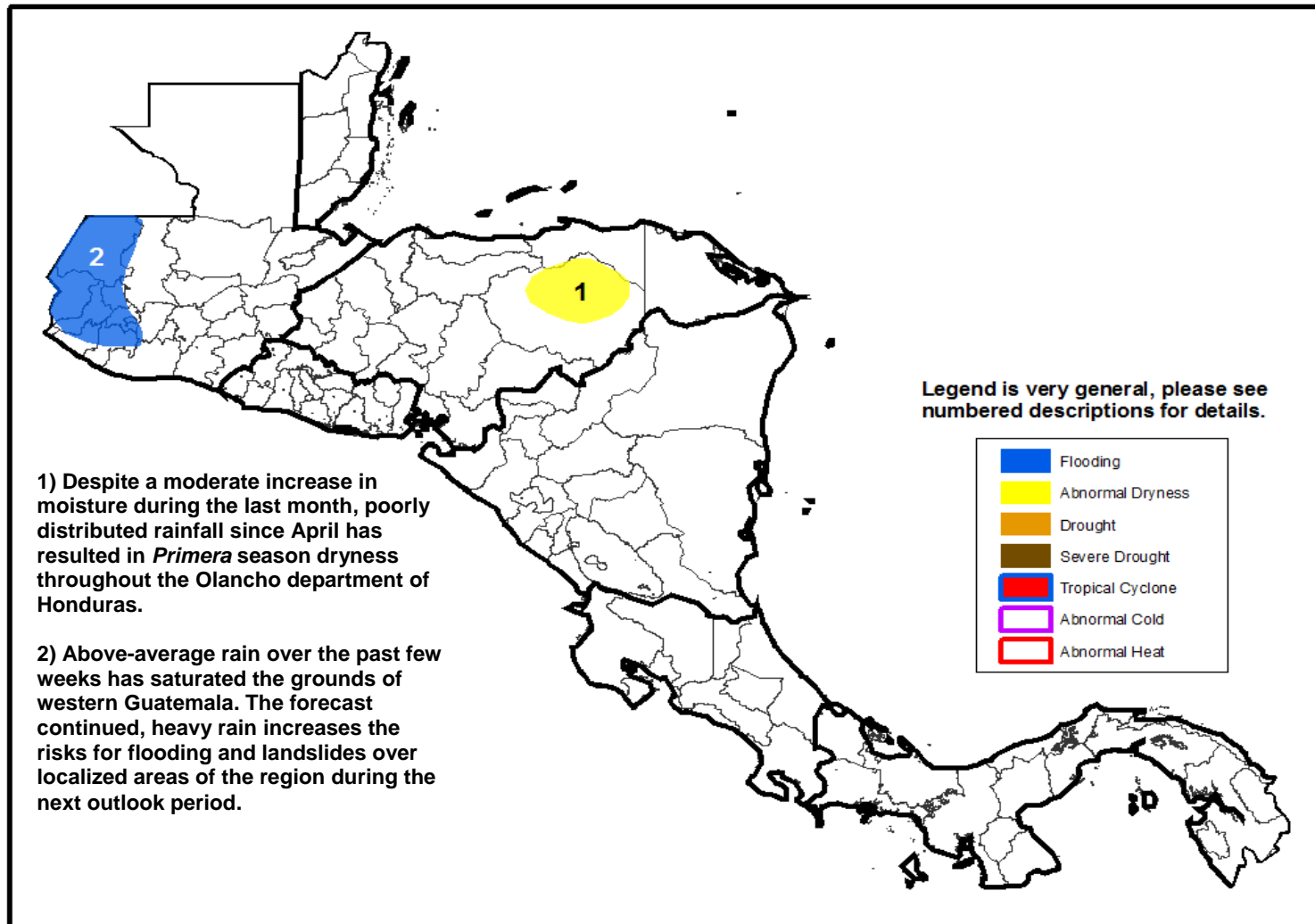


Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET July 4 – July 10, 2013

- A favorable distribution of rainfall was observed throughout Central America during the past week.



Heavy rain forecast to persist in western Guatemala.

During the past observation period, an increase in rainfall was observed throughout the interior of Central America. In general, the central parts of Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua received moderate to locally heavy rain. Meanwhile, moderate to heavy rainfall also fell over the southern Caribbean. In Guatemala, the continuation of average to above-average rain during this past week maintained rainfall surpluses over much of the country over the past thirty days. In contrast, thirty-day rainfall deficits persisted across the northern parts of the Olancho department of Honduras due to an irregular rainfall distribution since April. Since the start of the *Primera*, May – August season, northern Central America has received average to above-average rainfall, whereas the southern parts, including southern Honduras, parts of eastern Nicaragua; Costa Rica; and Panama have registered average to below-average rainfall.

During the next outlook period, the passage of tropical waves is expected to bring moderate to locally heavy rain across northern Central America. The heaviest (>150 mm) rain is forecast over western Guatemala, which has received above-average rainfall over the past few weeks. As a result, high risks for flooding and landslides remain over many localized areas of the region. Along the Pacific coasts, moderate to locally heavy rain is expected near the Gulf of Fonseca, western Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama. Over the Caribbean, weather disturbance and prevailing easterly winds are expected to produce heavy showers in the Gulf of Honduras and along the Atlantic Basins of eastern Honduras and Nicaragua.

