

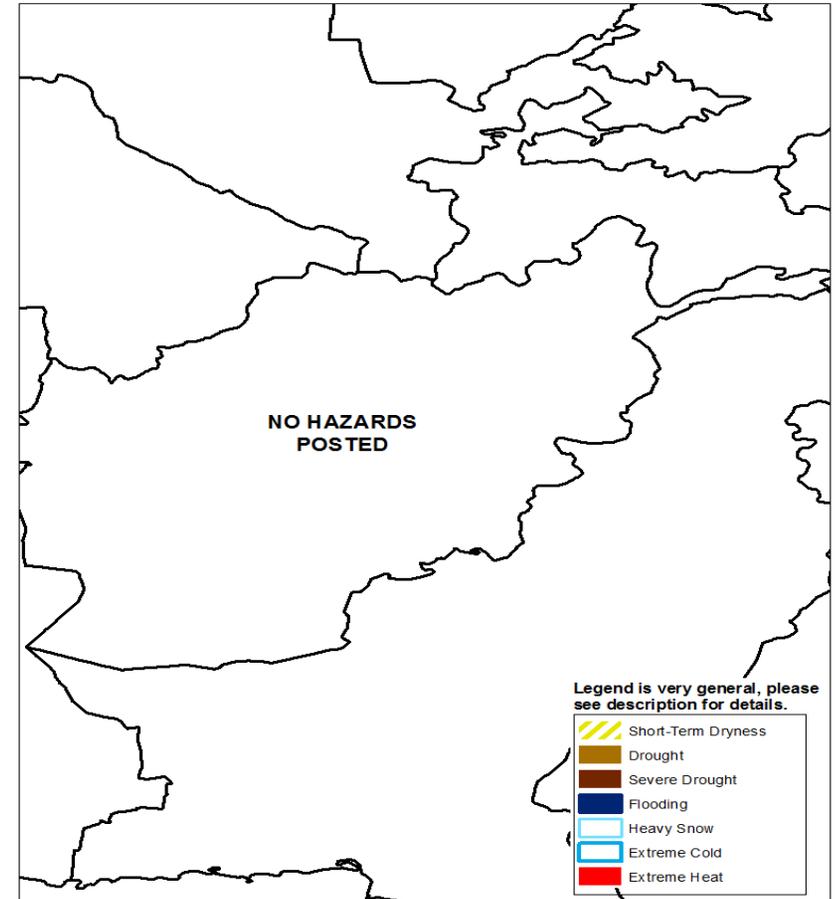
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET October 19-25, 2011

Temperatures:

Throughout early and mid-October, temperatures continued to remain above average. For the fourth consecutive dekad, positive temperatures anomalies (in excess of 4 degrees C or more) were observed across the central highlands, and throughout the lower elevations in the south. Temperatures are again expected to remain above normal during the upcoming week. However, minimum temperatures are expected to fall below freezing in the northeast mountains and remain near freezing in the central highlands for the upcoming week.

Precipitation

In the last seven days, a widespread increase in precipitation was observed throughout Afghanistan. Many areas in southern Afghanistan saw rainfall amounts between 10-25mm during the last week. In the northeast and central highlands where temperatures fell below freezing, snowfall was observed in the highest elevations during the last seven days. During the next seven days, forecasts suggest the continuation of increased rainfall and snow. Precipitation amounts between 5-20mm are expected throughout the central highlands, with the possibility of locally heavier amounts (>20mm) producing snow in the northeast.



Note: The Hazards outlook 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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