

Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID/ FEWS-NET August 20 - 26, 2020

Temperatures:

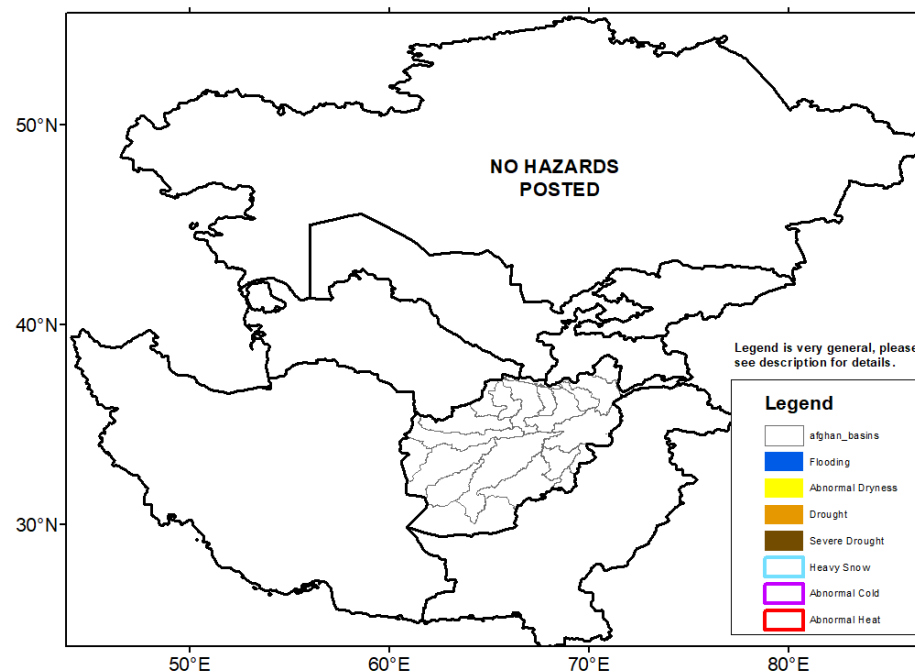
Much cooler temperatures expanded south to include western Kazakhstan and northern Uzbekistan during early to mid-August as weekly temperatures (Aug 9 to 15) averaged 1 to 5 degrees C below normal in these areas. Minimum temperatures fell below 10 degrees C across north-central Kazakhstan. Elsewhere, during this time period, temperatures averaged slightly above normal.

Below- (above-) normal temperatures are forecast to persist across Kazakhstan (Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) during late August. Although minimum temperatures may fall to near 5 degrees C in northern Kazakhstan during the outlook period, frost is not expected at this time.

Precipitation

Widespread rainfall (locally more than 25 mm) was observed throughout northern Kazakhstan from August 9 to 15. Based on this recent rainfall along with easing of heat, the abnormal dryness was discontinued in this week's hazards. During early to mid-August, locally heavy rain, associated with the Indian Monsoon, was limited mostly to northern Pakistan.

During the outlook period, the GFS model depict light rainfall (less than 25 mm) across northern Kazakhstan. Locally heavy rain (more than 50 mm), associated with the Indian Monsoon, is forecast to be limited to 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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