



Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook March 13 – March 19, 2014

- A continuation of above-average rainfall is forecast for Guatemala and Honduras next week.



Favorably above-average rains received during the last week.

A considerable increase in precipitation was observed throughout many parts of Guatemala, Belize, and Honduras during the last seven days. The highest rainfall accumulations (>50mm) were received across the Quiche, Alta Verapaz, and Izabal departments of Guatemala, with more moderate rainfall amounts extending into parts of western Honduras and northern El Salvador. Further south, light to locally moderate amounts of precipitation was observed across parts of Costa Rica and Panama. During the month of February, Apante rainfall had been slightly below average leading to developing moisture deficits affecting the northern half of Central America. However, the latest 30-day rainfall anomalies show much improvement throughout many local areas due to the increase in rainfall during early to mid-March.

During the next seven days, precipitation forecast suggest a continuation of average to above-average rainfall throughout parts of Guatemala and western Honduras. Weekly rainfall amounts in excess of 50mm are possible across central Guatemala. Minimum temperature is likely to remain above freezing over the elevated terrains.

