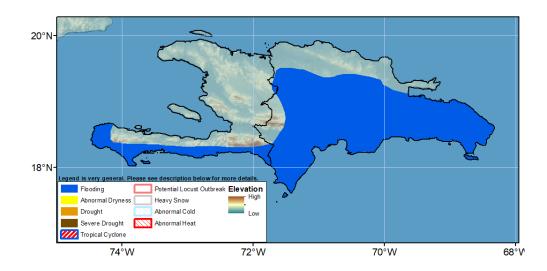






Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET 23 May – 29 May 2024

Heavy rainfall is likely to happen across Hispaniola



During the past week, scattered light rain fell across Haiti and the Dominican Republic, leading to close-average and below-average conditions across Hispaniola. Over the past 30 days, rainfall throughout Hispaniola has ranged from 25 mm to 150 mm. These rainfall totals yield near-average conditions in most parts of Hispaniola; however, southern and Central Haiti have shown negative anomalies between 25 mm and 100 mm below the mean. Further, over the past 90 days, central and southern Haiti and southwestern Dominican Republic registered cumulative rainfall deficits between 25-80 percent of the average. In contrast, during this period, coastal areas of the Dominican Republic showed cumulative positive rainfall between 120-400 percent of the average. Lack of short- and long-term rainfall has led to poor and below-average vegetation conditions in central Haiti.

The forecast suggests heavy rainfall might happen in a short period during the coming days across Hispaniola, resulting in possible floods and landslides in this region, particularly in areas with saturated soils due to diurnal and local precipitation observed since last week.

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