

# 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. However, tropical storms can have a significant impact on the island as late as December. Conditions may become more favorable for tropical storm development over the next week. 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 second season bean harvesting activities. Scattered showers were observed elsewhere on Hispaniola. Over the next week, seasonal showers are expected to persist across the island.

