



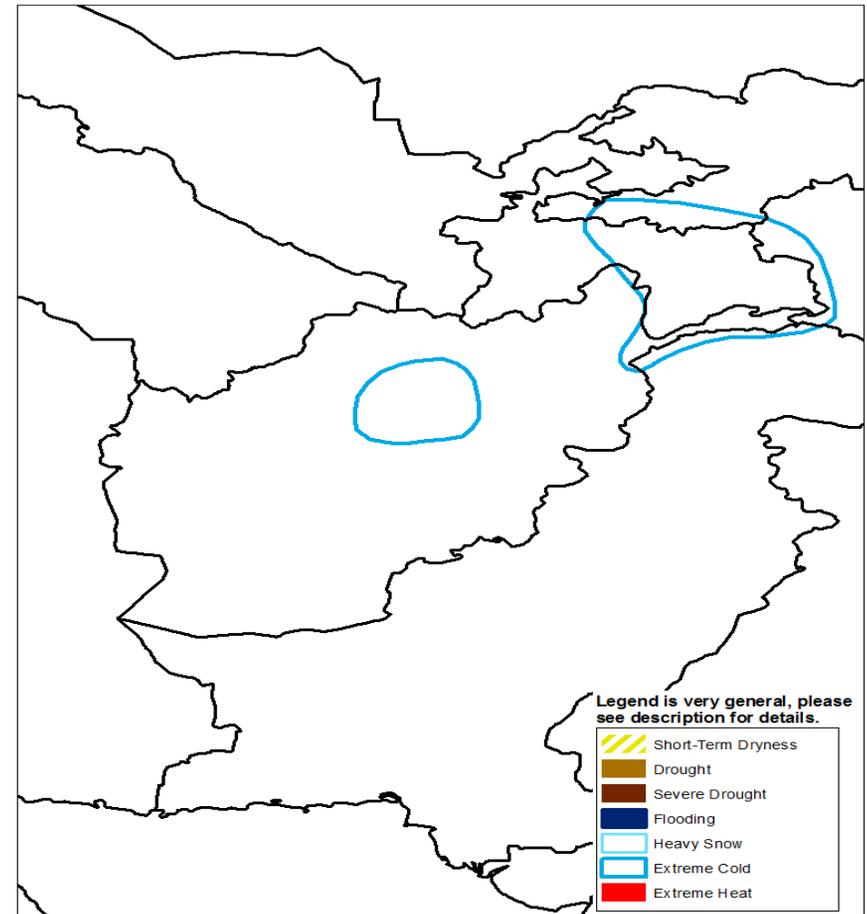
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET December 7 – December 13, 2011

Temperatures:

During mid to late November, temperatures generally averaged near to below normal across the northern third of Afghanistan with above normal temperatures affecting the central and southern areas. Below normal temperatures (6 to 10 degrees C below normal) are forecast across the central highlands and northern Afghanistan. Minimum temperatures may fall to between -35 to -40 degrees C in the northeast mountains and to around -20 degrees C in the central highlands where extreme cold hazards are posted.

Precipitation

Snow coverage and depths maintained themselves across the higher elevations during the past week while snow coverage across lower elevations decreased as little precipitation was recorded. During the past week, localized areas received scattered light to moderate showers (5-50mm, liquid equivalent). Dry weather can be expected to continue for a second week across Afghanistan during the upcoming seven days.



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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