



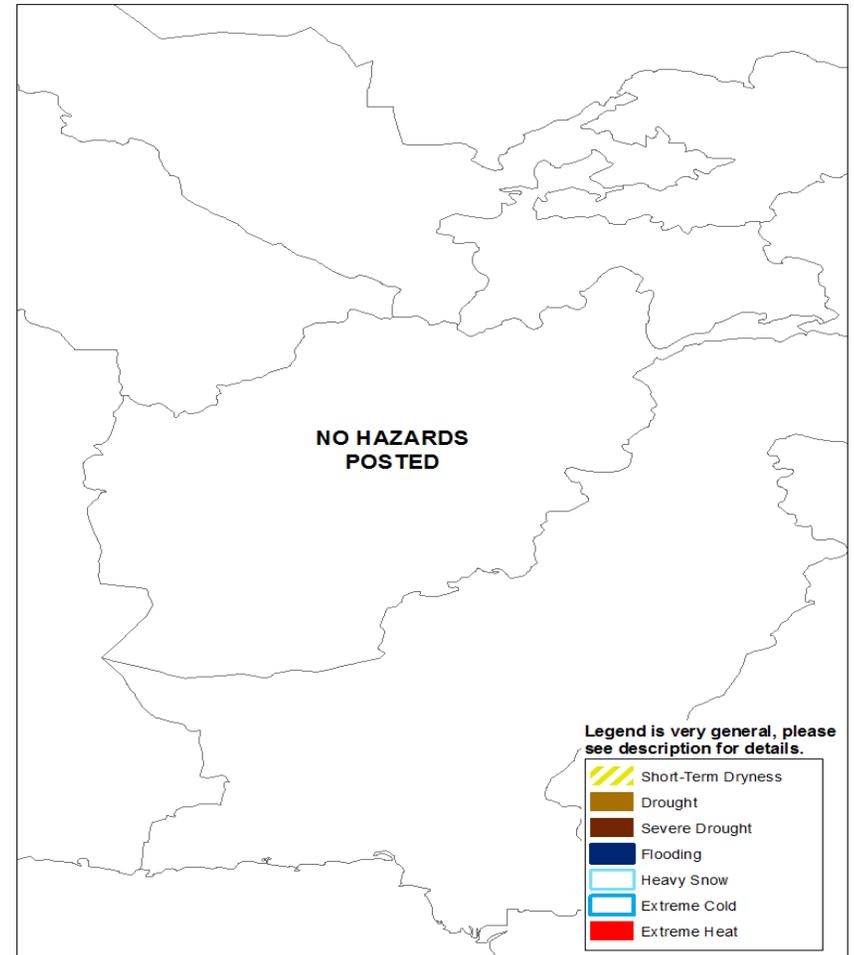
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET November 2-8, 2011

Temperatures:

Since the beginning of October, temperatures have remained above average across a large portion of the country. For the fifth consecutive dekad, positive temperatures anomalies (in excess of 4 degrees C or more) were observed across the central highlands, and in the lower elevations in the south. Temperatures are expected to remain slightly above normal during the upcoming week for much of Afghanistan except for the northeast mountains. Freezing temperatures can be expected in the central highlands, while minimum temperatures fall below -15C in the northeast mountains.

Precipitation

Snow coverage and depths continue their seasonal increase across the higher elevations. At the beginning of the period, a storm, with locally heavy snow, is expected to exit the region. Snow showers across the northeast mountains are expected to linger into the beginning of the period. Otherwise, dry weather is anticipated across Afghanistan. Tropical cyclone development is possible in the Arabian Sea. Next week, moisture associated with this potential tropical cyclone may spread north and interact with an approaching, upper-level trough. At the end of the outlook period, rain and high-elevation snow may become heavy across Afghanistan.



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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