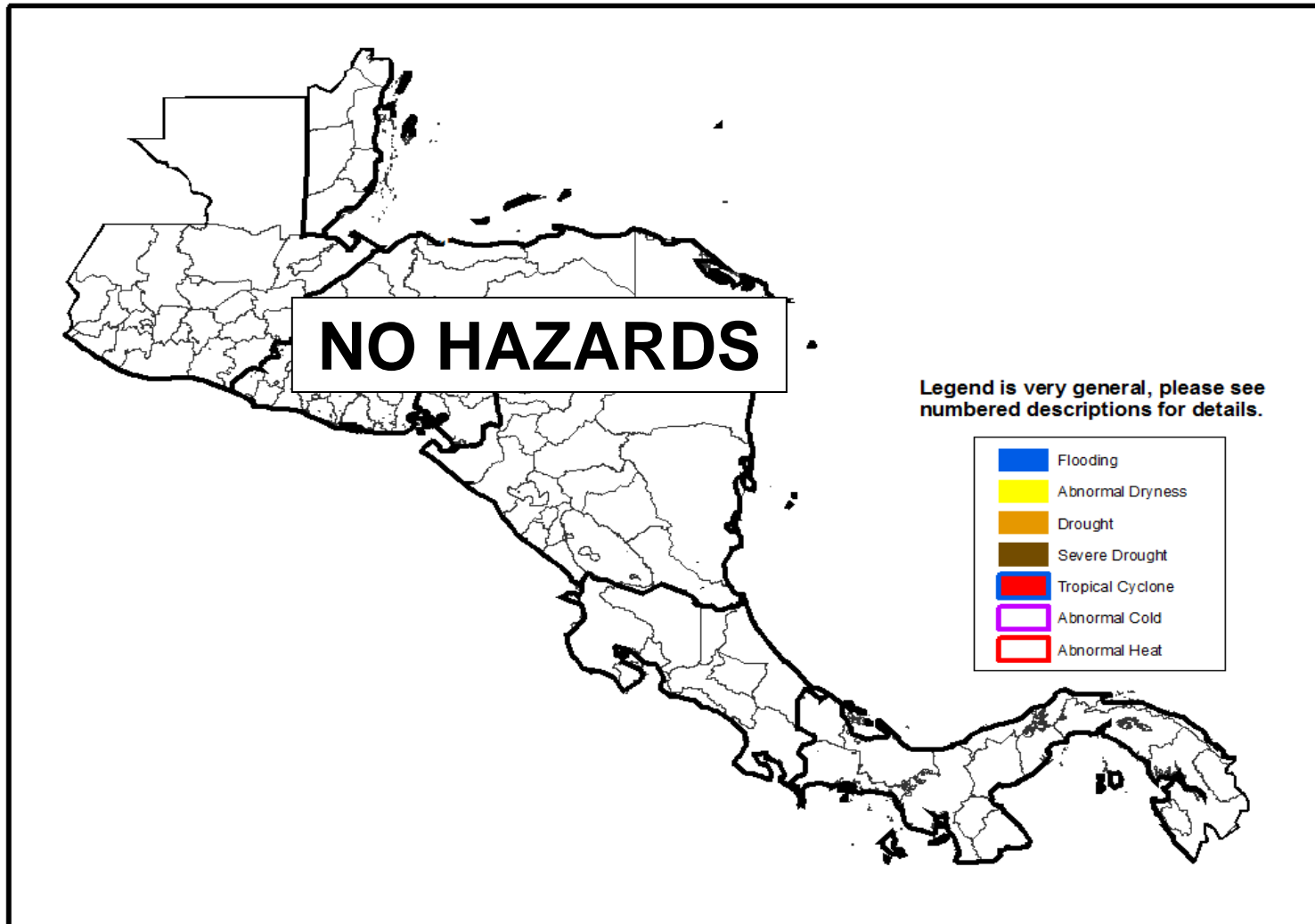




Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET May 9 – May 15, 2013

- Seasonally moderate to locally heavy rainfall expected during the next week.



Increased amounts of rainfall and ground moisture expected throughout many parts of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador.

During the last seven days, well distributed average to above-average rainfall was received throughout Central America. The highest weekly rainfall accumulations were observed across the northern half of Central America, with rainfall amounts ranging between 30-100mm. Some local areas in Honduras saw more than 75mm. Further south, rainfall was not as well-distributed, however moderate to locally heavy amounts were received across parts of southern Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Since the beginning of April, many parts of Central America have generally observed a near normal start to the Primera rains. A slight delay of seasonal rainfall was being experienced across some departments of Guatemala, Honduras and El Salvador in late April; however increased rainfall during early May has helped to eliminate any developing early season moisture deficits. A gradual increase in precipitation throughout May is expected to provide favorable ground conditions for ongoing cropping activities.

During the next outlook period, model rainfall forecasts indicate a continued increase of precipitation mostly over the Pacific side of Central America, with lesser amounts forecast across the Gulf of Honduras. The potential for the heaviest precipitation accumulations are expected over the southern and central departments of Guatemala, southwestern Honduras, and western El Salvador. Further south, enhanced precipitation is also forecast for parts of eastern Nicaragua and Costa Rica. The increase in rainfall is expected to provide favorable cropping conditions for areas that have planted early for the Primera season.

