

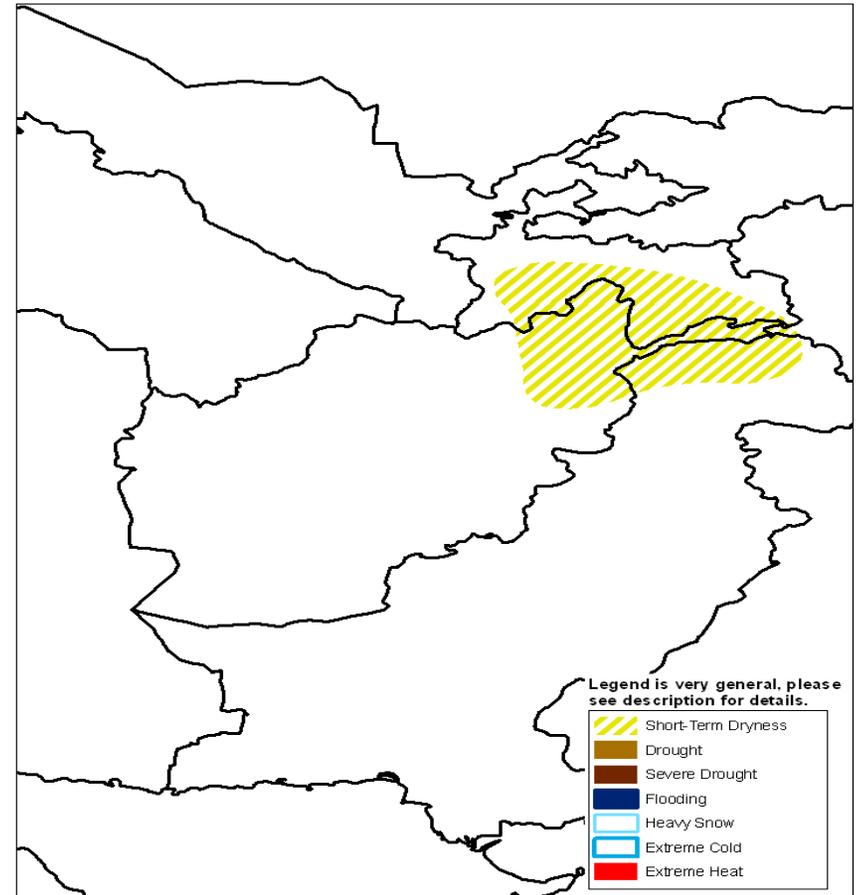
The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan November 17 - 23, 2010

Temperatures:

During the first ten days of November, temperatures have averaged below normal in the northeast mountains. Across the remainder of the country, temperatures have average at or above normal. During the next week, temperatures are expected to average below normal across much of Afghanistan with the largest negative anomalies in the northeast mountains. Minimum temperatures are forecast to range from -10 to -5 C in the central highlands and -20 to -10C in the northeast mountains.

Precipitation

From October 1 – November 10, precipitation deficits range from 5 to 20 mm in the northeast mountains. Since the beginning of November, light rain and snow has been limited to the northeast mountains. Dry weather is expected to prevail across Afghanistan during the next week. 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 with precipitation deficits likely increasing. Due to the lack of precipitation through mid-November and the expected dryness during the next 2 weeks, a short-term polygon was deemed necessary for the northeast mountains.



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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