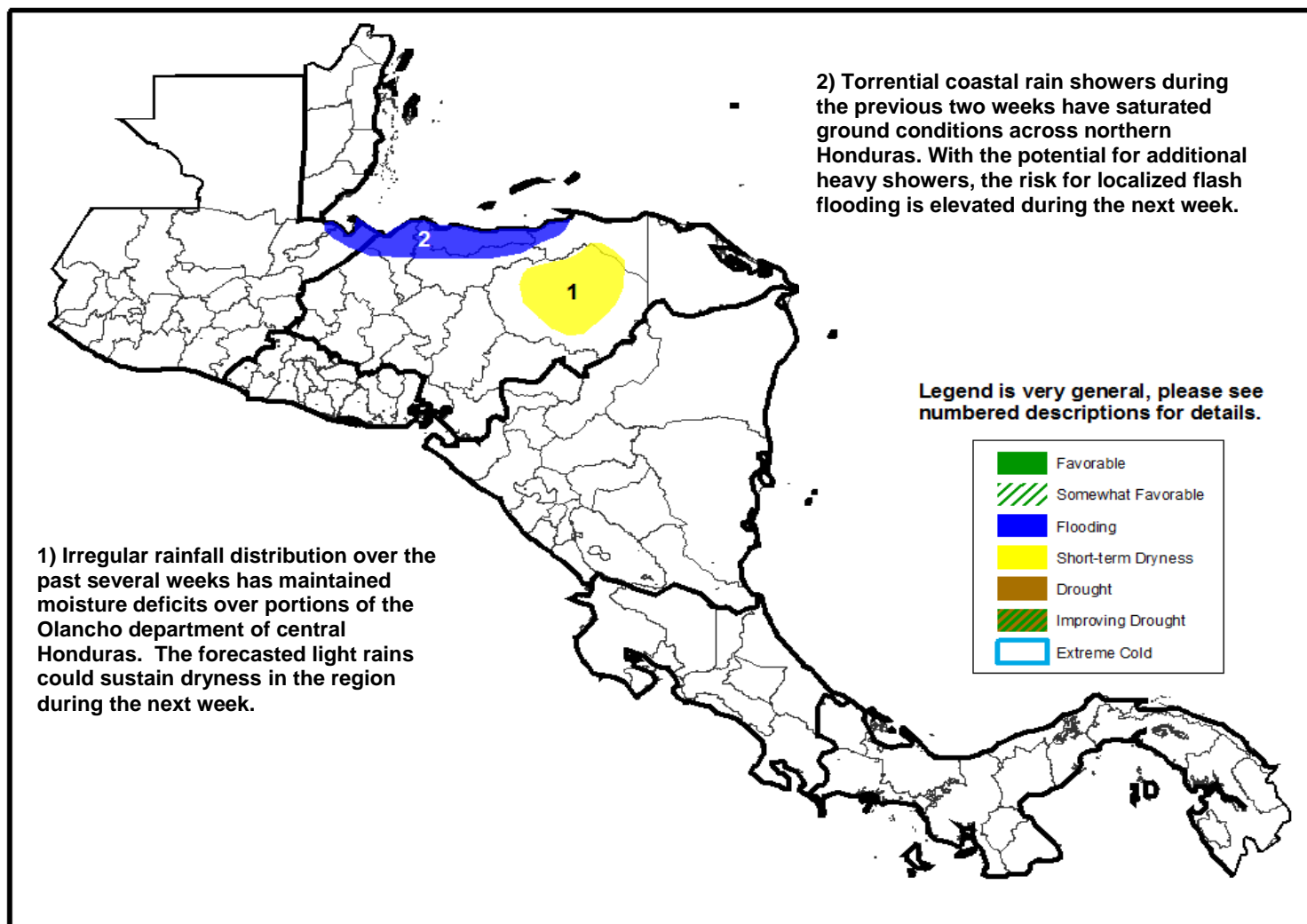


Climate Prediction Center's Central America Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET November 15 – November 21, 2012

