



## Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook March 20 – March 26, 2014

- Above-average rainfall continues throughout Guatemala during the past week.



### Favorably above-average rains received during the last week.

A continuation of average to above-average rainfall was received throughout northern Central America. The most enhanced late Apante seasonal rains occurred across Guatemala for the second consecutive week, with well distributed rainfall amounts ranging between 30-75mm estimated in the northern and western departments during the last week. In Honduras, precipitation along the northern coastline remained light, as more moderate amounts were received in the southwestern departments. 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 since early March. Over the last 30 days, many central and northern departments of Guatemala have received approximately 150-300 percent of their normal rainfall.

During the next seven days, precipitation forecast suggest a reduction in the amount of rainfall compared to the last several weeks. Weekly rainfall accumulations are expected to be very light throughout parts of Guatemala and western Honduras. Little to no rainfall is expected for many interior regions on the Pacific side of Central America.

