

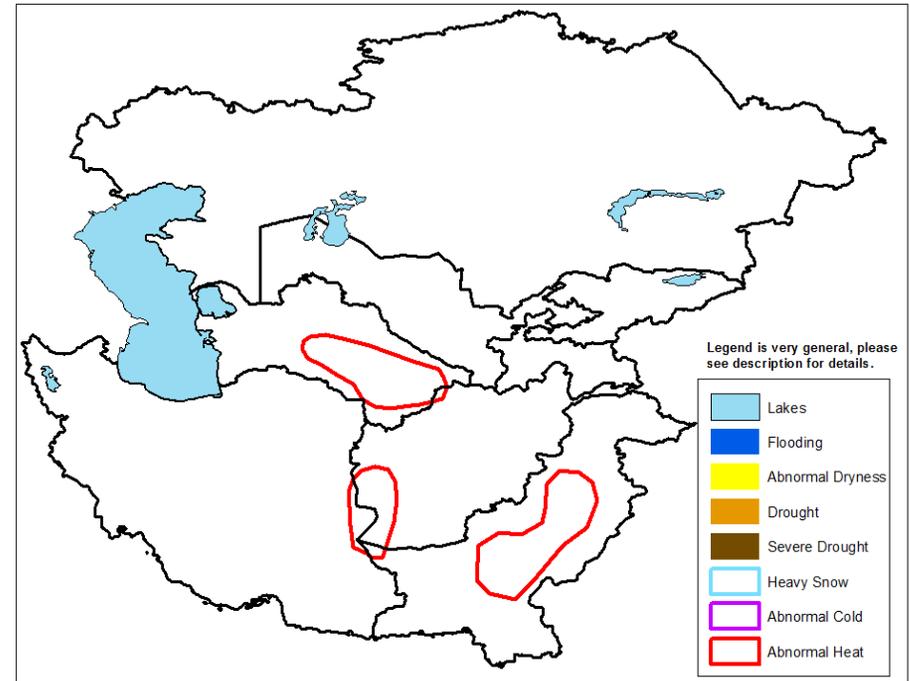
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET July 24 – July 30, 2013

Temperatures:

During the last observation period, average to below average temperatures (1-3 degrees C) prevailed throughout the western half of the Central Asia domain, with the greatest negative temperature anomalies (4-5 degrees C) observed across central and western Kazakhstan. Above average temperatures were confined to the higher elevations of Afghanistan and Pakistan. For the next seven days, positive temperature anomalies in excess of 5-8 degrees C are expected throughout parts of Turkmenistan, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Daily maximum temperatures in this region are forecast to exceed 45 degrees C.

Precipitation

Average to above-average rainfall continued across northern Kazakhstan, as well distributed, heavy rains associated with the Indian monsoon were received in the south. In Kazakhstan, the highest weekly rainfall accumulations (>50mm) were observed in the Kostanay, Akmola, and Pavlodar provinces of the country. The continued increase in seasonal rainfall throughout July in northern Kazakhstan has helped to mitigate early season moisture deficits in the Aktope, Kostanay, and Akmola provinces of the country, however some local areas further west still remain below average. For the upcoming outlook period, a seasonable distribution of precipitation is expected across northern Kazakhstan to help continue to relieve seasonal moisture deficits in the region. Below average rainfall is expected in parts of central Pakistan during late July.



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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