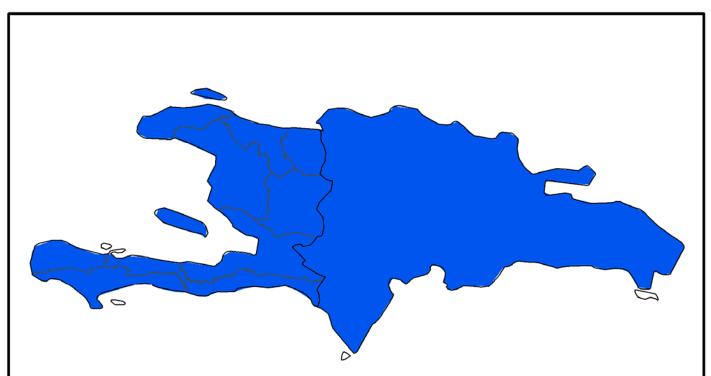


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In the last seven days, a break in above-average rainfall has provided some relief to crops, pasture and clean-up activities in localized areas of Haiti. Precipitation totals between 50 and 75 mm were observed across the central and northern departments of Haiti, with larger amounts across portions of the eastern Dominican Republic coastline due to the development of tropical disturbance "Kyle" last week. At present, many Haitian communities are still suffering from large crop losses, food shortages, residual flooding and damage to infrastructure. Precipitation forecasts indicate another week of light to moderate rains, with totals ranging from 20 to 60 mm across many parts of Haiti. Higher rainfall totals are possible along the southern coastline and high terrain areas in the central departments of Haiti along Dominican Republic border. This is expected to aggravate conditions in flooded areas due to the excessive soil saturation across Hispaniola.

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