

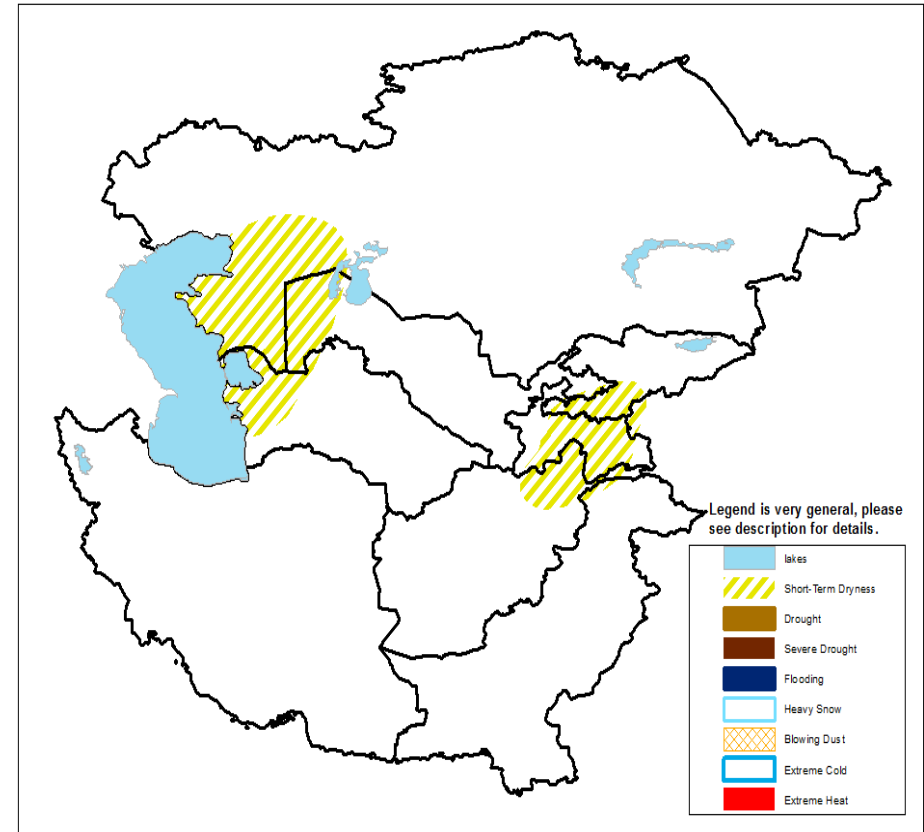
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET January 23 – 29, 2013

Temperatures:

During mid-January, temperatures averaged slightly above normal across Central Asia. However, below normal temperatures persisted over the central highlands and Hindu Kush mountainous regions of Afghanistan. Temperatures are expected to rise above average, with departure from the average exceeding 10 degrees Celsius across Central Asia during the next week except the higher elevations of Afghanistan, where below normal temperatures are forecast to persist.

Precipitation

Following a dry spell in early January, below-average precipitation persisted across Tajikistan and the southern two-thirds of Afghanistan during the middle period of January. Conversely, above-average precipitation fell throughout northwestern Afghanistan, southern Turkmenistan, southern Uzbekistan, and southern Kazakhstan. Light mixture of rain and snow could potentially fall in northeastern Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and northern Kazakhstan 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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