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Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET July 11 – July 17, 2012

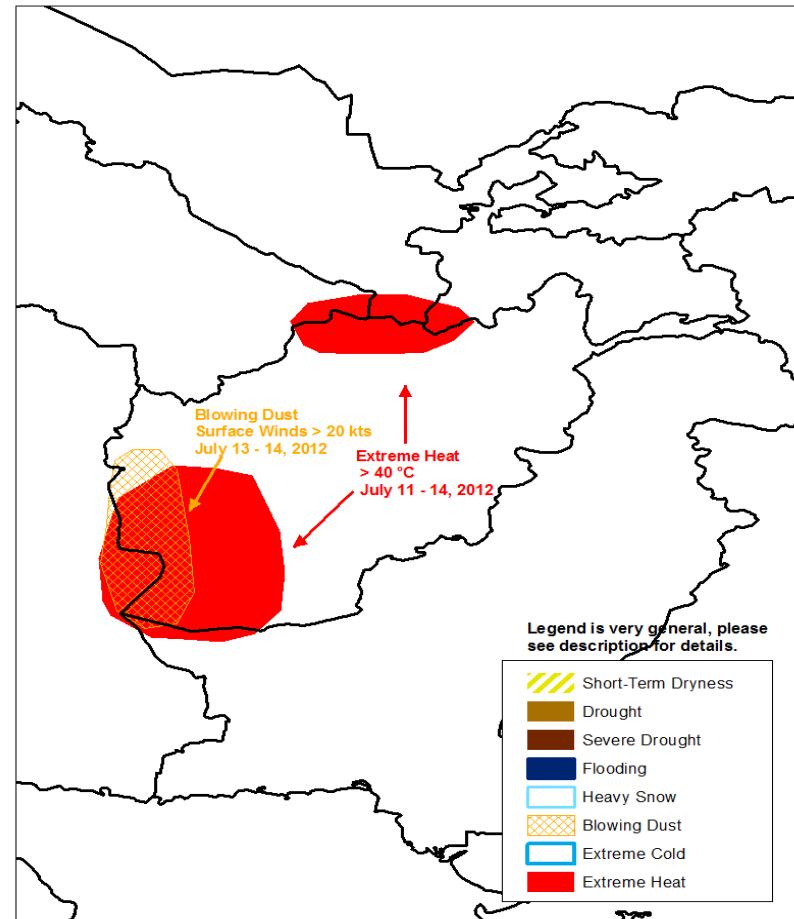
Temperatures:

During June, slightly above average temperatures were observed further north along the border with Turkmenistan, as well as throughout portions of northern Pakistan. Below average temperatures were recorded in many local areas in the highest elevations of northeastern Afghanistan. For the second consecutive week in July, above average temperatures are forecast throughout portions of northern and southwestern Afghanistan. Temperatures are expected to exceed 40 degrees C.

Precipitation

Following unusually wet conditions and snow melt in Afghanistan during this past spring, the seasonable return of drier summer weather helped alleviate many flood concerns during the last month. During the first week in July, minimal amounts of precipitation (5-15mm) were received in the northeast mountains, and along the border with Pakistan. As expected for the middle of July, little to no rainfall is expected across much of Afghanistan for the next seven days, with the highest precipitation accumulations (5-20mm) forecast along the eastern border.

In addition to dry conditions, higher than average winds in southwestern Afghanistan is expected during the latter portion of the outlook period. High winds are expected to heighten the risk for blowing dust.



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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