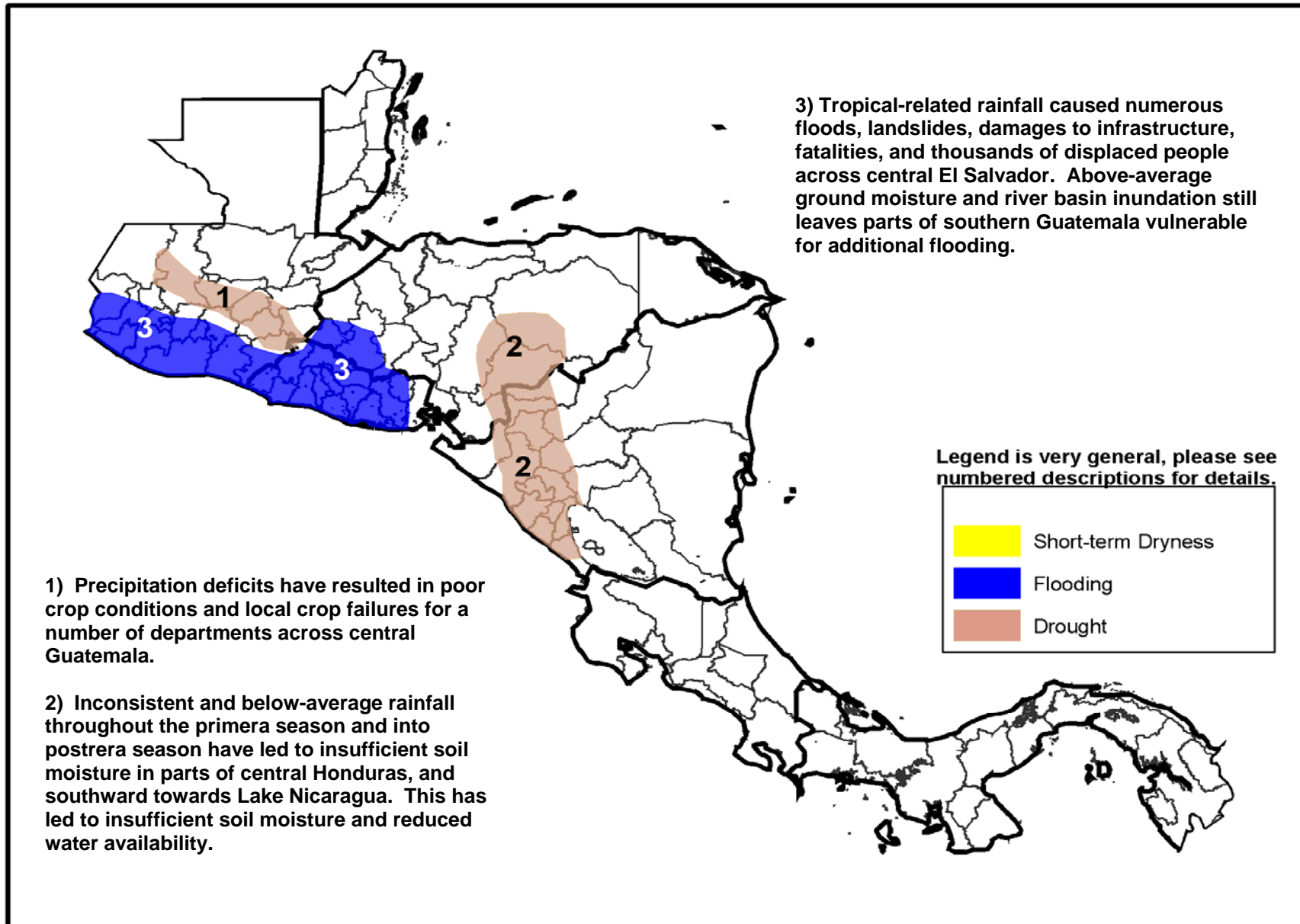


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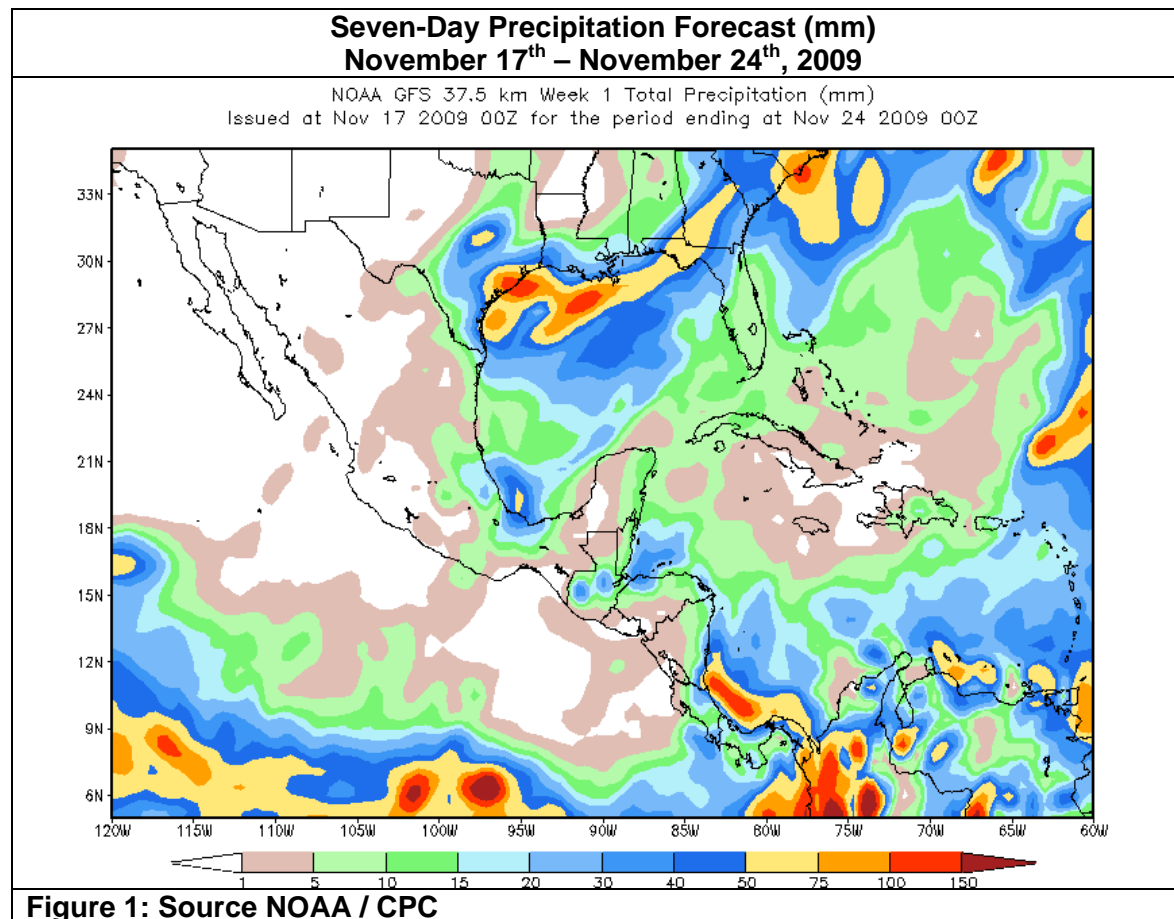
- A decrease in precipitation is expected to provide relief for many areas impacted by significant heavy tropical rainfall and localized flooding across parts of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua.



## Some continued relief to heavy rains and flooding.

During the last observation period, light to moderate rainfall was observed across much of Central America. In Guatemala, the heaviest precipitation occurred along the southern departments, with seven day totals ranging between 10 -25 mm. Across northern Honduras, many local areas experienced moderate to heavy rainfall amounts, with totals ranging between 50-75 mm. In El Salvador, southern Honduras and Nicaragua, rainfall remained very minimal during the last seven days. This break in precipitation is expected to provide relief for many areas impacted by tropical activity in the last two weeks that had resulted localized flooding, landslides, infrastructure damages, and fatalities.

Precipitation forecasts suggest another week of decreased rainfall totals associated with some drier, cooler air entering into portions of Central America during the earlier part of the observation period. This weather pattern is expected to suppress much seasonal shower activity, allowing for some light to moderate rainfall amounts ranging between 30-50mm for parts of Guatemala and northern Honduras, with slightly higher amounts (40-60mm) off the coast of Costa Rica and Panama in the next seven days.



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