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Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

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Early in the past observation period Haiti experienced a repeat of calm and dry conditions. However, on the morning of Monday, October 29th Tropical Storm Noel made landfall in Sud, Haiti. The system brought heavy rains, thunderstorms, flash floods and mudslides to the island of Hispaniola. After the system passed the island, outer bands of the storm continued to bring heavy rains. Two were killed in the Cienaga area along the banks of the Ozama River in the Dominican Republic when a house collapsed. Reports state that there have been at least 30 deaths related to this storm. Total rainfall accumulation from this system surpassed 300mm in some areas. Thousands were already in need of assistance since suffering from torrential rains in the mountainous parts of Haiti two weeks. In that event there were minor crop losses. In the coming observation period significant rainfall accumulation is expected across the southern portion of Hispaniola.