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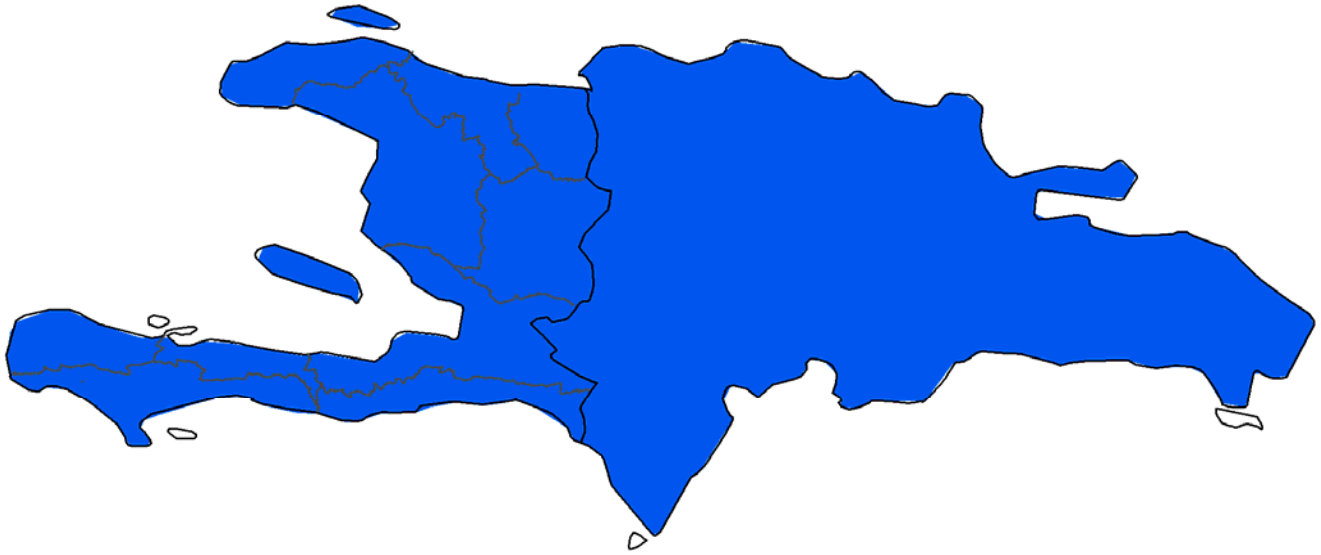

Moderate to high amounts of precipitation were observed across much of Hispaniola during the last week. In the central and northern departments of Haiti, rainfall totals in excess of 75 mm exacerbated flooding conditions from the passages of four tropical storms since mid-August. At present, many Haitian communities face large crop losses, additional flooding and damages to infrastructure. Forecasts show the development of another tropical disturbance off the eastern coast of the Dominican Republic, and there is a low to moderate potential that significant tropical rainfall (> 75 mm) will affect Haiti over the forecast period. As this tropical disturbance expected to migrate away from the island during the earlier part of the observation period, seasonably normal rainfall amounts ranging between 20 – 50 mm may be expected, with possibly higher rainfall totals forecast along the southern coastline and higher terrain of Hispaniola.

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