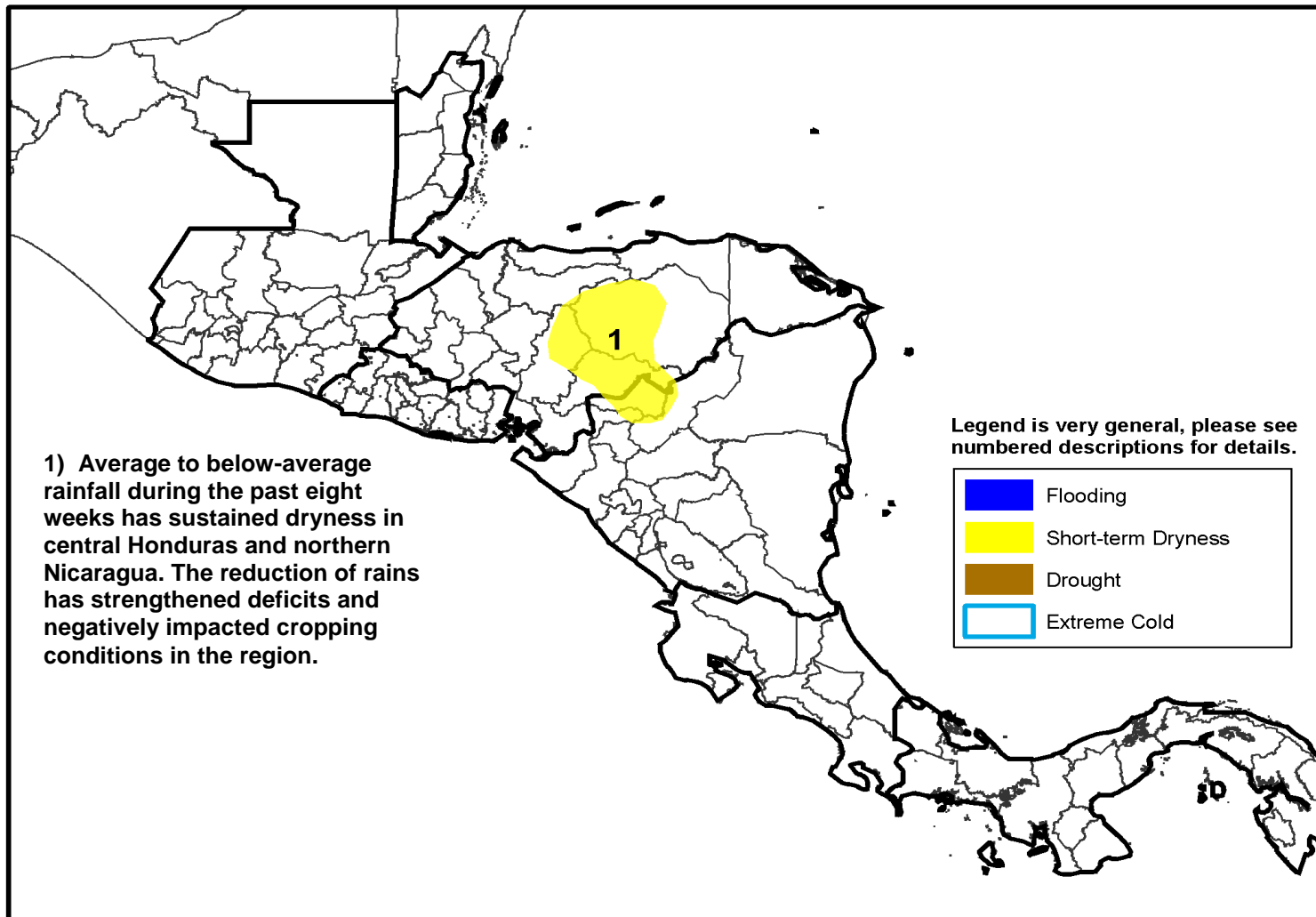




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET August 11 – August 17, 2011

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During the past week, light to moderate rain (5-40 mm) was observed across much of Central America. Localized areas in Panama and along the Gulf of Honduras coastline in Belize observed the highest precipitation totals (> 50 mm). However, most areas observed a continuation of average to below-average rainfall consistent with the onset of the Canicula as rainfall during the past three weeks has been reduced across Central America. The light rainfall during the past week across Guatemala has provided relief for saturated areas in the Alta Verapaz, Izabal and San Marcos departments which have experienced flooding in previous weeks. The reduced rainfall has also maintained drier than average conditions across the Olancho, Francisco Morazán, and El Paraiso departments of Honduras and the Nueva Segovia, Madriz, and Jinotega departments of Nicaragua over the past thirty days.

For the next seven days, a slight increase in rainfall is expected across Central America. Moderate to heavy rain showers (> 40 mm) are forecast along the Pacific coastline of Central America as well as the Atlantic coastline of Nicaragua and eastern Honduras. In addition, moderate to locally heavy rainfall (10-40 mm, locally higher) is expected across central Guatemala which has experienced flooding and landslides during the past thirty days. Across drier areas in Honduras and Nicaragua, light to moderate rain (5-30 mm) is forecast.

