

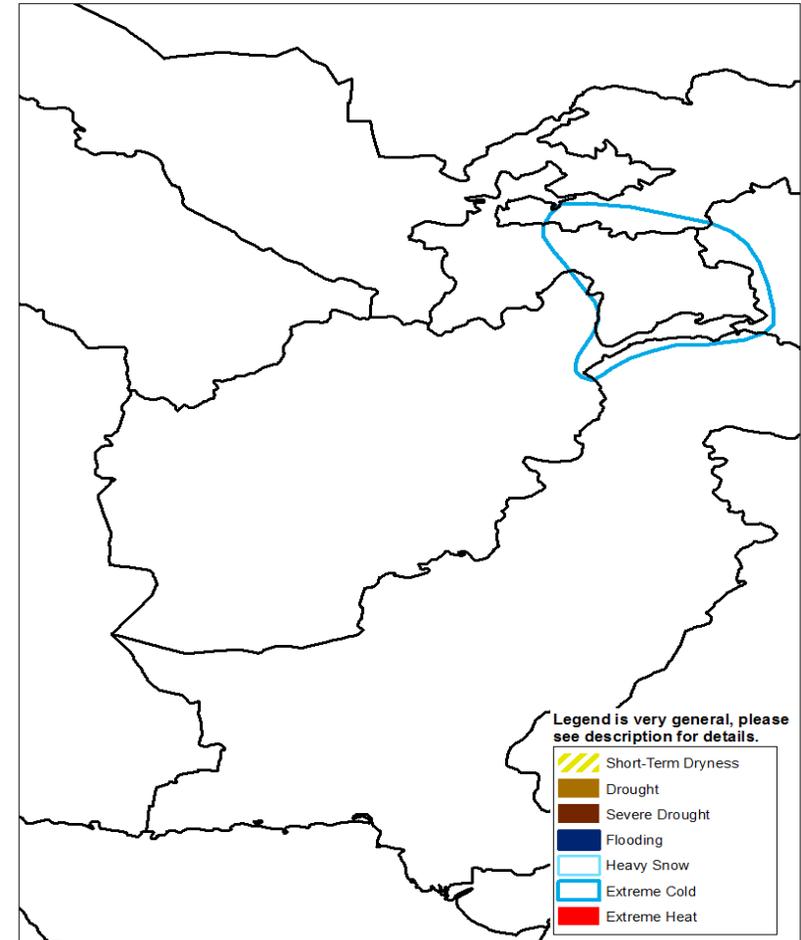
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET January 11 - 17, 2012

Temperatures:

During December, temperatures averaged below normal across most of Afghanistan with the largest negative temperature anomalies across the central highlands and northeast mountains. Much below normal temperatures are forecast to continue in the northeast mountains for a sixth consecutive week. Across this region of Afghanistan, negative temperatures anomalies greater than 8 degrees F can be expected. Elsewhere across Afghanistan, temperatures are forecast to moderate compared to the past month.

Precipitation

Although snow coverage remains across the higher elevations of central and northeast Afghanistan, snow depths are likely below average due to unseasonably dry weather during December. However, light to moderate precipitation (5 to 25 mm, liquid equivalent) likely alleviated the short-term dryness in northern Afghanistan. Since widespread precipitation is forecast during the upcoming week, a short-term dryness polygon is not posted. A widespread area of rain and high-elevation snow (5 - 25 mm, liquid equivalent) can be expected during the next week.



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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