across the region. Although no reports have surfaced as such, crop damage may have also been caused by the floods. Additional heavy rains are expected, especially prior to the 9<sup>th</sup>. As a result, additional flooding problems and landslides are possible across the region. Furthermore, the potential exists for the flooding of fields and lodging of maturing crops in these areas.

2) Torrential rains have resulted in severe flooding and landslides in parts of El Salvador and southern Guatemala. Although no reports have surfaced as such, crop damage may have also been caused by the rains. Torrential rains are expected during the first few days of the assessment period. These torrential rains, on top of the very heavy rains that have already fallen, will aggravate existing flooding problems, may trigger additional flooding, landslides and crop damage. Although the heavy rains should begin to taper off later in the period, the potential for heavy rain will persist through the 12<sup>th</sup>.

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