

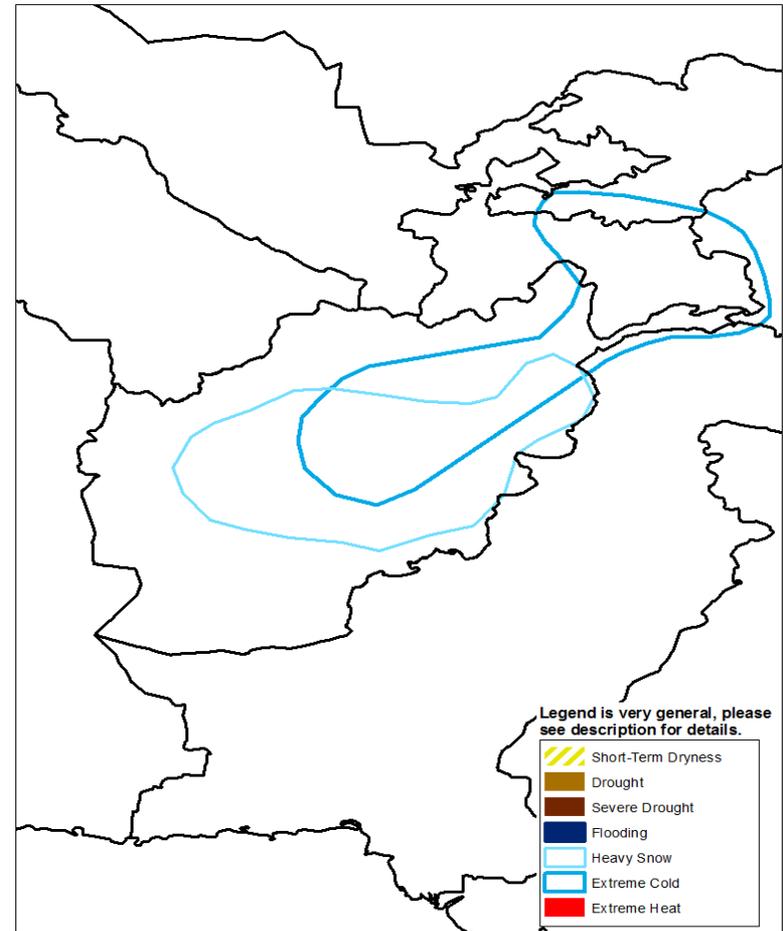
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET February 15 - 21, 2012

Temperatures:

During early February, below average temperatures were observed across much of Afghanistan, with the greatest negative temperature anomalies over the central and northern portions of the country. Below average temperatures are again expected to persist across the central highlands and northeast mountains during the next week. Across these areas of Afghanistan, negative temperatures anomalies greater than 6 degrees F can be expected. A slight warming trend is expected later in the week.

Precipitation

During the last week, light to moderate amounts of precipitation were received across the country, with the highest amounts observed in the north. Precipitation is expected to be above-average during the next seven days. Due to the extent of below freezing temperatures, locally heavy snow is forecast primarily over the central highlands, with the possibility of high snow accumulations further south and east during the next week.



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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