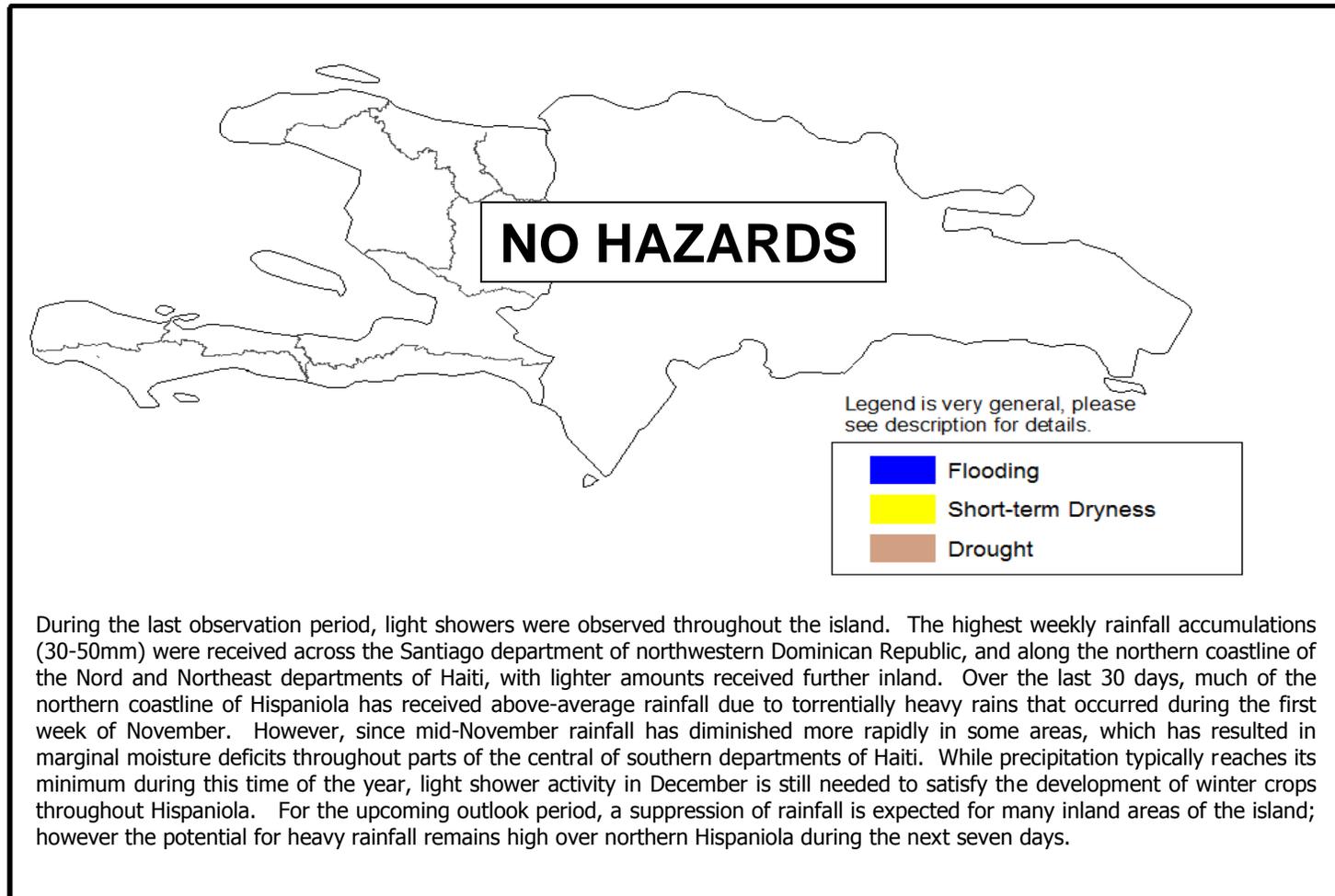


## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET December 6 – December 12, 2012

- Seasonally light to locally moderate rains received over Haiti during the last week.



During the last observation period, light showers were observed throughout the island. The highest weekly rainfall accumulations (30-50mm) were received across the Santiago department of northwestern Dominican Republic, and along the northern coastline of the Nord and Northeast departments of Haiti, with lighter amounts received further inland. Over the last 30 days, much of the northern coastline of Hispaniola has received above-average rainfall due to torrentially heavy rains that occurred during the first week of November. However, since mid-November rainfall has diminished more rapidly in some areas, which has resulted in marginal moisture deficits throughout parts of the central of southern departments of Haiti. While precipitation typically reaches its minimum during this time of the year, light shower activity in December is still needed to satisfy the development of winter crops throughout Hispaniola. For the upcoming outlook period, a suppression of rainfall is expected for many inland areas of the island; however the potential for heavy rainfall remains high over northern Hispaniola during the next seven days.