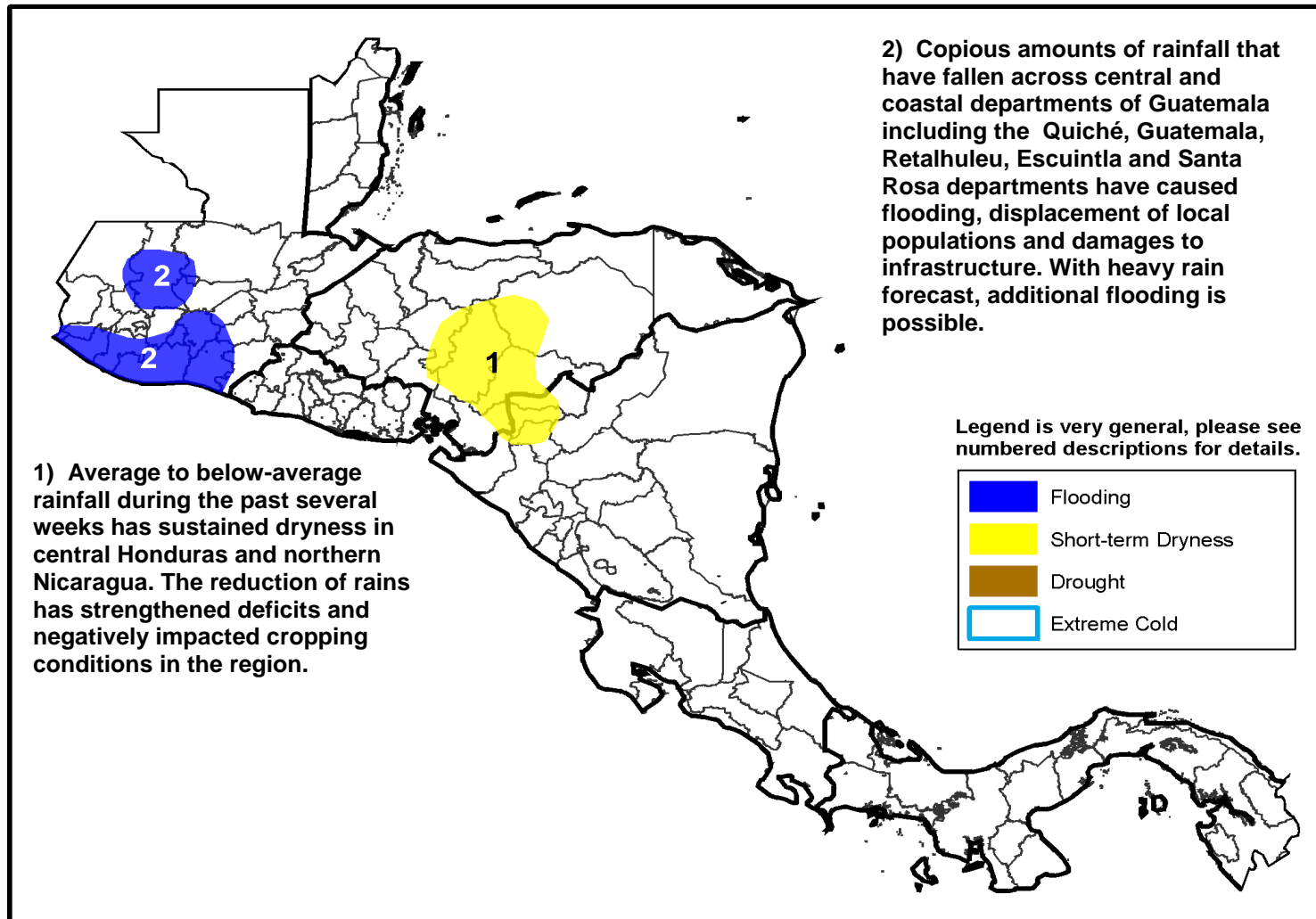


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- Flooding rains were recorded across Guatemala while below-average rain was observed across Nicaragua.



Heavy rainfall was observed across northern Central America, especially Guatemala.

Rainfall during the past week continued to be heavy across northern Central America, especially Guatemala, after heavy rains fell across northern Central America during the previous week. The heaviest rainfall (> 75 mm) was observed across the Alta Verapaz, Quiché, Escuintla and Petén departments of Guatemala. The abundant rain in Guatemala has led to reports of flooding, displacement of local populations and damages to infrastructure in the Escuintla, Santa Rosa, Retalhuleu, Guatemala and Quiché departments. Rainfall since the beginning of August has been above-average across much of Guatemala including over 150% of average in the department of Guatemala. Moderate to heavy rainfall (20-50 mm) was also observed across El Salvador and already saturated areas along the Atlantic coastline of Honduras. In contrast, rainfall was light (5-20 mm) across central and eastern Nicaragua and interior portions of Honduras where rains have been below-average since July.

Rainfall forecasts for the next week indicate a continuation of heavy rain showers across northern Central America including already saturated areas in Guatemala. Localized heavy rain events (> 50 mm) could worsen flooding conditions across central and coastal areas of Guatemala. Elsewhere, moderate to heavy rains (> 30 mm) are forecast in western Honduras and the Pacific coastline of Central America while less rain (15-30 mm) is expected along the Atlantic coastline of Honduras and Nicaragua providing relief from recent heavy rains.

