



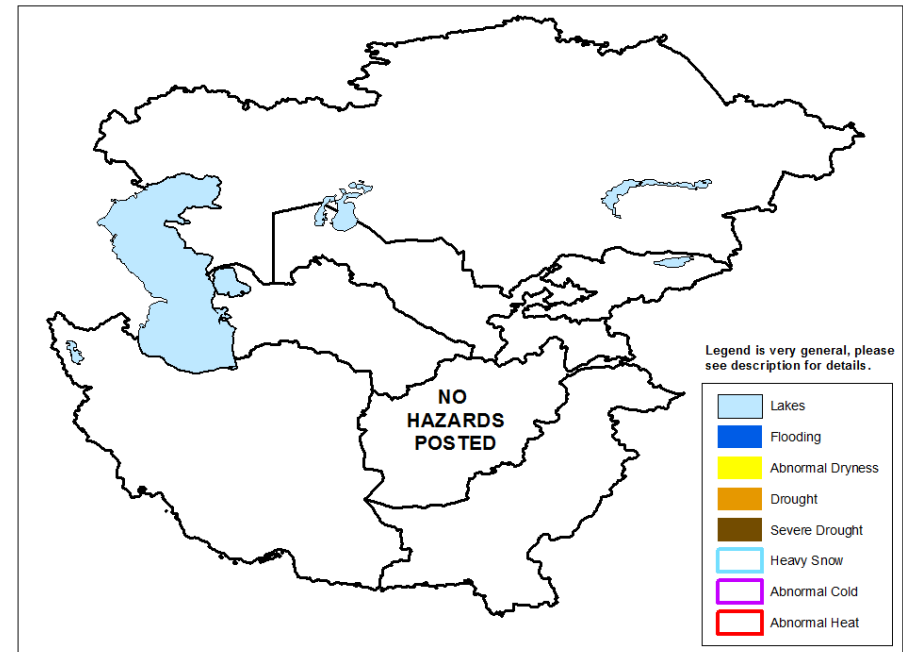
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook November 19 – 25, 2015

### **Temperatures:**

During the past week, mean surface temperatures averaged near normal over most parts of Central Asia. However, while below-normal temperatures were observed in northern Kazakhstan and eastern Afghanistan, with negative anomalies between -5 and -3 degrees Celsius, above-normal temperatures were recorded over eastern Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan, where positive anomalies ranged between 1 and 3 degrees Celsius. During the next week, near normal temperatures are forecast over Central Asia, except northern Kazakhstan, where temperatures could fall 2-4 degrees Celsius below normal. Minimum temperature is expected to fall as low as -20 degrees Celsius in northern Kazakhstan.

### **Precipitation**

During the past week, widespread precipitation was observed across Central Asia. The heaviest (> 25 mm liquid equivalent) amounts were received over the central portions of Central Asia, including southern Kazakhstan, southern Uzbekistan, western Tajikistan, and northeastern Afghanistan. Since mid-October, precipitation anomalies have indicated small to moderate surpluses over Afghanistan, western Tajikistan, western Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan. During the next week, decreased precipitation is forecast over Central Asia. Light precipitation is expected in northern Kazakhstan and local areas of northern Afghanistan. Though, moderate precipitation is likely to fall over southeastern Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.



**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.