

## AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

#38 September 30 – October 6, 2009

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.

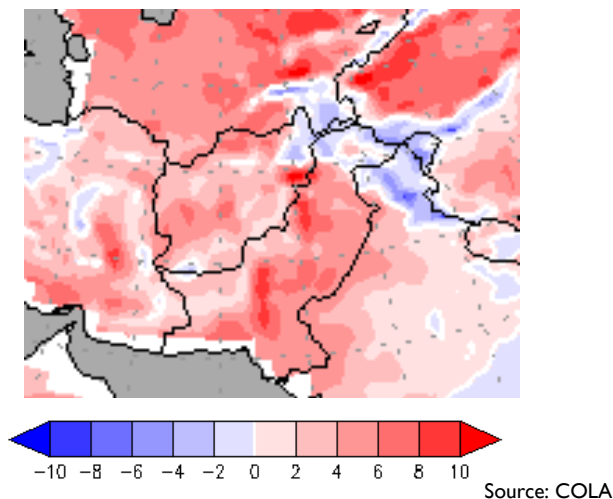
After unseasonal wetness earlier in September, seasonal dry weather returned during the past week. Dry weather can be expected during the beginning of October.

Temperatures have averaged below-normal during the first ten days of September but averaged above-normal during the middle of September. Above normal temperatures are forecast to persist (Figure 2). 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. Temperature Anomaly (°C) for September 29 – October 5, 2009**



**Figure 3. Extreme Minimum Temperature (°C) for September 29 – October 5, 2009**

