Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
February 12 – 18, 2015

- **Dry weather forecast over Hispaniola during the next week.**

Due to recent increase in rainfall, negative anomalies have been eliminated throughout Hispaniola during the past thirty days. The northern coasts and central parts of Haiti and the Dominican Republic have received above-average rainfall, which helped improve soil moisture over many areas since early January. During the past week, light but near-average rainfall fell over the Island, with the largest (20 mm) rainfall amounts observed over Puerto Plata of northern Dominican Republic. Since the beginning of the winter rainy season, Hispaniola has, however, received below-average rainfall, with seasonal deficits ranging between 25-100 mm due to poor rains during December, 2014. Recent vegetation indices indicated a persistence of below-average conditions over already-impacted areas despite some improvement over some local areas. During the next week, dry weather is again forecast over Hispaniola, with little to light rains throughout the interior of the Island. However, the northern coastlines of Haiti and the Dominican Republic and potentially the eastern littorals of the Dominican Republic may experience locally moderate showers.

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