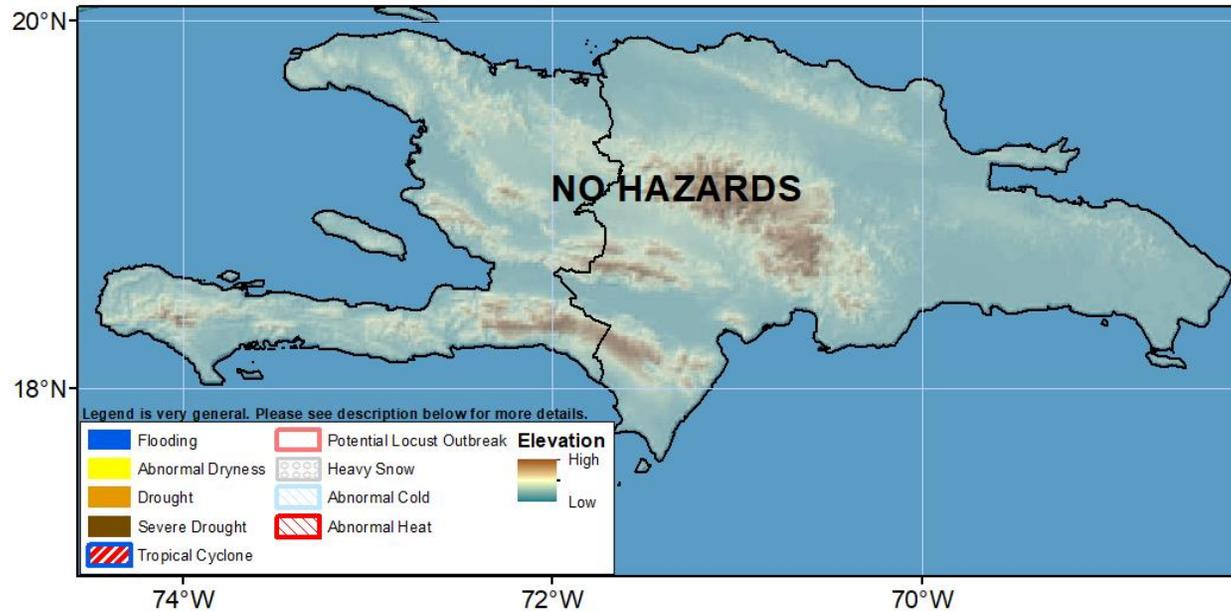


Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET 19 – 25 January 2023

Drier conditions expected to return over Hispaniola following a slight increase in rain during the past week



During the past week, a slight increase in rainfall with little to light (2 - 25 mm) rain was observed over parts of northern and southern Hispaniola, whereas suppressed rainfall prevailed elsewhere. While, this past week's rain was near-average over most areas, total accumulation was slightly above-average in northeastern Dominican Republic. Over the past 30 days, rainfall was marginal over a major part of the Island. However, small (10-25 mm) deficits were depicted in parts of southern Haiti. According to the latest vegetation products, near-average to favorable conditions dominated over Hispaniola.

During the next week, rainfall forecasts indicated that a return to drier conditions with suppressed rainfall in Haiti and western Dominican Republic and little (< 10 mm) rain farther east is likely over Hispaniola. The forecasted limited rain could result in emerging moisture deficits in the region.

Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium-range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), sub-seasonal forecasts up to 4 weeks, and assesses the potential impact of extreme events on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed and predicted to continue during the outlook period. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at the spatial scale of the map. This product takes into account long-range seasonal climate forecasts but does not reflect current or projected food security conditions. FEWS NET is a USAID-funded activity whose purpose is to provide objective information about food security conditions. Its views are not necessarily reflective of those of USAID or the U.S. Government. The FEWS NET weather hazards outlook process and products include participation by FEWS NET field and home offices, NOAA-CPC, USGS, USDA, NASA, and a number of other national and regional organizations in the countries concerned.

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