

The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan October 21 - 27, 2009

- **Early season snow has provided a light dusting of snow, in some of the higher elevations of central Afghanistan. Most of this snow has melted.**

As early season temperatures are now regularly dipping below freezing, light amounts of snow have accumulated in the higher elevations of central Afghanistan. Although most of this snow has already melted off, additional precipitation is likely during the next several weeks. Remote sensing has reported that snow depths in the central highlands have reached as much as 5 cm thus far in the season. The area of 5 cm is limited to the highest elevations.

Temperatures also continue to cool off, all of central Afghanistan will fall below freezing each night during the coming period. Although all of the central highlands will go above 0°C each day, temperatures are slightly cooler than is seasonable for this time of year

Very light precipitation has made its way into central Afghanistan each week since mid-September, and that trend is likely to continue into the coming period

With little precipitation and no extreme heat or cold expected, there are no hazard areas this period.

