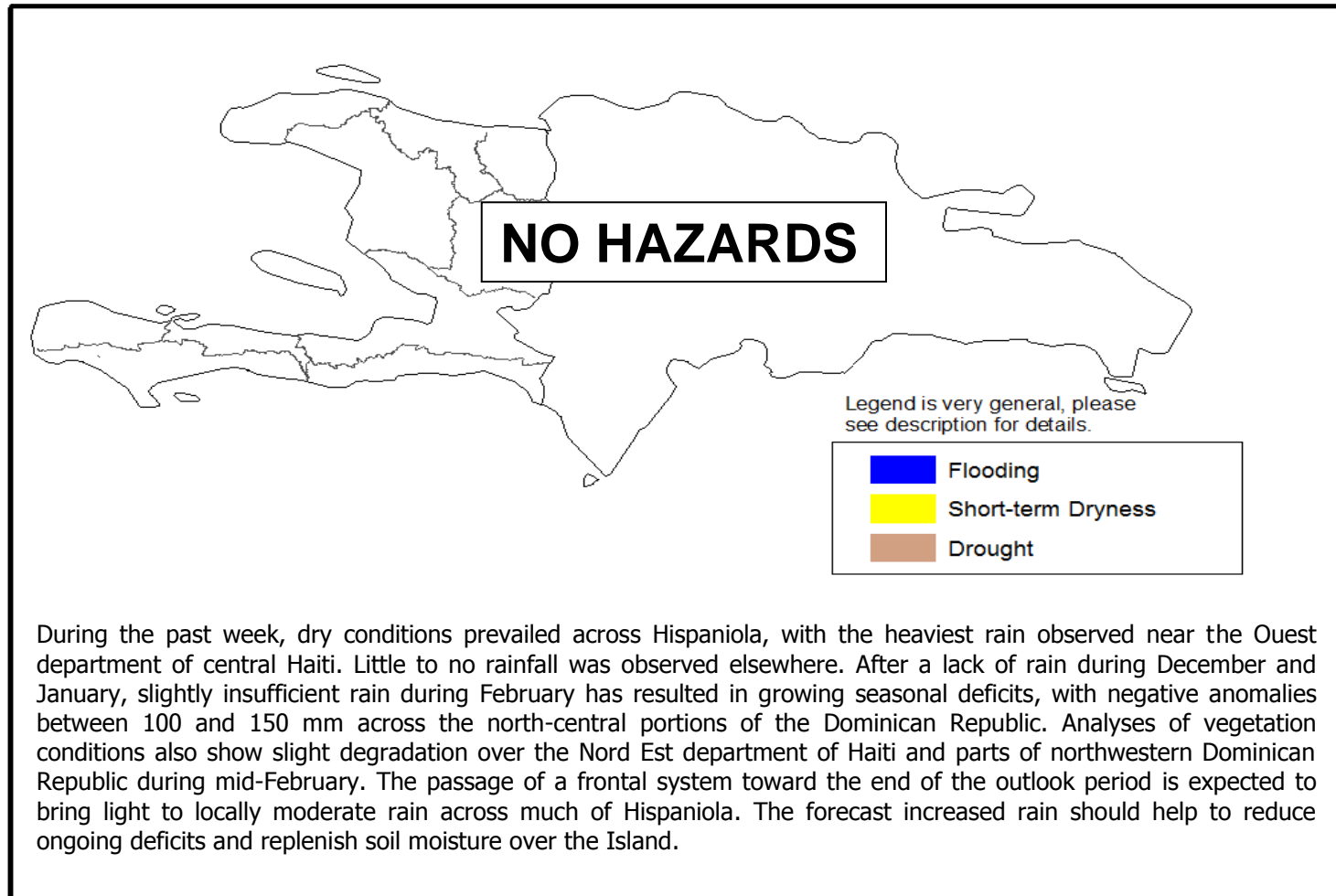


## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET February 28 – March 6, 2013

- Enhanced rain is expected across Hispaniola during the next week.



During the past week, dry conditions prevailed across Hispaniola, with the heaviest rain observed near the Ouest department of central Haiti. Little to no rainfall was observed elsewhere. After a lack of rain during December and January, slightly insufficient rain during February has resulted in growing seasonal deficits, with negative anomalies between 100 and 150 mm across the north-central portions of the Dominican Republic. Analyses of vegetation conditions also show slight degradation over the Nord Est department of Haiti and parts of northwestern Dominican Republic during mid-February. The passage of a frontal system toward the end of the outlook period is expected to bring light to locally moderate rain across much of Hispaniola. The forecast increased rain should help to reduce ongoing deficits and replenish soil moisture over the Island.