

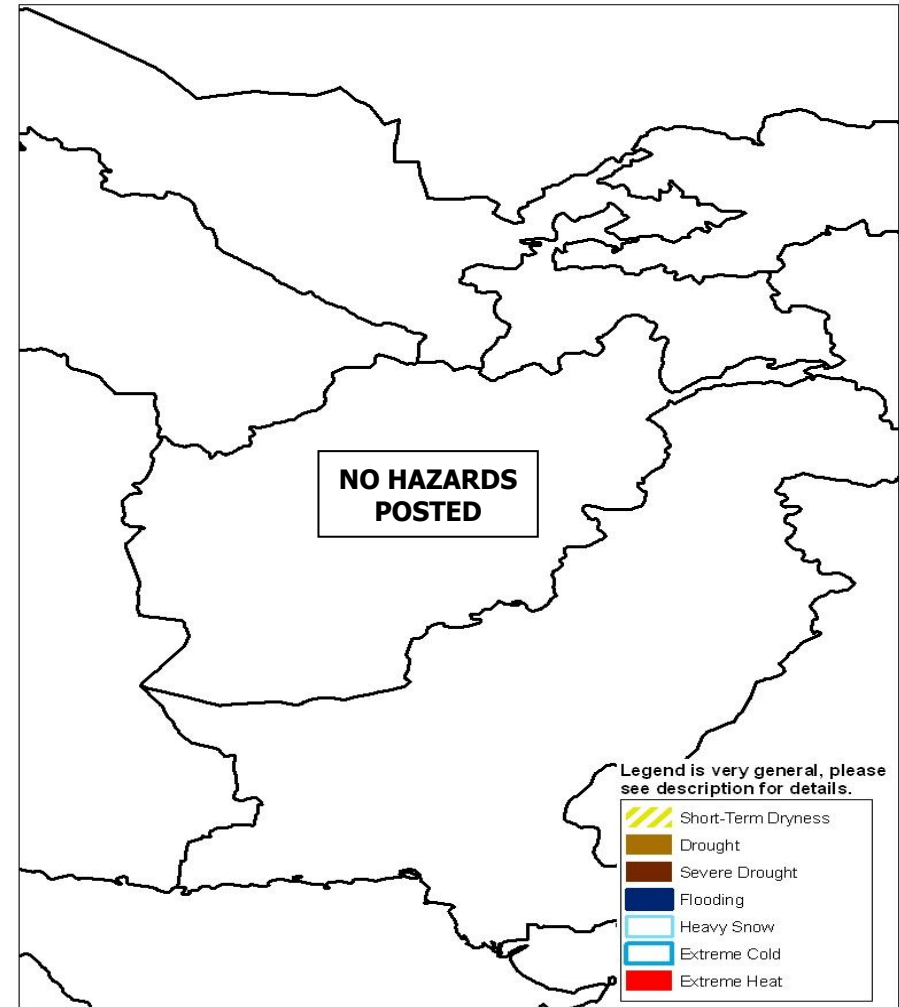
The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan September 22 - 28, 2010

Temperatures:

During August and early September, temperatures have averaged at or above normal with the largest positive temperature anomalies in central Afghanistan. However, by mid-September, much cooler temperatures prevailed. During the upcoming week, temperatures are forecast to moderate from the previous week of unseasonably cool temperatures. Minimum temperatures will likely fall to around freezing in the central highlands, while minimum temperatures are forecast to range from -10 to -5C in the northeast mountains. These minimum temperatures are normal for late September.

Precipitation

During the latter half of July and early August, heavy rain triggered deadly flooding in the Peshawar valley of northwest Pakistan and damaged crops in Pakistan. Flooding was also reported along the northeast border areas of Afghanistan, including in the Paktya and Day Kundi provinces. Although not depicted on the hazards map, severe flooding has affected many areas surrounding the Indus River in central Pakistan. During the next week, seasonal dryness can be expected. Mountain snow typically increases later in the fall season.



Note: The Hazards assessment map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at this continental scale. This product does not reflect long range seasonal climate forecasts or indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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