

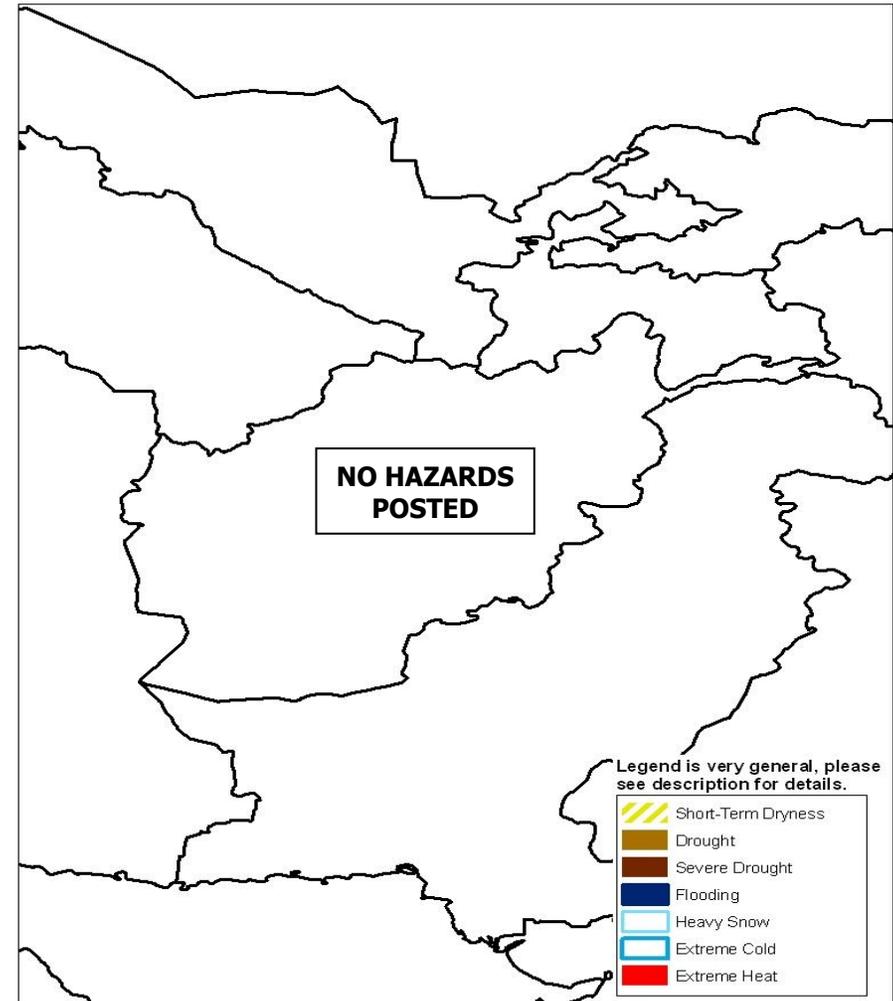
The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan November 3 - 9, 2010

Temperatures:

Following cooler-than-normal temperatures during the latter half of September, above average temperatures (more than 4 degrees C) have returned to the lowlands. Temperatures have remained at or below normal in the northeast mountains. During the next week, temperatures are expected to average slightly above normal in the lowlands and remain slightly below normal in the northeast mountains. Minimum temperatures will likely fall to around freezing in the central highlands, while minimum temperatures are forecast to range from -15 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. During the past week, mostly dry weather has prevailed across the country. A mixture of light rain and snow (5 mm or less, liquid equivalent) can be expected in the northeast mountains. Precipitation amounts typically begin to increase during November with the potential for heavy snowfall and extreme cold. At this time, heavy snow is not expected in the near future.



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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