

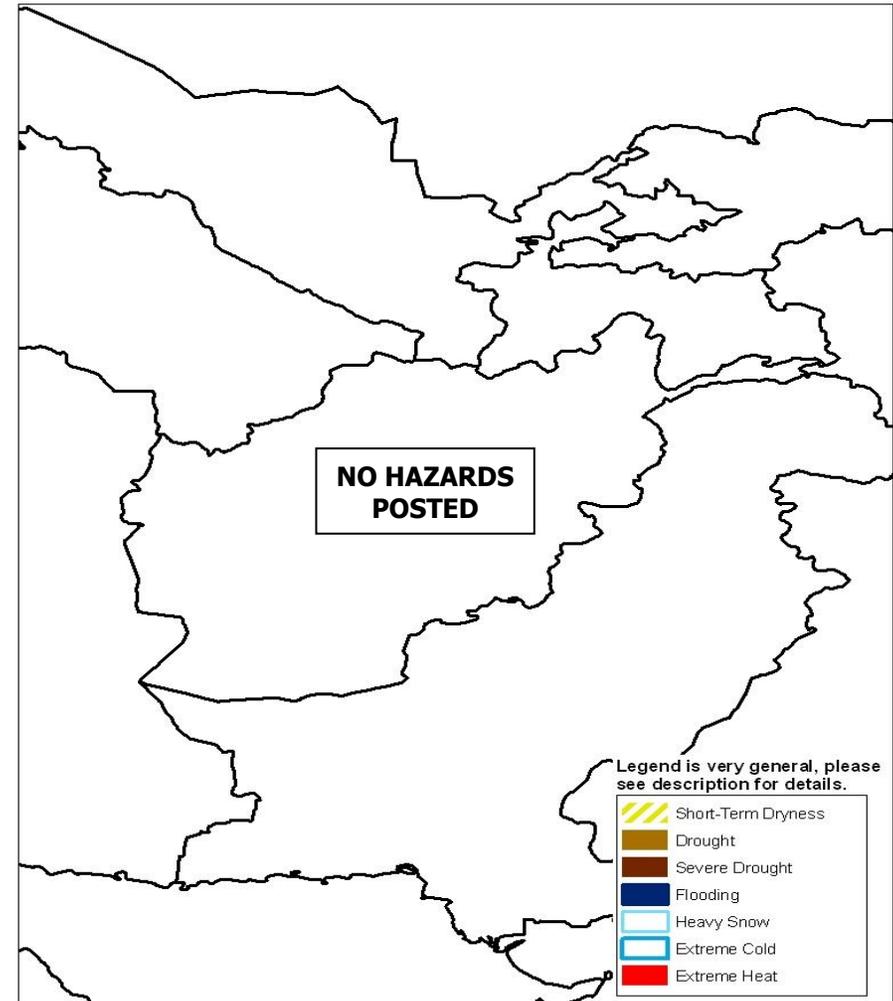
The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan September 29 – October 5, 2010

Temperatures:

Following above average temperatures during August and early September, much cooler temperatures affected Afghanistan from September 10 – 20. During the upcoming week, temperatures are forecast to remain below average in the northeast mountains. Above average temperatures are forecast across the remainder of the country. Minimum temperatures will likely fall to around freezing in the central highlands, while minimum temperatures are forecast to range from -10 to -5C in the northeast mountains.

Precipitation

During the latter half of July and early August, heavy rain 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 Kunki 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, precipitation will be limited to the northeast mountains where light snowfall accumulations are expected.



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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