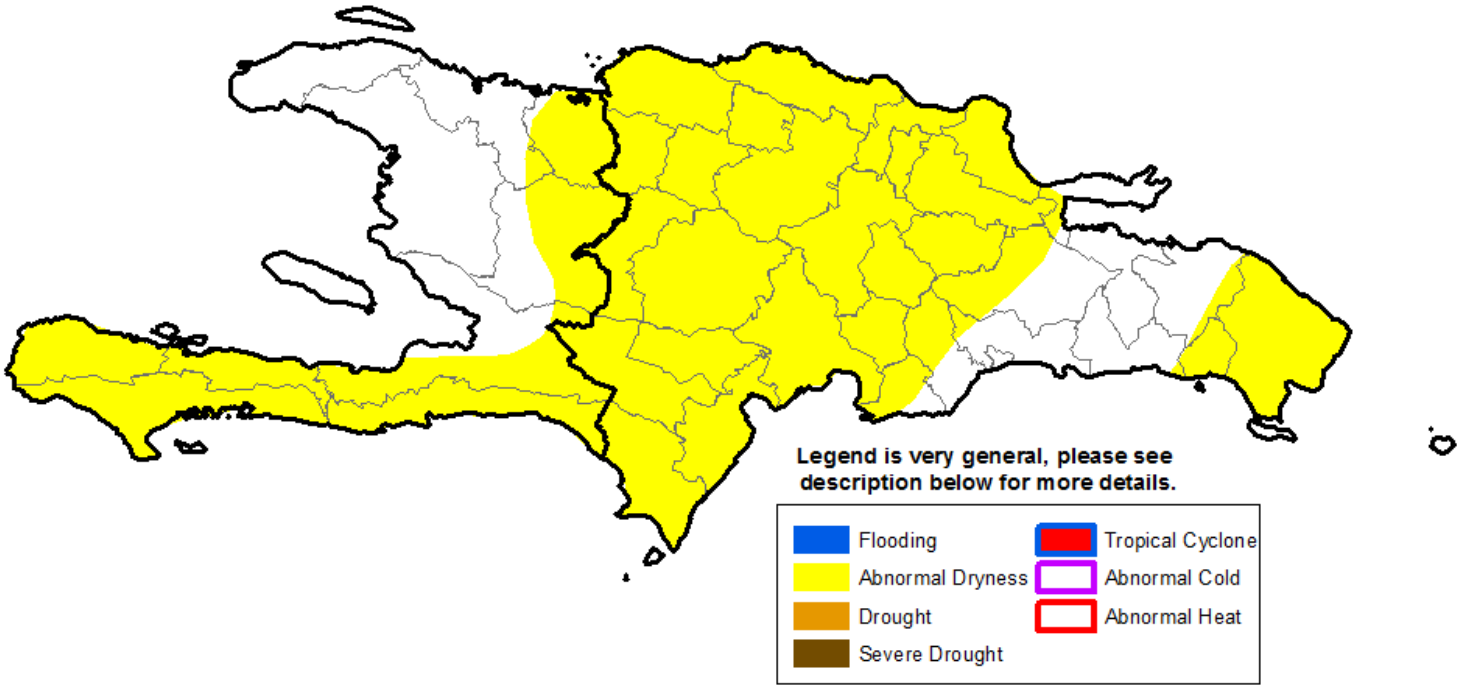
Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook
July 20 – 26, 2017

- **Heavy rain was prevalent throughout central and northern portions of the island.**



Many central and northern portions of the Hispaniola received increased rainfall this past week. An easterly wave passing to the north of the island helped to enhance moisture and resulted in heavier than normal precipitation. According to satellite estimates, many areas of both Haiti and the Dominican Republic received greater than 100mm of rain with embedded amounts exceeding 200mm. Such totals are about twice the average amount of rainfall for the week. The southern tier of the island remained dry, with small, below-normal, amounts of rain observed there. As a result of substantial rainfall this past week, moisture deficits have been dramatically reduced or erased for central and northern portions of Hispaniola. One week of rainfall is not usually enough to eliminate the ill effects of long-term abnormal dryness. If the wetter pattern persists for another week or two, improvements to ground conditions should soon follow. The forecast for the upcoming 7 days, however, favors near or below-average rainfall for most areas. The greatest suppression of rainfall is likely for central Haiti. Weekly totals are unlikely to exceed 50mm anywhere on the island, and in some cases may be less than 5mm.

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