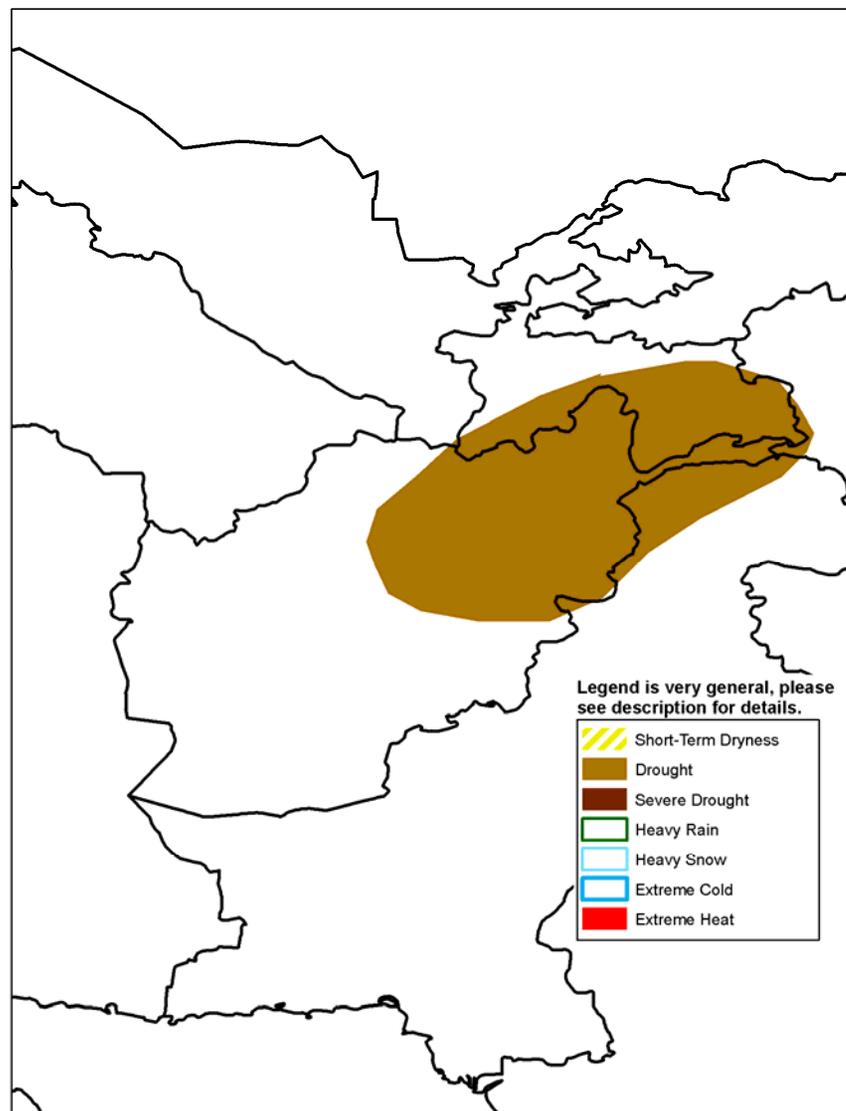


The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan May 26 – June 1, 2010

During the second dekad of May, above-average temperatures continued throughout the lower terrain areas of southern Afghanistan, as well as many areas in the north along the Afghanistan/Turkmenistan border. However, below averages temperatures remained across the higher elevations in the northeast and in some local areas north of the Kabul region. During the next week, above-average temperatures are expected to persist throughout the southern region (> 30°C), with temperatures remaining near freezing in the central and northeast highlands.

In terms of rains and moisture, unseasonably late precipitation continued throughout northern Afghanistan, with weekly rainfall accumulations ranging between 25 – 50 mm, with heavier amounts locally in excess of 50mm north of the Kabul region. Despite the recent increase in rains, seasonal precipitation deficits for the wet season (October 2009 – April 2010) are significant in the northeast mountains and central highlands. Many local areas have experienced nearly half of their total normal precipitation accumulation since October.

During the next seven days, precipitation and temperatures forecasts suggest an increase in snow melt to occur throughout the northeast highlands. Rapid snow melt could trigger rises in river levels and localized flooding in areas north of the Kabul region. Compared to the last two weeks, a decrease in rains and moisture are expected throughout Afghanistan, with minimal precipitation amounts ranging between 5-10 mm expected in some areas in the north in the next week.



Note: The Hazards assessment 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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