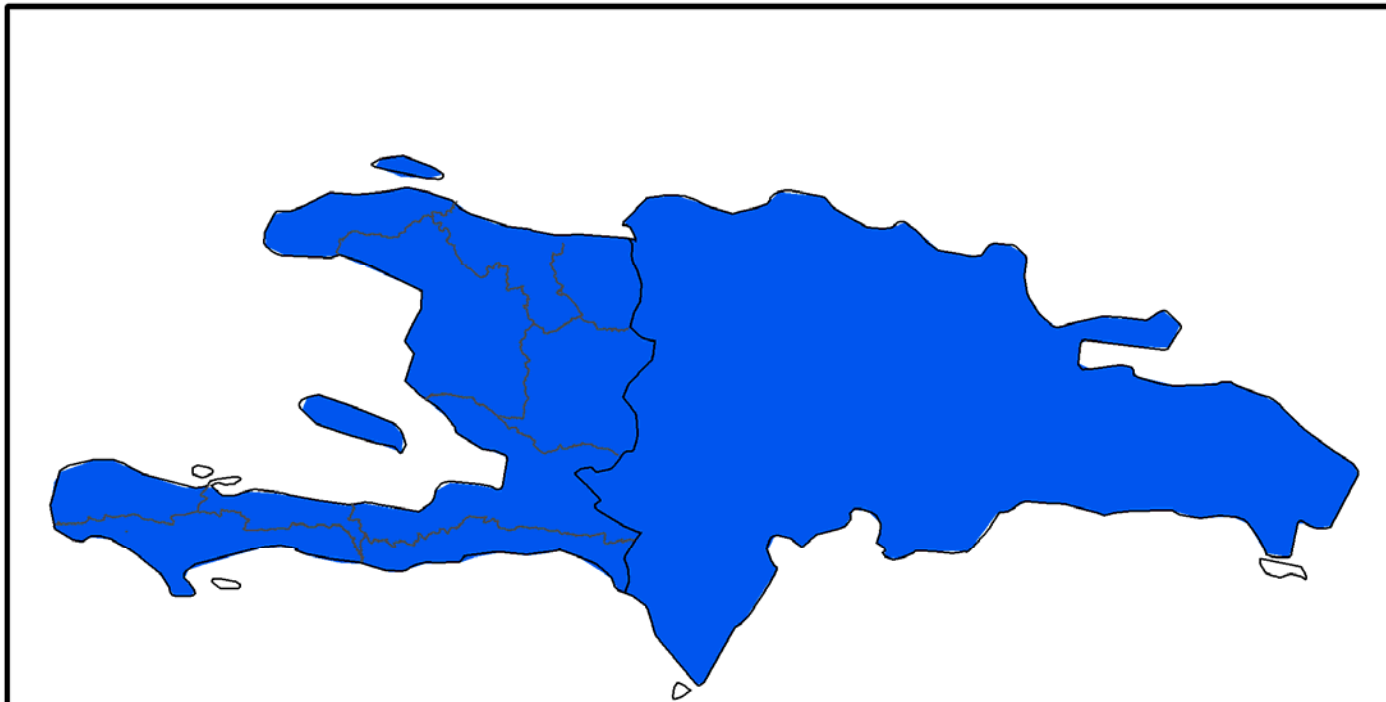


Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

For

September 11 – September 17, 2008



During the last observation period (September 4-10), Tropical Disturbances “Hanna” and “Ike” produced ample rainfall over much of Hispaniola. Widespread totals exceeding 75 mm were observed across much of the northern coastline of Hispaniola, with isolated, heavier totals (> 150 mm) observed in the southern parts of Haiti. Due to rainfall from “Fay” and “Gustav” in the last two weeks, much of Haiti and the Dominican Republic are experiencing rainfall totals > 300 percent above average (locally > 400 percent) over the last 30 days. As a result, there have been acute losses in many crops and livestock, as well as numerous destroyed homes, and fatalities reported over the past couple of weeks. Precipitation forecasts finally show a break in rainfall, with no threat of tropical activity over the next seven days. Normal rainfall totals ranging between 20 to 50 mm may be expected, with the possibility of some higher totals in localized areas.