

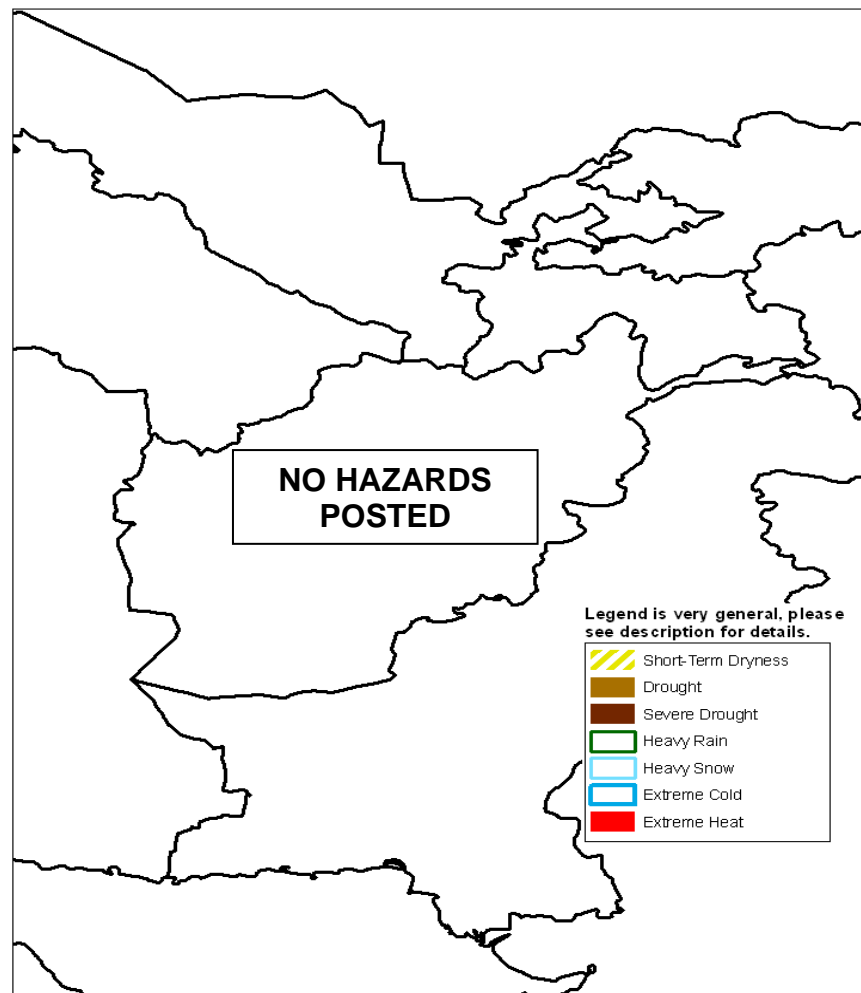
The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan August 11 - 17, 2010

Temperature

Following above normal temperatures from July 1 – 20, temperatures averaged at or below normal during the final ten days of July. The cooler temperatures were a result of an increase in low-level moisture, associated with the Indian Monsoon. During the next week, temperatures are forecast to average slightly above normal in the lowlands. Maximum temperatures may exceed 40C in southwest Afghanistan.

Precipitation

During the past two weeks, heavy rain has triggered deadly flooding in the Peshawar valley of northwest Pakistan and damaged crops in Pakistan. At the beginning of August, flooding was also reported along the northeast border areas of Afghanistan. The intensity of rainfall has diminished during the past few days and shifted south. Although no hazards are posted in Afghanistan, locally heavy showers could trigger additional flooding in Pakistan and possibly along border areas with Afghanistan.



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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