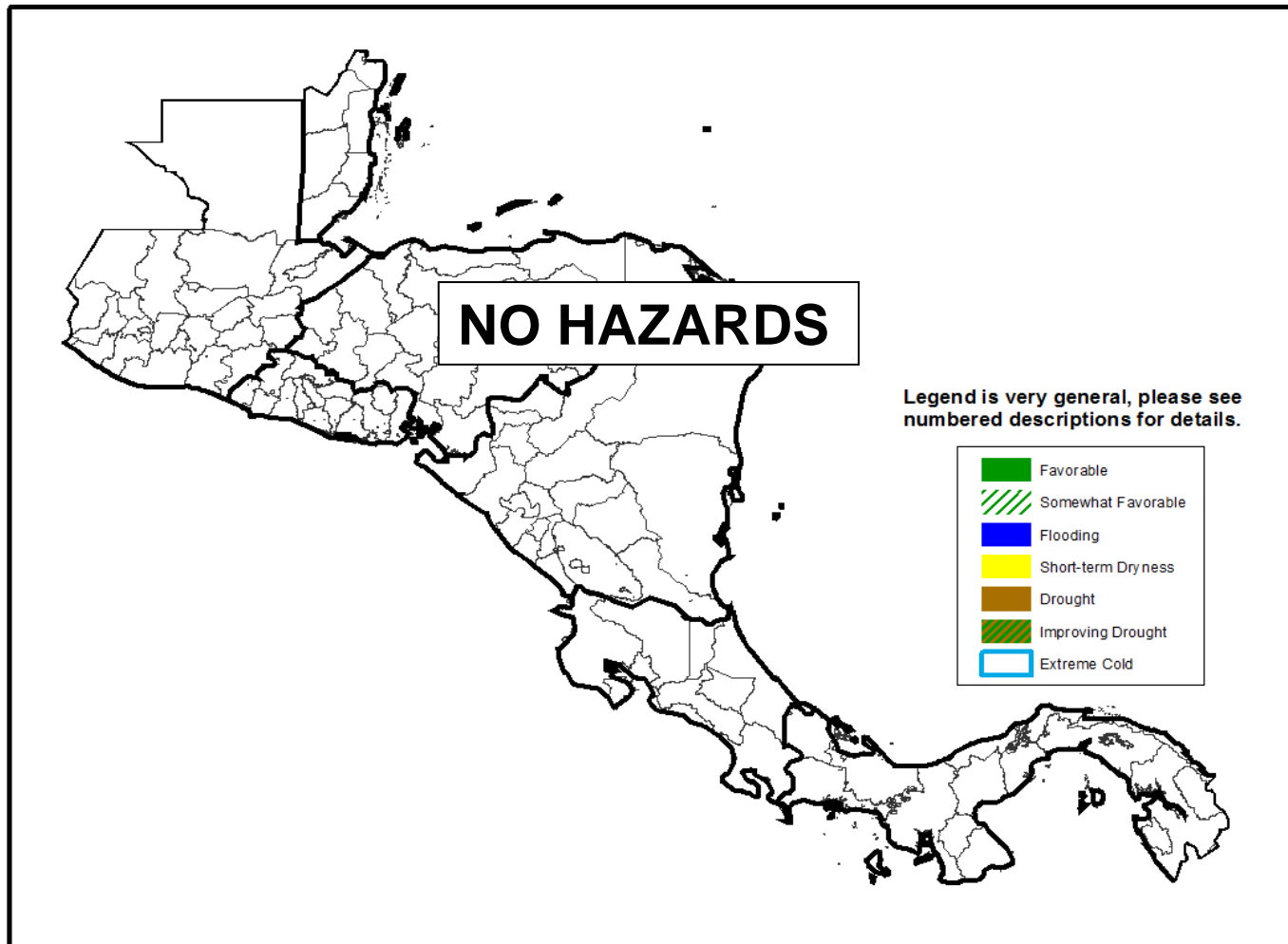




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET December 13 – December 19, 2012

- Light showers expected across Guatemala, Honduras.



Seasonably light rains expected to continue during the next seven days.

Seasonably light to locally moderate amounts of rainfall were observed during the last seven days. The highest rainfall amounts (>50mm) were received in the southern Caribbean, bringing increased moisture into parts of Costa Rica and Panama. Further north, a reduction of precipitation was observed across the Gulf of Honduras region, bringing relief for many parts of northern Honduras where several consecutive weeks of heavy rainfall were recorded. In the higher elevations of Guatemala, colder than average temperatures were observed during the last week, however weekly minimum temperatures remained slightly above freezing. Over the last 30 days, below-average moisture conditions have persisted across parts of Nicaragua, Honduras and northern Guatemala. The lack of moisture was associated with an early departure of second season Postrera precipitation in the region.

For the next seven days, a return to easterly flow across the Caribbean is expected to enhance rainfall during the early portion of the outlook period. The highest weekly rainfall accumulation are expected over the southern Caribbean (50-100mm), with more moderate amounts of rainfall further inland across portions of Nicaragua and Honduras. Weak northerly flow from the Gulf of Mexico is expected to keep minimum temperatures more seasonable.

