

AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

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An overall above average wet season for Afghanistan has given way to more seasonal dry weather during the summer. During the winter months a deep snow pack developed across the central highlands and northeast mountains. As temperatures began to warm during the spring months, as is typical, the snow began to melt. The snow melt combined with rainfall triggered localized flooding.

Snow pack now remains confined to the highest elevations of the northeast, as is typical for September.

During the past week, some showers fell in the central highlands (Figure 2). It was an unusual amount of rainfall for this time of year and temperatures have been near normal, to slightly below normal since the start of September.

During July and August, above-normal temperatures remained in place across the lowlands of Afghanistan with cooler-than-normal temperatures across most of Afghanistan. Above normal temperatures are forecast across much of the country during the next week. Minimum temperatures will range from -10 to -5 °C in the northeast mountains and could fall below 5 °C in the central highlands (Figure 3).

Figure 1. Weather hazards in Afghanistan



Figure 2. Precipitation totals for September 13 - 19, 2009.

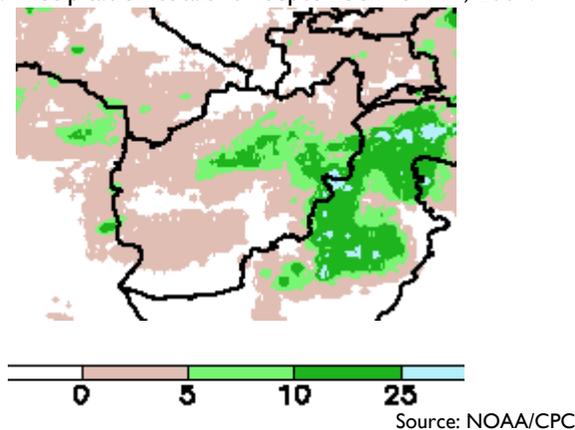


Figure 3. Extreme Minimum Temperature (°C) for September 15 - 21, 2009.

