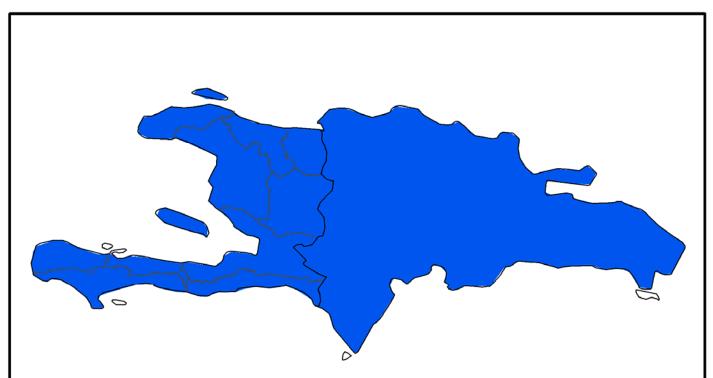


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## **Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment**

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Since mid-August, the passage of four tropical storms through the Caribbean has resulted in excessive precipitation over Haiti and the Dominican Republic. A large majority of Hispaniola has experienced rainfall amounts greater than 300 percent above-average over the last 30 days, and many local parts of Haiti have been faced with acute crop losses, flooding and dire food shortages. During the last observation period, many local areas saw a break in rainfall, with rainfall amounts ranging between 35- 40 mm in the central and northern departments. Greater precipitation totals (between 50 - 75 mm) were observed in the southern coastal departments which may have aggravated flooding. Precipitation forecasts do not indicate any new tropical activity. Normal seasonal rainfall totals ranging between 20 to 50 mm are expected in the central and southern parts of Haiti, with some potential for higher totals in localized areas.

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