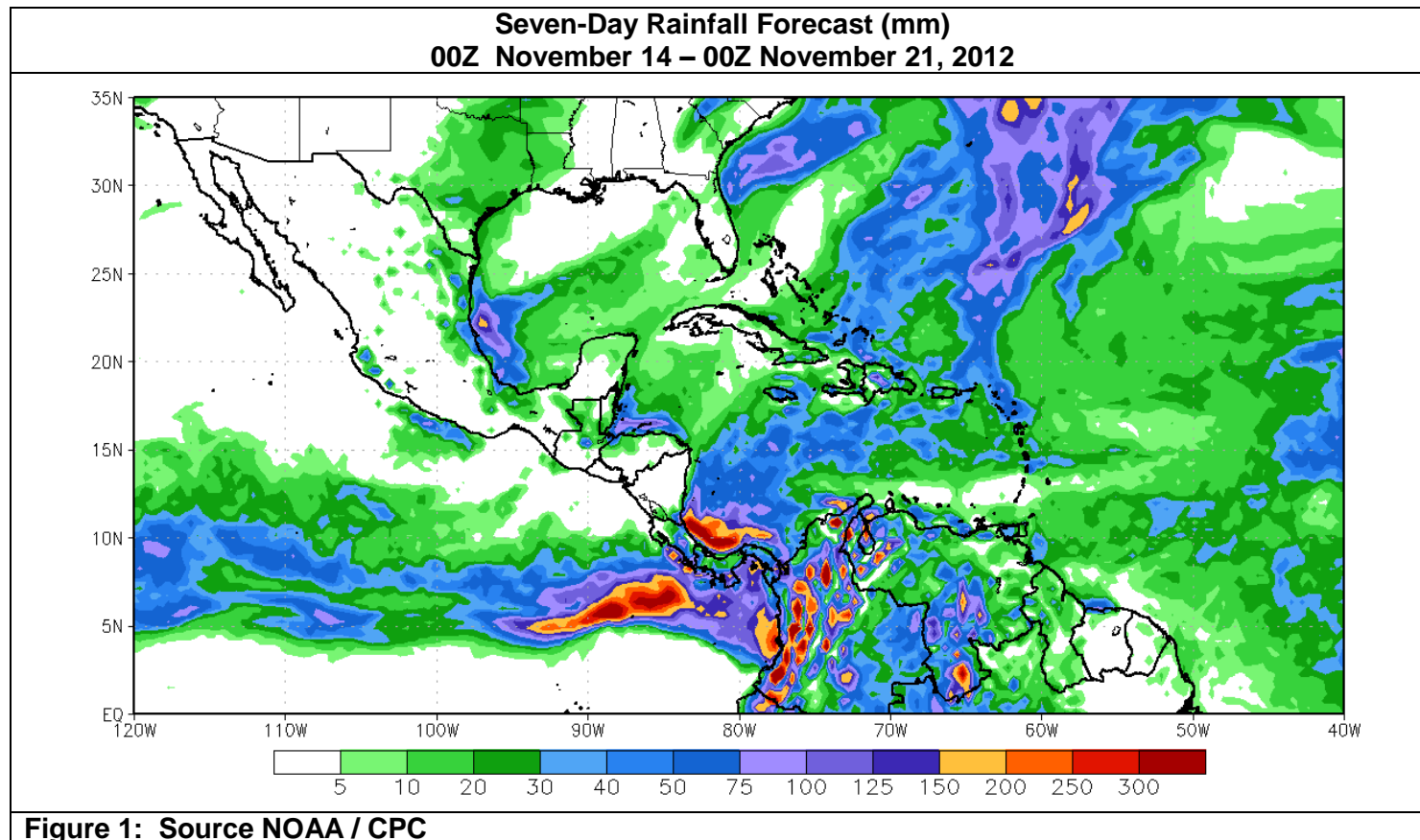
- Heavy coastal showers impact northern Honduras for a second consecutive week
- Inland northern Central America observed little to no rainfall which maintained thirty-day rainfall deficits.



Torrential coastal showers observed across northern Honduras.

Copious amounts of rain were observed along the Gulf of Honduras in northern Honduras, marking a second consecutive week where abundant coastal showers impacted the Atlantida department of Honduras. Greater than 100mm of rain has fallen during the past seven days in Tela and Roatán, Honduras. Heavy rains also were observed in Costa Rica and Panama. The rains provided relief from drier-than-average conditions in coastal Costa Rica. In contrast, rains were limited across central Guatemala, El Salvador, central/southern Honduras and northern/western Nicaragua. Below-average Postrera seasonal rainfall in the Olancho department of Honduras has led to short-term dryness. Meanwhile, below-average thirty-day rains in the Jalapa, Jutiapa, Chiquimula and El Progreso departments of Central Guatemala have yet to impact crops. Climatologically, rains become lighter as November progresses, reducing the ability to compensate for seasonal deficits by the end of season.

During the next week, occasionally heavy coastal showers (>40mm) along the Gulf of Honduras and heavy rains (>50mm) in southern Central America are forecast. The potentially heavy showers could cause localized flooding in northern Honduras, while the abundant rains in southern Central America are likely to reduce thirty-day rainfall deficits in portions of Costa Rica and Panama. In contrast, light rains (<10mm) are expected in inland and western portions of northern Central America, which will continue dryness concerns in Guatemala and Honduras. Lastly, an increase in northerly winds is likely to bring colder nighttime temperatures (3-10 °C) to higher elevations in Guatemala.



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