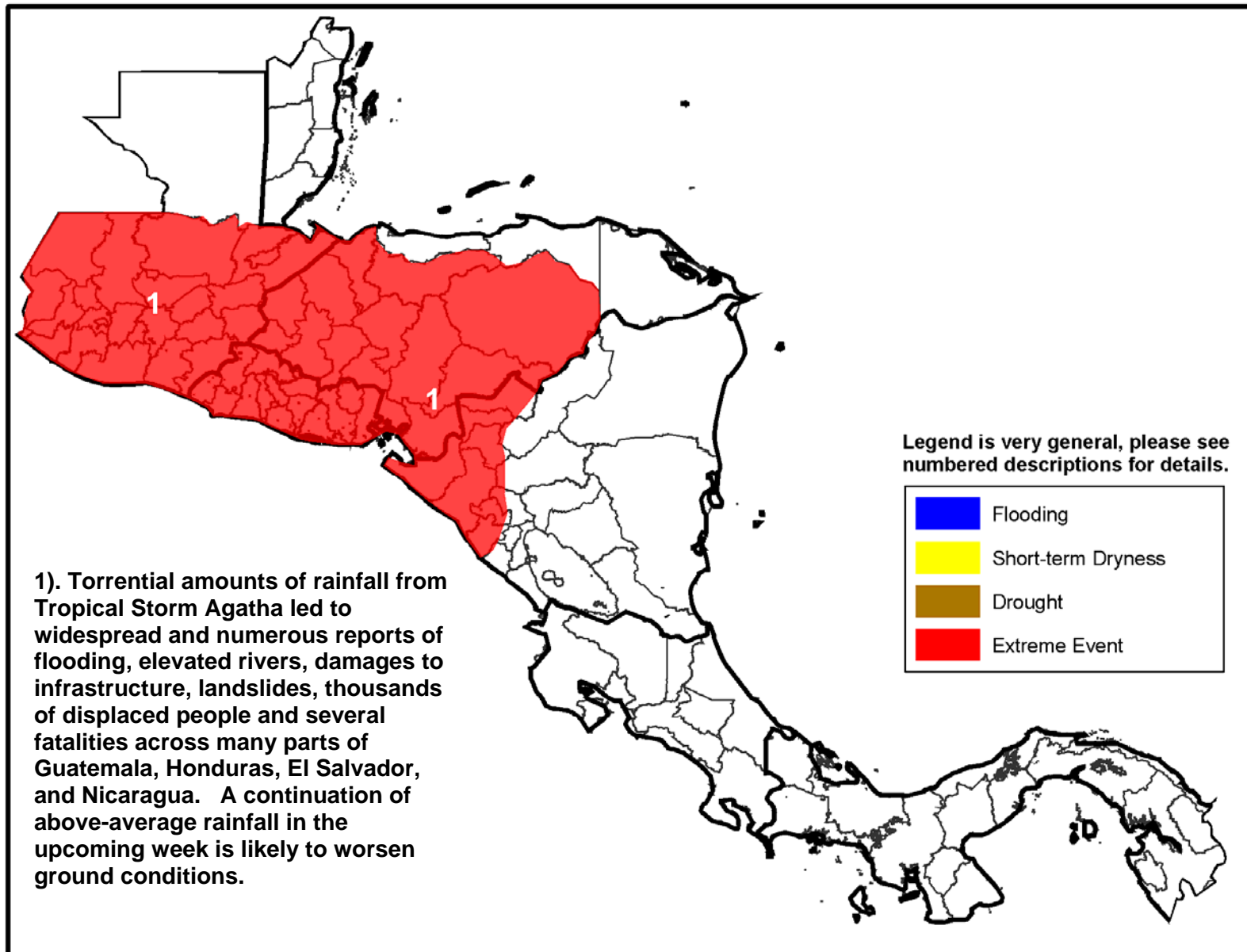


The USAID MFEWS Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Central America June 10 – June 16, 2010

- Precipitation forecasts suggest heavy rains to return to many portions of Central America in the next week, potentially exacerbating areas impacted by Tropical Storm Agatha in late May.



Many areas still feeling impacts of Tropical Storm Agatha.

Since the passage of Tropical Storm Agatha in late May, rainfall activity subsided, and helped to bring some relief to the widespread flooding conditions throughout Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua. In the last seven days, moderate rainfall amounts ranging between 25 - 50 mm were observed across many of impacted areas, with higher amounts (75-100mm) observed in near the capital of Guatemala, Izabal department, and across some areas in the Gulf of Fonseca region. Despite this decrease in rains, the impacts from Agatha remain staggering. Many areas have continued to experience localized flooding, damages to infrastructure, thousands of displaced people, and an increasing number of fatalities during the last week. It is likely recovery efforts will be ongoing for the next several weeks.

Precipitation forecasts indicate moderate to heavy shower activity throughout most of Central America. Rainfall amounts ranging between 50 - 100mm are expected for many local areas, with the possibility of higher amounts for portions of Costa Rica, northeastern Nicaragua and eastern Honduras, as well as parts of southern Guatemala over the next seven days. The continuation of daily rainfall may worsen flooded areas impacted by Agatha.

