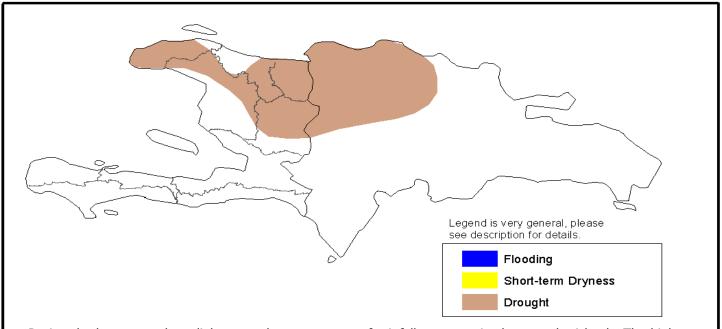






## Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET March 28 – April 3, 2013

• Poor winter rains have led to unfavorable ground conditions across central and northern Haiti.



During the last seven days, light to moderate amounts of rainfall were received across the island. The highest weekly rainfall totals were observed over the Gulf of Gonaives (20-40mm), with little to no rains estimated throughout the northern and eastern portions of the island. Since the beginning of the year, poorly distributed and anomalously low rainfall totals have resulted in unfavorable ground conditions for Haiti and eastern Dominican Republic. While the Dec-Mar rains are climatologically low over Hispaniola, many local areas in the central, north, northeast, and northwest departments have experienced prolonged dry spells, winter crop losses, and abnormally low river and lake levels. For the upcoming outlook period, an increase in precipitation is expected across southern and northeastern Hispaniola, with weekly rainfall accumulations ranging between 20-50mm. In the north, the passage of a front may trigger locally heavy rainfall in the northwest, north and northeast departments of Haiti.