

# The USAID FEWS-NET Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

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With the exception of Tropical Storm Ernesto affecting southwestern Haiti in late August, tropical cyclone impacts on Hispaniola have been minimal so far this season. Conditions are expected to remain unfavorable for the development of tropical storms across the Caribbean over the next week. However, tropical storms can have a significant impact on the island as late as December. Therefore, continued monitoring is needed. Over the past week, locally heavy seasonal rains fell across northern and central Haiti. This favored sorghum and second season rice, but may have hampered early second season bean harvesting activities. Scattered showers were observed elsewhere on Hispaniola. Over the next week, seasonal rains are expected to continue across the island. The best chances for significant rainfall will be of the Dominican Republic.

