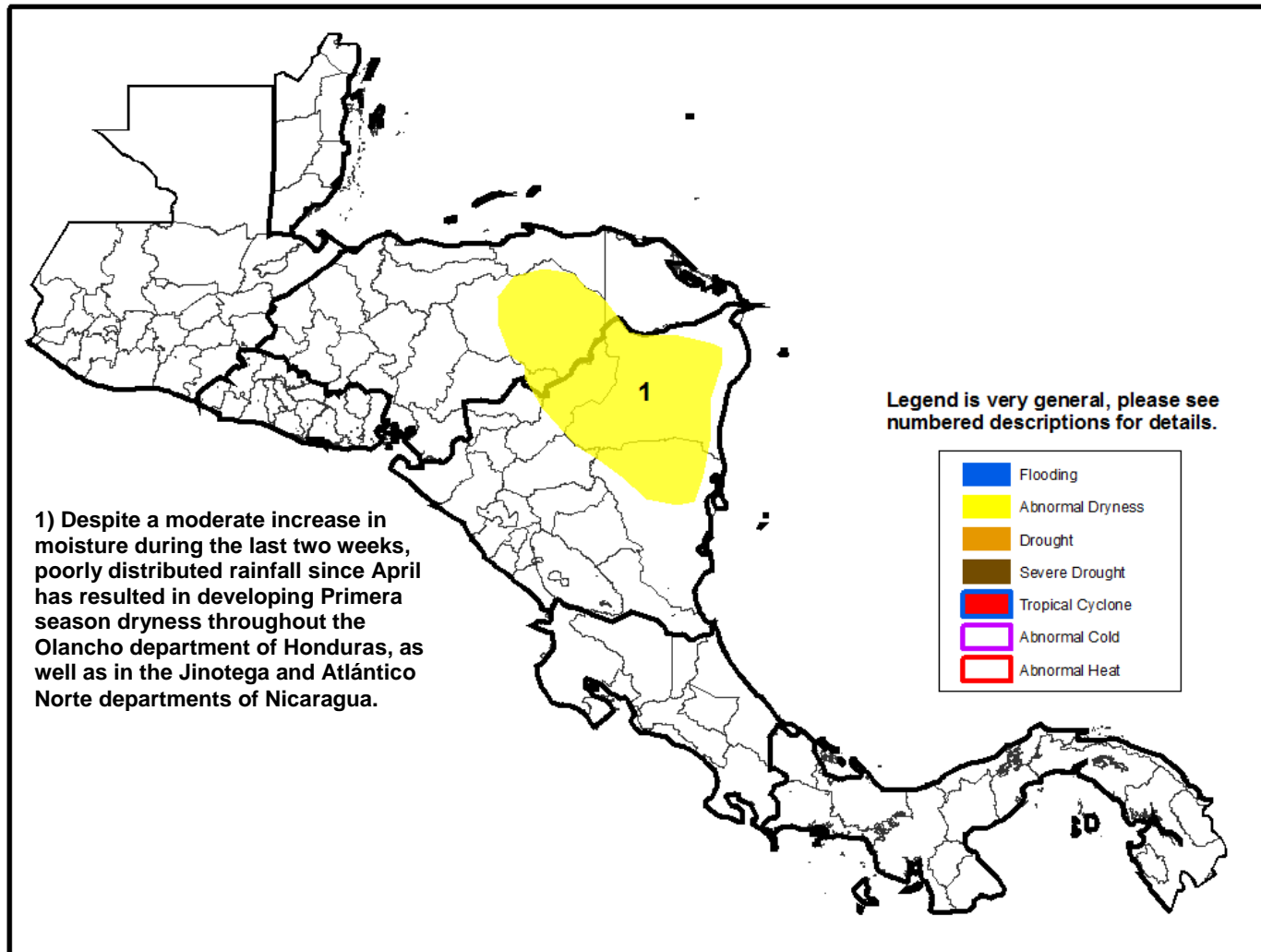


Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET June 13 – June 19, 2013

- Heavy rains caused localized landslides and flooding in western Guatemala.



Widespread heavy rain impacts much of northern Central America.

During the last week, torrential rains (>50mm) were observed across western Honduras and much of central and northern Guatemala, including the Petén, Huehuetenango, Quiché, Alta Verapaz and Izabal departments. The heaviest rains fell in the Petén department of Guatemala, and there were multiple reports of localized flooding and landslides in the Totonicapán, Quiché, and Huehuetenango departments of Guatemala. This marked the third consecutive week of above-average weekly rainfall. Farther south, moderate rain (20-50mm) was recorded in Central America, with localized areas around the Gulf of Fonseca and northwestern Costa Rica observing heavier rains. In contrast, light rains (<15mm) occurred across northeastern Nicaragua, El Salvador and northeastern Honduras, increasing thirty-day rainfall deficits. While abundant rains since the end of May have helped ground conditions recover in Guatemala and western Honduras, below-average rains and dry conditions have continued in the Olancho department of Honduras and the Jinotega and Atlántico Norte departments of Nicaragua.

For the next week, steady east to west winds across the southern Caribbean are likely to enhance precipitation along the Caribbean coastlines of Nicaragua and the Gracias a Dios department of Honduras. Elsewhere, seasonally heavy rains (>50mm) are forecast for southern Central America in Costa Rica and Panama. In contrast, weekly rainfall amounts are expected to be lighter than previous weeks across saturated areas in Guatemala, providing relief. However, light rains (<15mm) are again forecast for already drier-than-average locations in interior northern Nicaragua.

