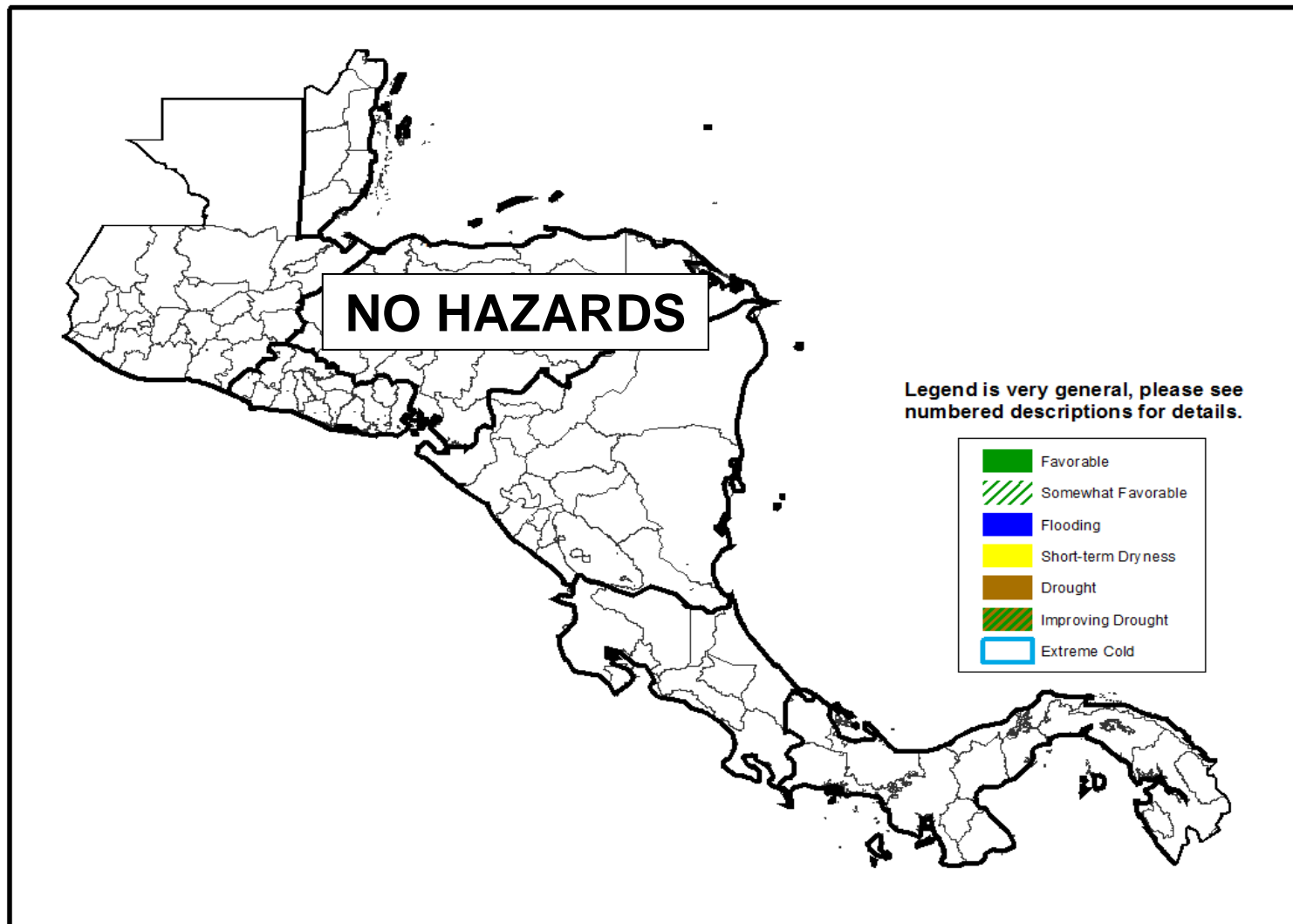




## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET January 10 – January 16, 2013

- Seasonably light rains fell across Central America during the past week.



## Seasonably light rains continue across much of Central America.

During the past seven days, seasonably light rains fell across much of Central America, with the exception of the Gulf of Honduras, eastern Honduras, and northeastern Nicaragua, where heavy rains fell. Moderate to heavy rains also fell over the Petén department of northern Guatemala during the past week. The above-average rains during the past week have turned weak thirty-day rainfall deficits across northern Guatemala, Belize, eastern Honduras, and east-central Nicaragua into surpluses. Meanwhile, little to no rainfall fell over much of the inland of Central America, which is typical during this time of the year. In the south, light to moderate rains fell across Costa Rica and were reduced relative to the amounts received during the previous week. On a longer time scale, Central America has received an average rainfall accumulation since the beginning of the December-April, *Apante* season. However, weak seasonal deficits are present across northern Honduras and the eastern half of Costa Rica.

During the next week, rainfall forecast suggest enhanced rains along the Atlantic coasts of Central America to persist, with the heaviest rains over the Gracias a Dios department of eastern Honduras and the eastern coastlines of Nicaragua. While light rains are expected across much of the inland of northern Central America, moderate rains could fall over isolated areas of northern Guatemala, northern Honduras, and north-central Nicaragua. In contrast, little to no rainfall is forecast over Costa Rica and Panama. Meanwhile, temperatures are expected to gradually drop during nighttime across the higher elevations of Guatemala. However, they are forecast to remain above-freezing during the next week.

