

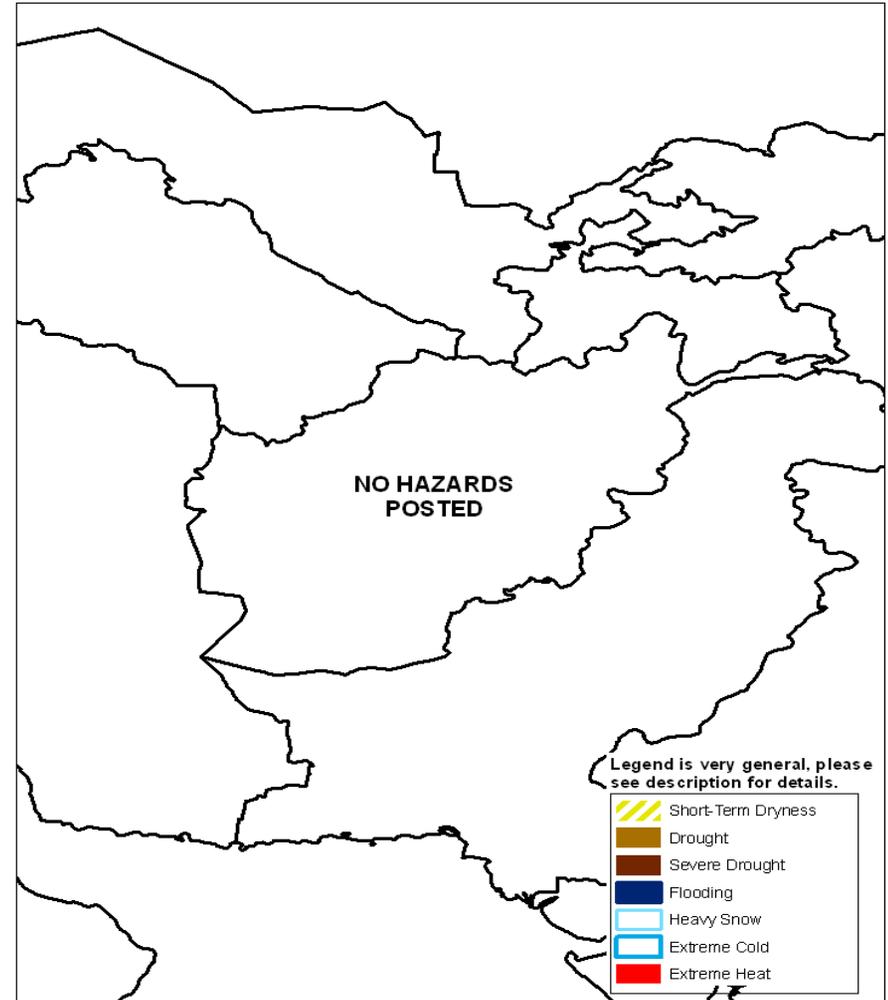
The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Outlook for Afghanistan May 4 - 10, 2011

Temperatures:

During late April, temperatures averaged much above normal (4 – 8 degrees C, or more) across most of Afghanistan. This rapid warming and early onset of heat likely eliminated snow coverage except for the highest elevations of central and northeast Afghanistan. In addition, hot temperatures may have stressed vegetation. Although temperatures are forecast to remain above average during the next week, temperature anomalies should not be as much as the previous week. During the next week, maximum temperatures are forecast to range from 35 to 40 (C) in southwest Afghanistan and 15 to 20 (C) in the central highlands.

Precipitation

Occasional rain can be expected during the next week across northern and central Afghanistan. Total weekly amounts could exceed 25 mm. The rapid snow melt during late April combined with rainfall may result in localized flooding.



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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