



## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook February 26 – March 4, 2015

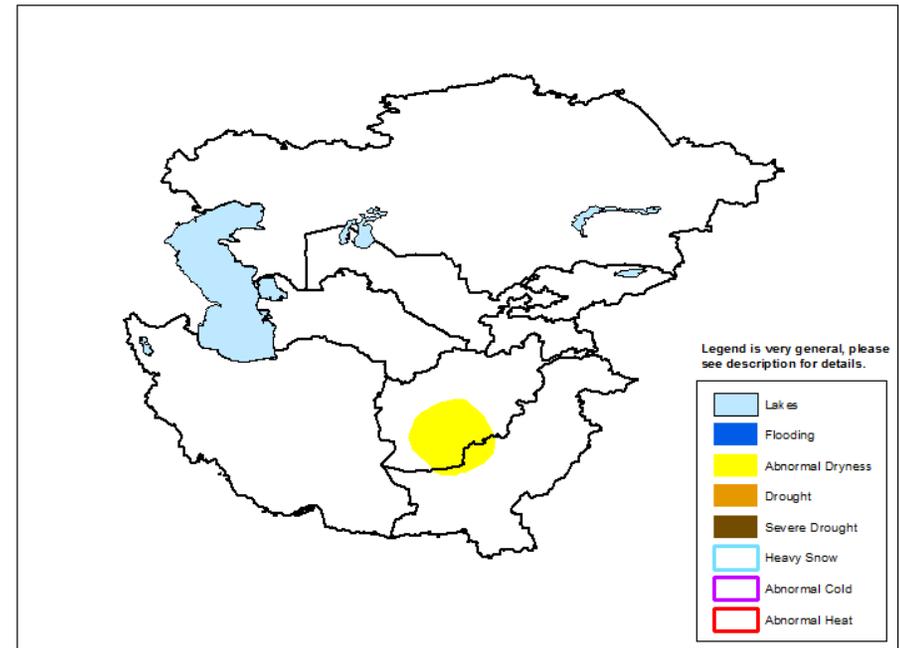
### **Temperatures:**

Temperatures averaged slightly below-normal across northern Kazakhstan, while above-normal temperatures prevailed across the remainder of the region during the third week of February. Maximum temperatures exceeded 20 degrees C across southern Turkmenistan/Uzbekistan along with the lowlands of western/southern Afghanistan. During the next week, the GFS model indicates that above-normal temperatures are likely.

### **Precipitation**

Rain and high-elevation snow (2 – 59 mm, liquid equivalent) fell across most of Afghanistan, southeast Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, and southern Uzbekistan from February 15 - 21. A slow-moving low pressure system brought locally heavy precipitation (more than 50 mm) to southern Turkmenistan on February 22. Rain and high-elevation snow is expected to exit the region by February 26 with mostly dry weather during this outlook period.

An abnormal dryness polygon is posted for parts of southern Afghanistan where the CPC unified gauge 3-month precipitation product indicates deficits of more than 50 mm. In addition, snow-water equivalent values are well below-normal across the central highlands.



**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.