

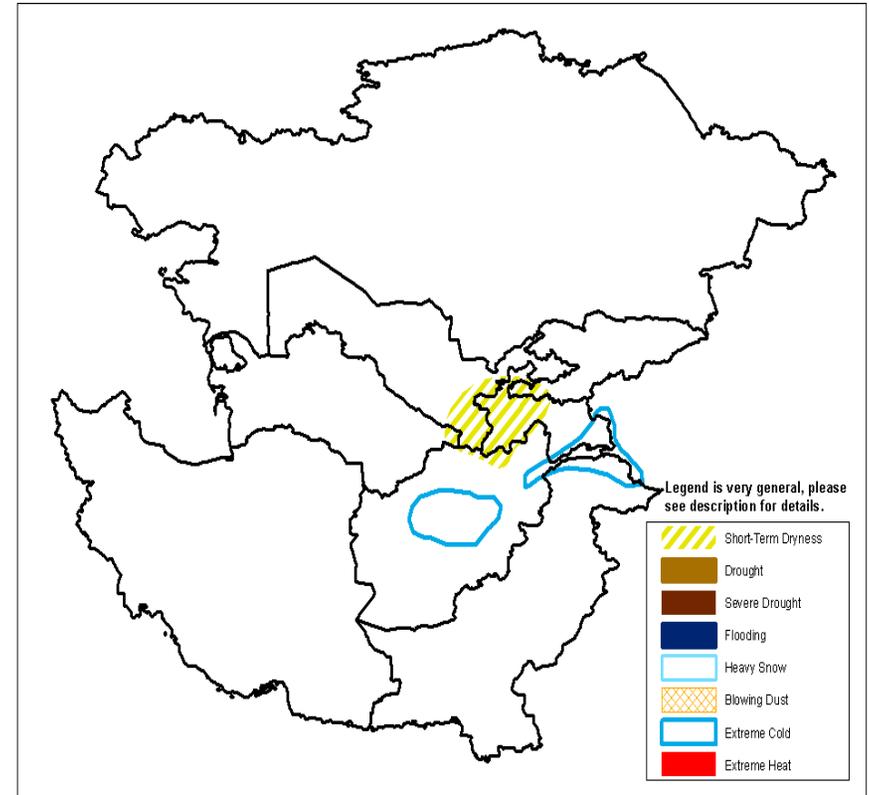
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET December 26, 2012 – January 1, 2013

### Temperatures:

During the middle period of December, much below normal temperatures spread across Central Asia, with significant ( $< -8$  degrees Celsius) negative anomalies over portions of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and southern Kazakhstan. Below-average temperatures have also persisted throughout the central highlands and northeast mountains of Afghanistan. During the next week, colder than average temperatures are forecast to continue throughout central and northeastern Afghanistan, where minimum temperature could fall between  $-30$  and  $-25$  degrees Celsius.

### Precipitation

Enhanced precipitation over the past two weeks has contributed to the erosion of early-season deficits in eastern Tajikistan and eastern Afghanistan. However, weak to moderate ( $-50$  to  $-25$  mm) negative anomalies remained over portions of Uzbekistan, western Tajikistan, and northern Afghanistan during the past thirty days. During the next week, widespread precipitation is forecast to continue over Central Asia, with light to moderate snowfall throughout Tajikistan, the northern two-thirds of Afghanistan, and northern Pakistan.



**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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