

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

For  
**April 9 - 15, 2009**



**NO HAZARDS**

During the last observation period, little to no precipitation was observed across Hispaniola. In Haiti, locally light rainfall totals (1 – 10 mm) fell across parts of coastal Sud and Arbonite departments, helping to provide sufficient ground moisture for early season maize, beans and rice crops. Since the start of 2009, many local areas across Haiti and the Dominican Republic experienced below-average precipitation, prompting the need for seasonally favorable rains and increased soil moisture over the next several dekads. Precipitation forecasts show increased rainfall (20 – 40 mm) over much of Hispaniola in the next seven days, which should act to improve many anomalously dry areas.