

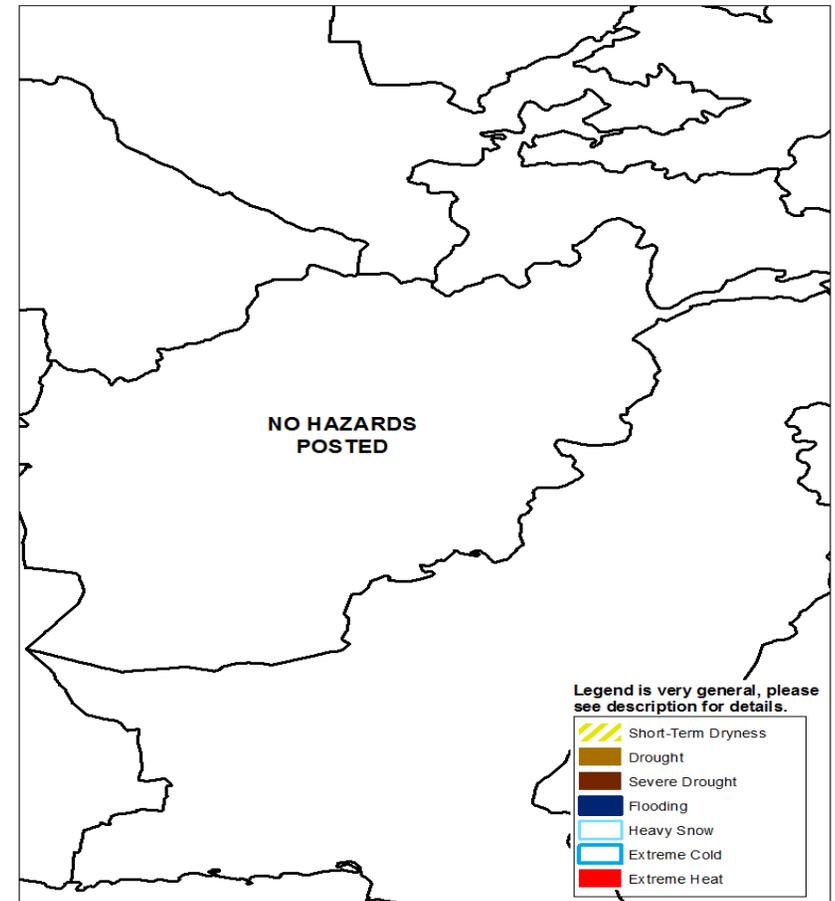
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET October 5-11, 2011

Temperatures:

During September, temperatures averaged above normal. Central parts of Afghanistan experienced the largest positive temperatures anomalies (8 degrees C or more). Despite temperatures remaining above normal during the upcoming week, minimum temperatures are expected to fall below -5 degrees C in the northeast mountains and near freezing in the central highlands.

Precipitation

Seasonal dryness prevailed during the past week and is expected to continue during the next 7 days. Precipitation typically begins to increase during late October in the northeast mountains.



Note: The Hazards outlook 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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