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Haiti Weather Hazards and Benefits Assessment

For **April 16 - 22, 2009**



In the last seven days, fair amounts of rainfall were observed across Hispaniola. Isolated showers were observed in the northern departments of Haiti, with slightly heavier rainfall totals along the Haiti / Dominican Republic border. While this past week's rains were near average for this time of year, more precipitation is expected in the next several weeks to help promote the development of maize and bean crops, as well as overcome precipitation deficits observed in some local areas over the last 90 days. Precipitation forecasts show increased rainfall (15 - 30 mm) over parts of the southern peninsula with heavier amounts expected over the Dominican Republic for the upcoming observation period.