



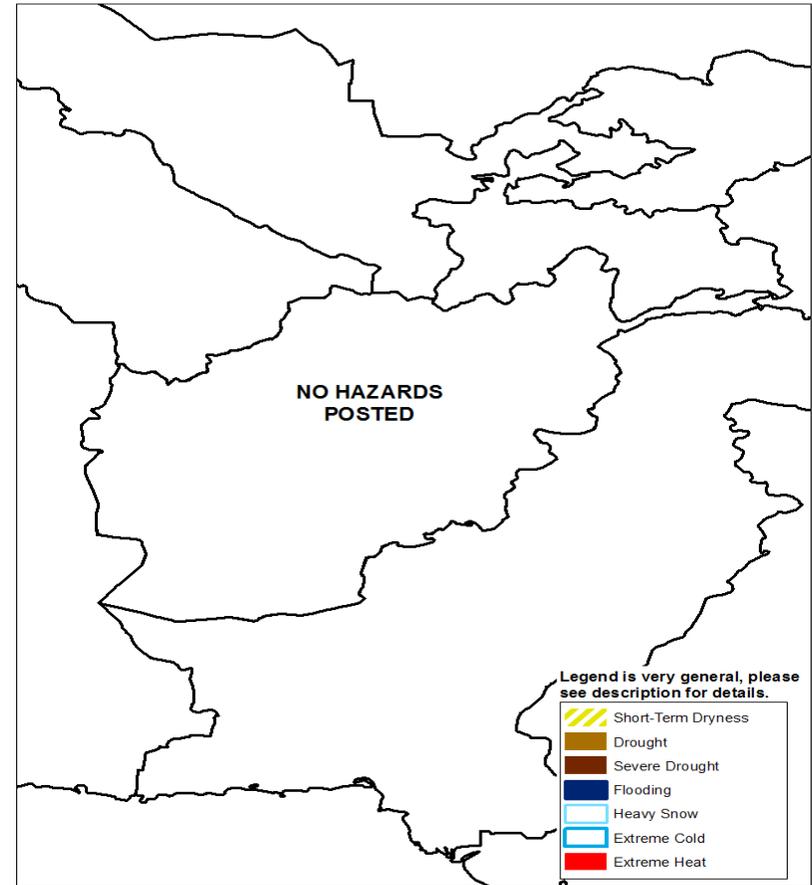
## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET February 29 – March 6, 2012

### **Temperatures:**

Below average temperatures have persisted across much of Afghanistan this winter. From February 10-20, the largest negative temperature anomalies (around 4°C) were observed over the central and northern portions of the country. Early in the outlook period, below normal temperatures are forecast to continue before a moderation in temperatures can be expected. Although minimum temperatures are forecast to fall below -20 degrees C in the central highlands and northeast mountains on February 29, the moderating temperature trend later in the outlook period precludes designation of an extreme cold hazard.

### **Precipitation**

During the past week, light to moderate rain and high-elevation snow continued. Dry weather can be expected until March 3 when another period of rain and mountain snow is forecast. At this time, heavy precipitation is not anticipated.



**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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