

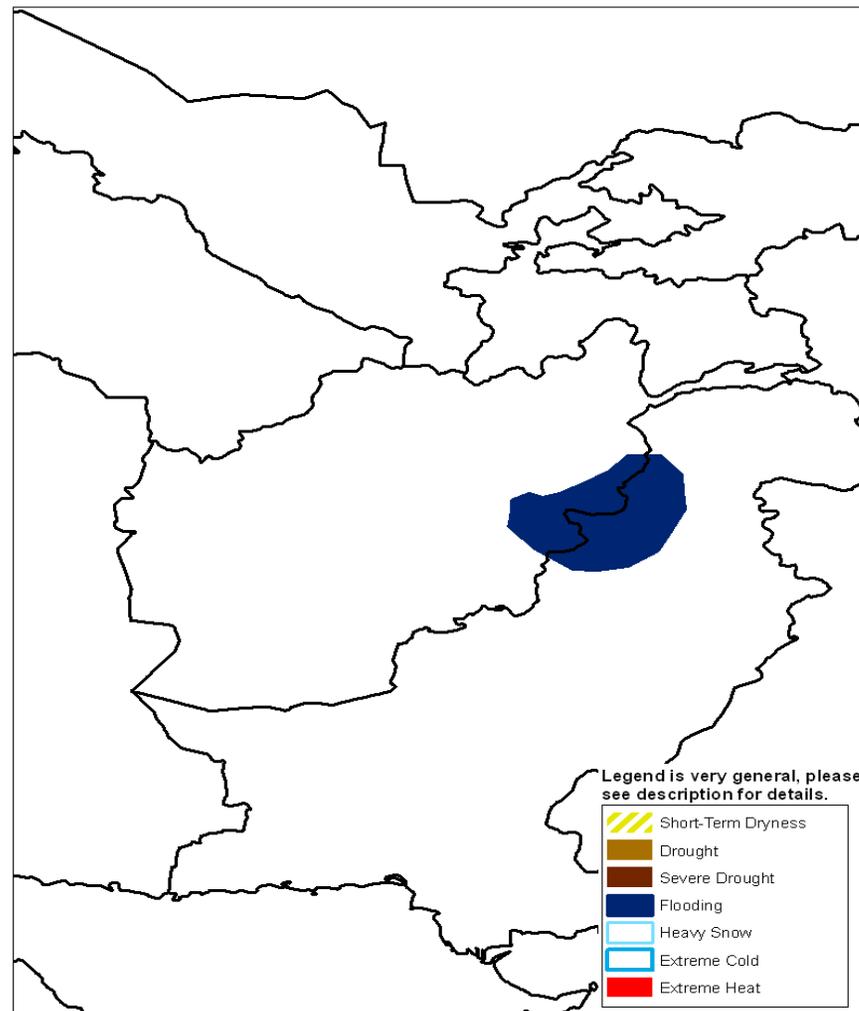
The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan September 1 - 7, 2010

Temperatures:

During late July, temperatures averaged at or below normal. The cooler temperatures were a result of an increase in low-level moisture, associated with the Indian Monsoon. During August, temperatures have averaged at or above normal as low-level moisture gradually decreased. During the next week, temperatures are forecast to average near normal. Maximum temperatures are expected to reach 40 degrees C in southwest Afghanistan, while minimum temperatures fall below freezing in the northeast mountains of Afghanistan.

Precipitation

During the latter half of July and early August, heavy rain has triggered deadly flooding in the Peshawar valley of northwest Pakistan and damaged crops in Pakistan. Flooding was also reported along the northeast border areas of Afghanistan, including in the Paktya and Day Kundi provinces. Although not depicted on the hazards map, severe flooding has affected many areas surrounding the Indus River in central Pakistan. During the next week, seasonal dryness is expected across much of Afghanistan. Locally heavy showers may aggravate ongoing flooding in Pakistan.



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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