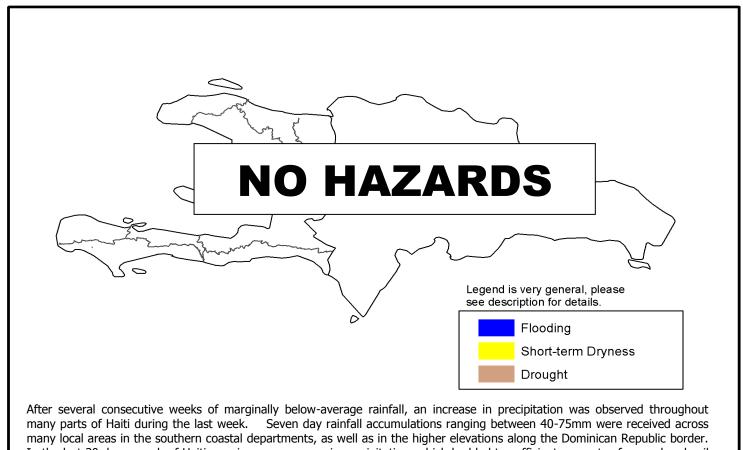


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Above-average amounts of precipitation during the last week is expected to benefit second season cropping activities.



After several consecutive weeks of marginally below-average rainfall, an increase in precipitation was observed throughout many parts of Haiti during the last week. Seven day rainfall accumulations ranging between 40-75mm were received across many local areas in the southern coastal departments, as well as in the higher elevations along the Dominican Republic border. In the last 30 days, much of Haiti remains near average in precipitation, which had led to sufficient amounts of ground and soil moisture. This seasonable moisture is expected to help promote second season cropping activities throughout many local parts of Haiti. Despite a pronounced increase in tropical cyclone activity in the Atlantic, Hispaniola has been largely unaffected by heavy rainfall and high winds. Precipitation forecasts indicate another week of moderate rainfall totals (40-60mm), with reduced probabilities for significant tropical activity during the next seven days.