

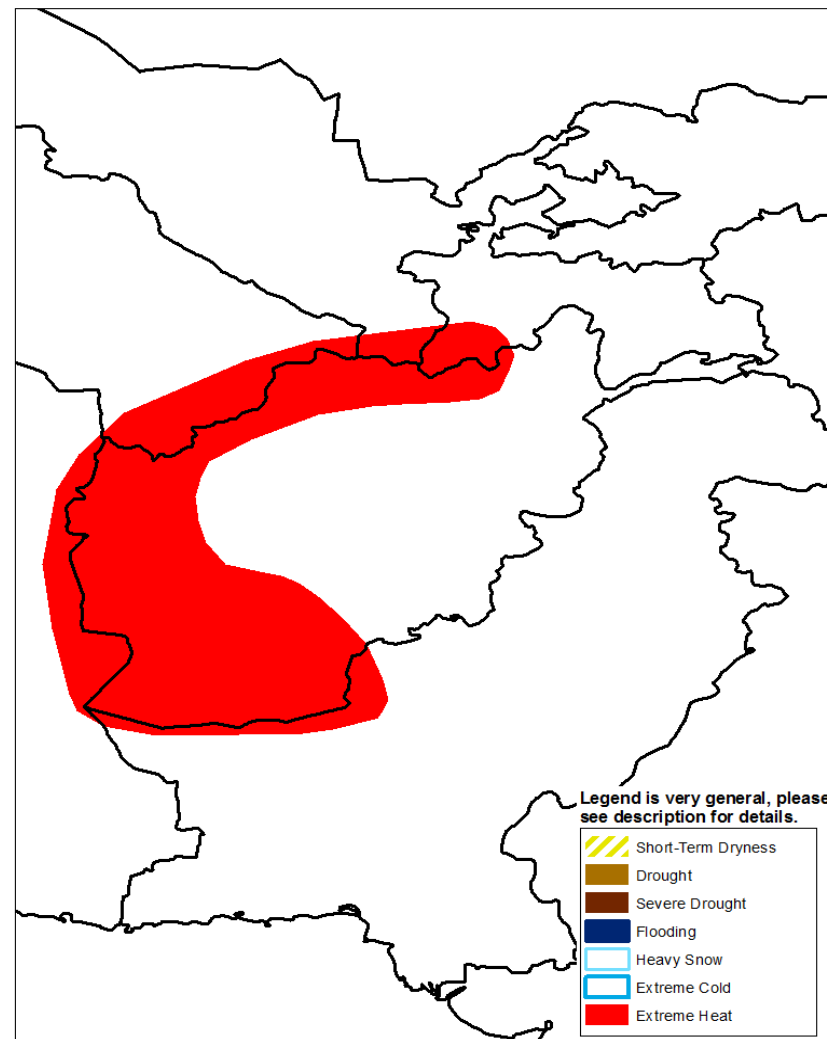
The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Outlook for Afghanistan June 8 - 14, 2011

Temperatures:

During May, anomalous heat affected Afghanistan as temperatures average above normal throughout the month. The largest positive temperatures anomalies (8 degrees F or more) occurred during the latter half of May. The warmer than normal temperatures eliminated snow coverage expect for the highest elevations. In addition, hot temperatures may have stressed vegetation. Temperatures are forecast to remain much above normal across the lowlands during the next week. Maximum temperatures are expected to range from 40 to 45 degrees C in southwest Afghanistan.

Precipitation

Mostly dry weather prevailed during the past week which is typical for early June. Seasonal dryness is expected to continue during the upcoming week. As of June 7, a disturbance was located across the northern Arabian Sea. The potential for tropical cyclone development exists across the northern Arabian Sea as this disturbance tracks northwest. Heavy rain and flooding may affect southern Pakistan, but heavy rain is not expected to affect Afghanistan at this time.



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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