

The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan November 25 – December 1, 2009

Below-freezing temperatures have moved into Afghanistan slightly earlier than they usually do. Seasonally, below freezing temperatures are now regularly reaching into the valleys and lowland areas of Afghanistan. During the upcoming week, temperatures are forecast to average below-normal across much of the country. Minimum temperatures will likely fall below -20C in the northeast mountains and below -10C in the central highlands.

Although precipitation is usually relatively light during October and November, precipitation amounts have been greater than the long-term average. Typically, rain and snow amounts increase during November. During the past week, widespread rain and mountain snow occurred with local amounts exceeding 25mm, liquid equivalent. During the next week, a pair of storm systems should bring frequent periods of rain and mountain snow. Heavy snow, accumulations exceeding 30 cm, are likely in the northeast mountains. Snow depths should increase in the central highlands.

