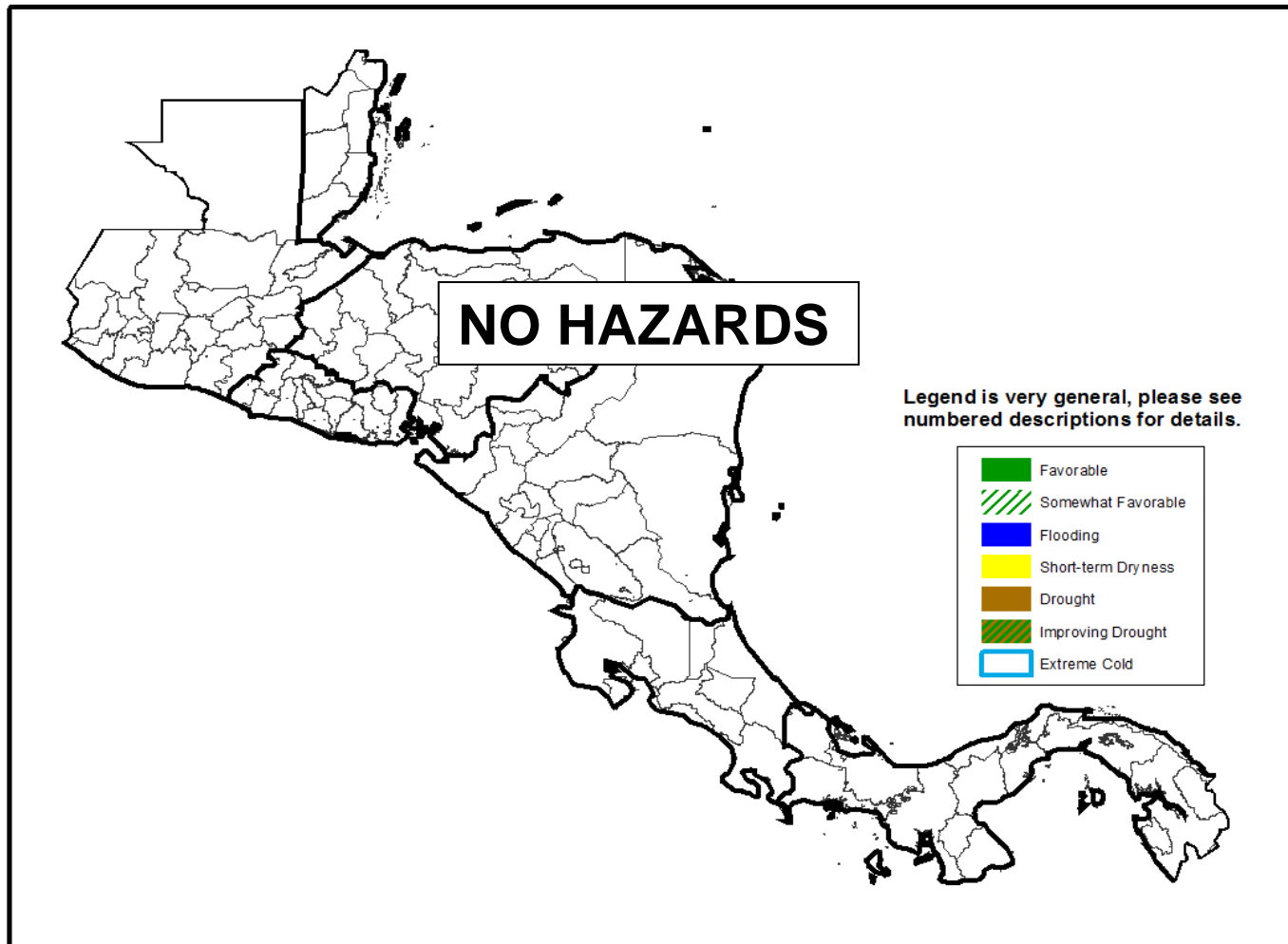




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET December 27, 2012 – January 2, 2013

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Moderate coastal showers observed along the Caribbean coastlines of Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama

During the past seven days, light to moderate rains (<35mm) were recorded across Central America. The heaviest showers (15-35mm) were observed along the Caribbean coastlines of Honduras, Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Panama. Moderate rains extended into western Honduras as well. After a week of increased rains in the Petén and Alta Verapaz departments of Guatemala, rains were light (<10mm) during the past week. Across higher elevations in Guatemala, temperatures continued to be below-average. However, weekly minimum temperatures remained above zero. Since the start of the Apante season, below-average rains have been observed across southern Nicaragua, northern Costa Rica and Panama. Farther north, seasonal precipitation has been recorded in northern Central America.

For the next seven days, prevailing easterly winds are forecast throughout much of the Caribbean resulting in moderate to locally heavy rains across the Caribbean coastlines of Costa Rica, Nicaragua, Panama and northern Honduras. Temperatures are expected to remain below-average across higher elevations in Guatemala but remain above-freezing.

