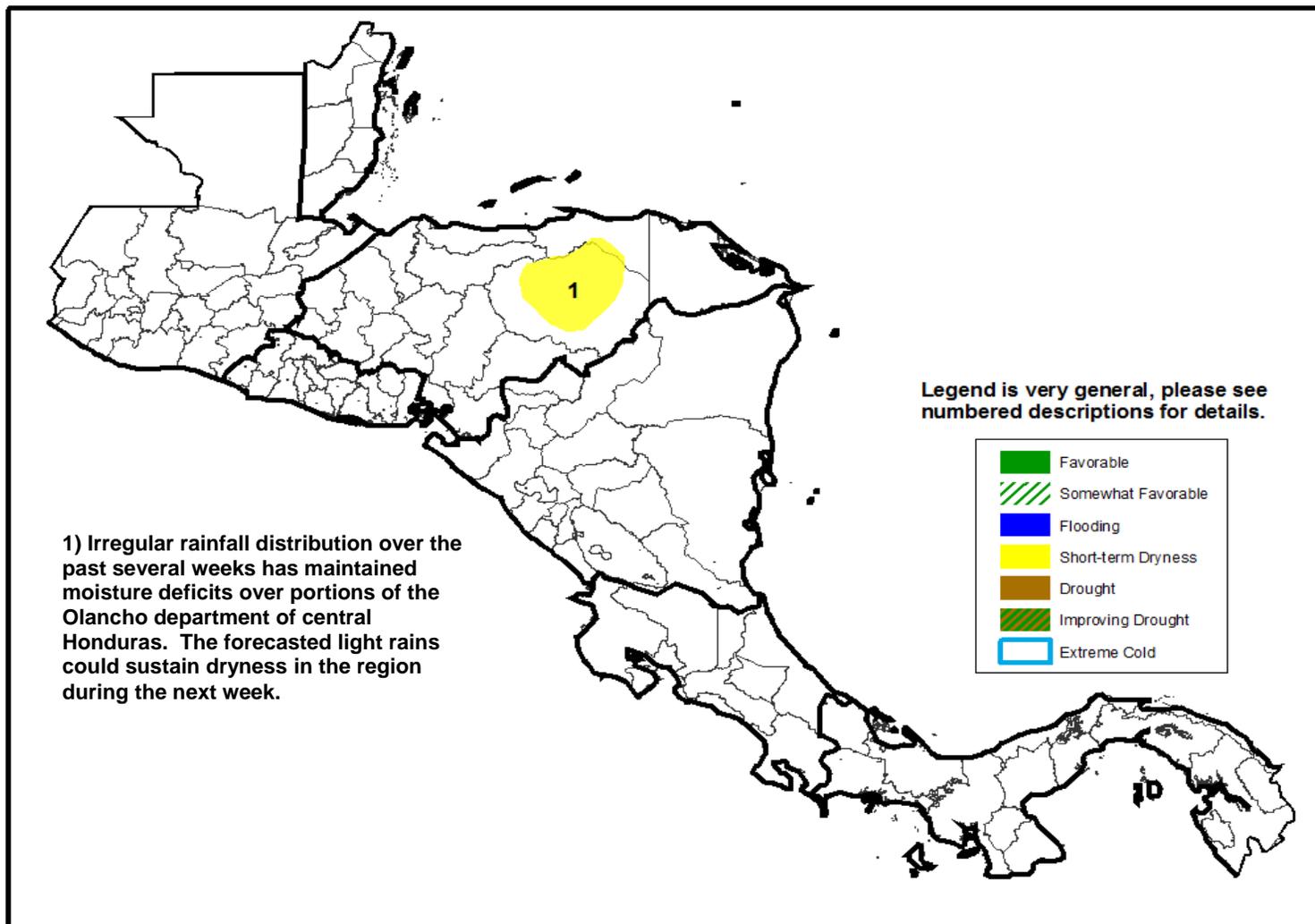


## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET November 8 – November 14, 2012

- Torrential coastal showers impact the northern Honduran coastline.
- Below-average weekly rains were observed across much of inland northern Central America.



## Heavy coastal showers impact northern Honduras.

During the past seven days, the heaviest rain (>40mm) was observed along the northern coastline of Honduras and along the Caribbean coastlines of Costa Rica and Panama. The highest precipitation totals (>75mm) were located just offshore of southern Central American countries. Isolated torrential rains resulted in >80mm of rain during the past week in La Ceiba and Tela, Honduras. In contrast, a second week of reduced weekly rains was observed across central Guatemala, El Salvador, central/southern Honduras and northwestern Nicaragua. While rains have been below-average in the Jalapa, El Progreso, and Baja Verapaz departments of central Guatemala, crops have not been negatively impacted. Below-average thirty-day rains in the Olancho department of Honduras have led to short-term dryness. Farther south locally intense rains (30-50mm) have continued to be observed across the Pacific region of Guatemala including the Quetzaltenango, Retalhuleu, Suchitepéquez, and parts of the Escuintla Departments where flooding has occurred in past weeks.

For the next seven days, below-average rains are forecast over northern Central America as dry northerly flow suppresses rainfall. The reduced rains will likely continue short-term dryness concerns in portions of the Olancho department of Honduras. Coastal showers (>30mm) along the Caribbean coastlines of Central America are expected to continue during the next week with locally intense downpours (>50mm) possible along the northern coastline of Honduras and farther south in Costa Rica and Panama.

