

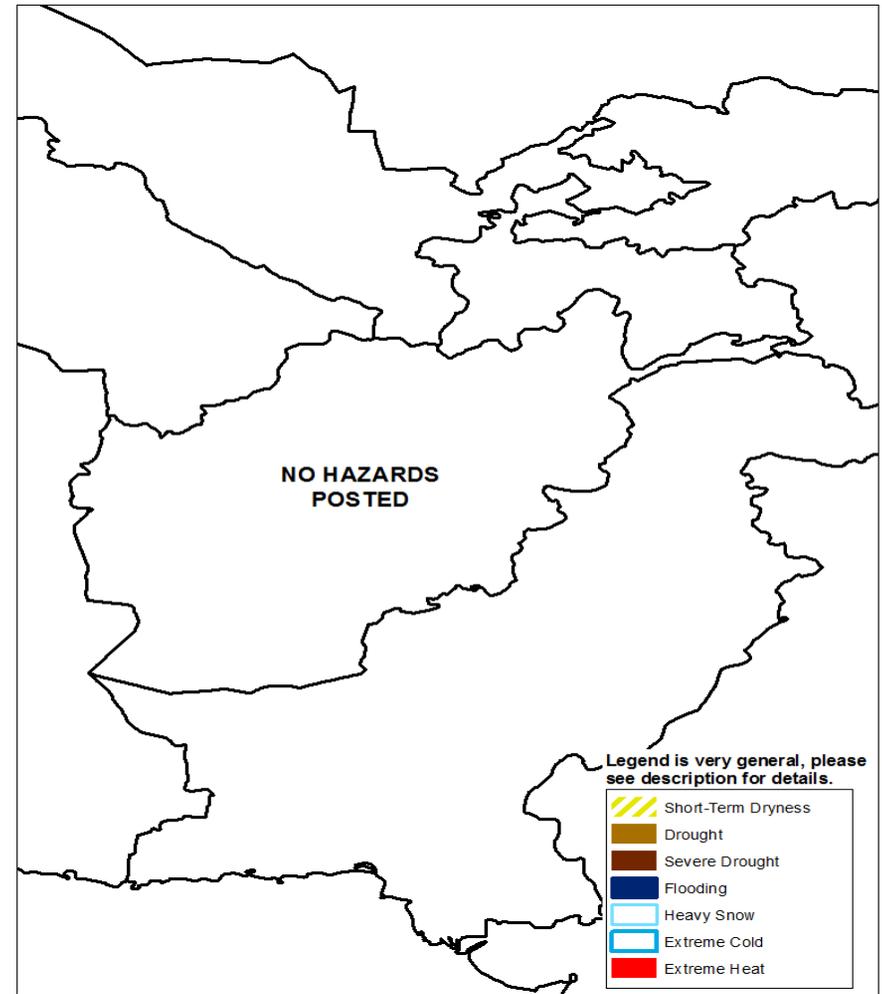
The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Outlook for Afghanistan May 25 - 31, 2011

Temperatures:

During mid-May, anomalous heat affected Afghanistan as temperatures averaged much above normal (8 degrees C or more). The warmer than normal temperatures have eliminated snow coverage expect for the highest elevations. In addition, hot temperatures may have stressed vegetation. Although temperatures are expected to remain above normal during the upcoming week, positive temperature anomalies should not be as high. Maximum temperatures could reach 40 degrees C in the lowlands of southwest Afghanistan.

Precipitation

During the past week, seasonal dryness prevailed across Afghanistan. Precipitation typically decreases during May coinciding with the beginning of the dry season. However, during the next week, scattered showers can be expected across the central highlands and northeast mountains.



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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