

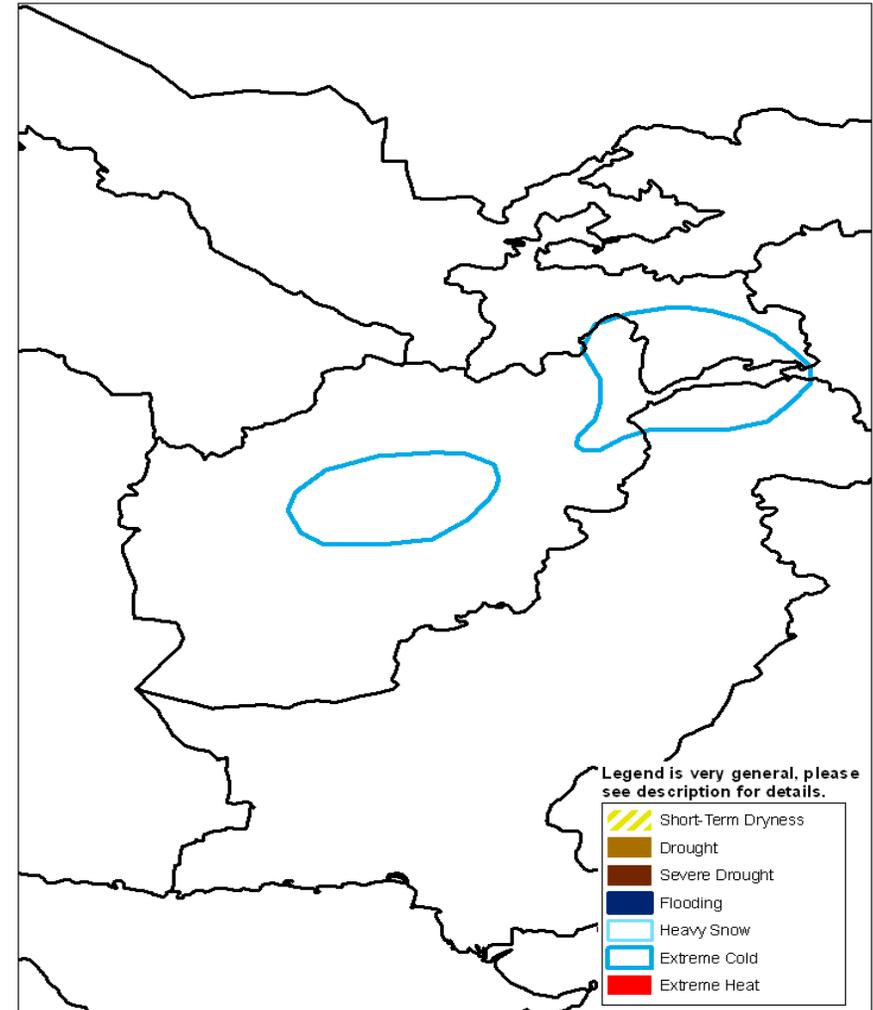
The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan February 16 - 22, 2011

Temperatures:

During early February, temperatures generally averaged slightly below normal in the central highlands and northeast mountains. Across the lowlands of Afghanistan, temperatures have averaged above normal since the beginning of February. During the next week, temperatures are expected to average much below normal in the central highlands and northeast mountains where minimum temperatures may fall below -20C

Precipitation

Since mid-January, moderate to heavy precipitation have eliminated precipitation deficits across Afghanistan. Snow water volume charts from USGS indicate a large increase in water availability across the central highlands and northeast mountains. Although the recent wet weather was beneficial in alleviating short-term dryness, flooding was reported in Parwan, Herat, Wardak and Daykundi provinces. Drier weather can be expected during the next week with light precipitation confined to eastern Afghanistan.



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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