

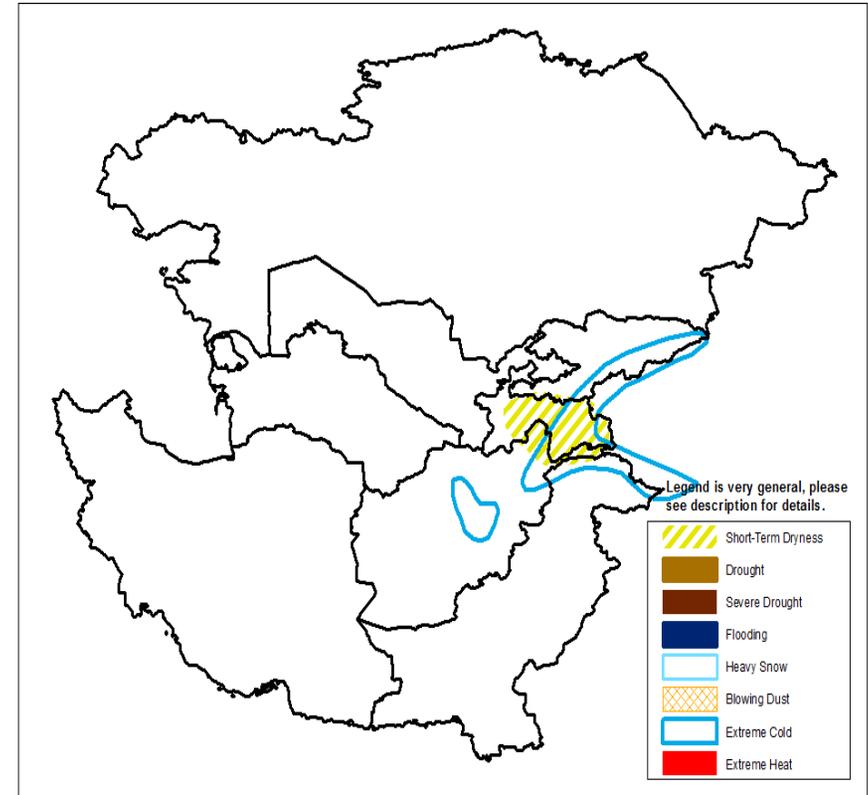
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET December 12 – December 18, 2012

Temperatures:

During November, temperatures averaged below normal across the southern and eastern portions of Central Asia, including central Afghanistan, southern Turkmenistan, southern Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, and the southern and eastern parts of Kazakhstan. In contrast, above normal temperatures spread across northwestern Kazakhstan. During the next week, below-average temperatures are forecast throughout Kazakhstan and the higher elevations of Central Asia, with below-freezing minimum temperature falling below -25 degrees Celsius.

Precipitation

Snow depth and coverage continue their seasonal increase over Central Asia. However, snow depth remained below-average in northeastern Afghanistan during November. During the past week, widespread but light precipitation fell throughout Central Asia, resulting in the persistence of seasonal moisture deficits over portions of northern Afghanistan and Tajikistan. Enhanced precipitation is expected in eastern Central Asia during the next week, with moderate snowfall across Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, southeastern Kazakhstan, and Afghanistan.



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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