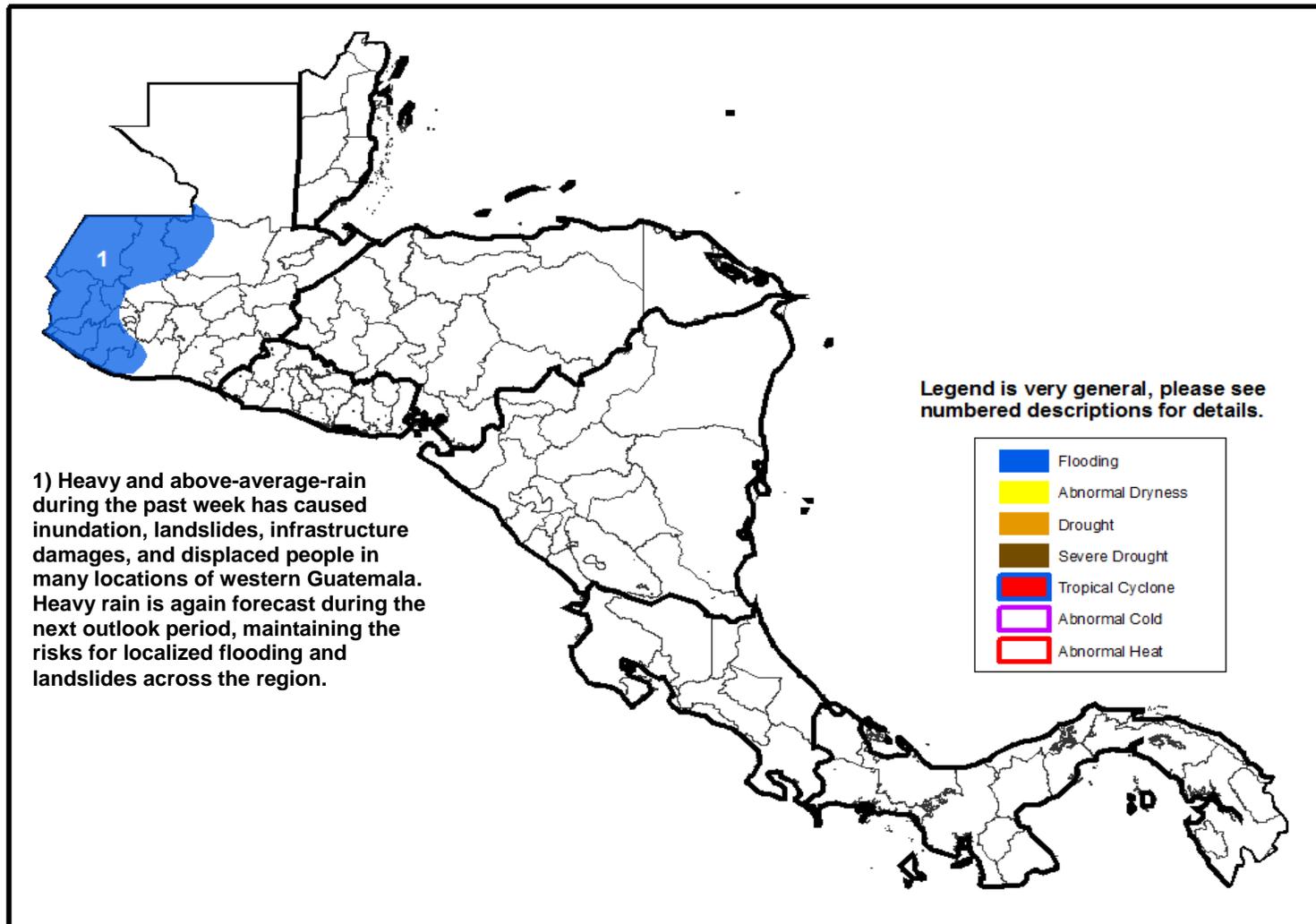


Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET July 11 – July 17, 2013

- Heavy rain is forecast to continue across western Guatemala, potentially triggering flooding and landslides during the next period.



Heavy rain is expected to continue in western Guatemala.

During the past week, the bulk of the rainfall fell over Guatemala and western Honduras, where rain in excess of 90 mm was observed in some areas. In Guatemala, the heavy and above-average rain poured over areas that have already received consistent high amounts of rain over the past several weeks, causing flooding, infrastructure damage, and displaced people over the western and north-central parts of the country, including the Quiché, Baja Verapaz, and San Marcos departments. Locally heavy rain was also observed in eastern Honduras, north-central Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and Panama, while the inland of Central America received light rain. In Honduras, although rain has been below-average across the *Dry Corridor* of the east-central region, rainfall has been frequent to sustain adequate soil moisture. Since the beginning of the season to date, good rains have prevailed across much of Guatemala and western Honduras, with seasonal surpluses exceeding 300 mm over some areas. In contrast, a lack of rain has resulted in seasonal deficits, with negative anomalies ranging between 200 and 300 mm over portions of the Gulf of Fonseca, eastern Honduras, Atlantic Basin of Nicaragua, Costa Rica, and western Panama.

During the next week, the passage of tropical waves and weather disturbances along western Mexico are expected to bring another week of heavy rain across the western and Pacific regions of Guatemala. This maintains elevated risks for flooding, landslides, and infrastructure damages over many local areas. Heavy showers are possible along the Gulf of Honduras, eastern coasts of Honduras, Pacific and Atlantic Basins of Nicaragua, and southern Caribbean, while light to moderate rain is expected over the inland of Central America.

