

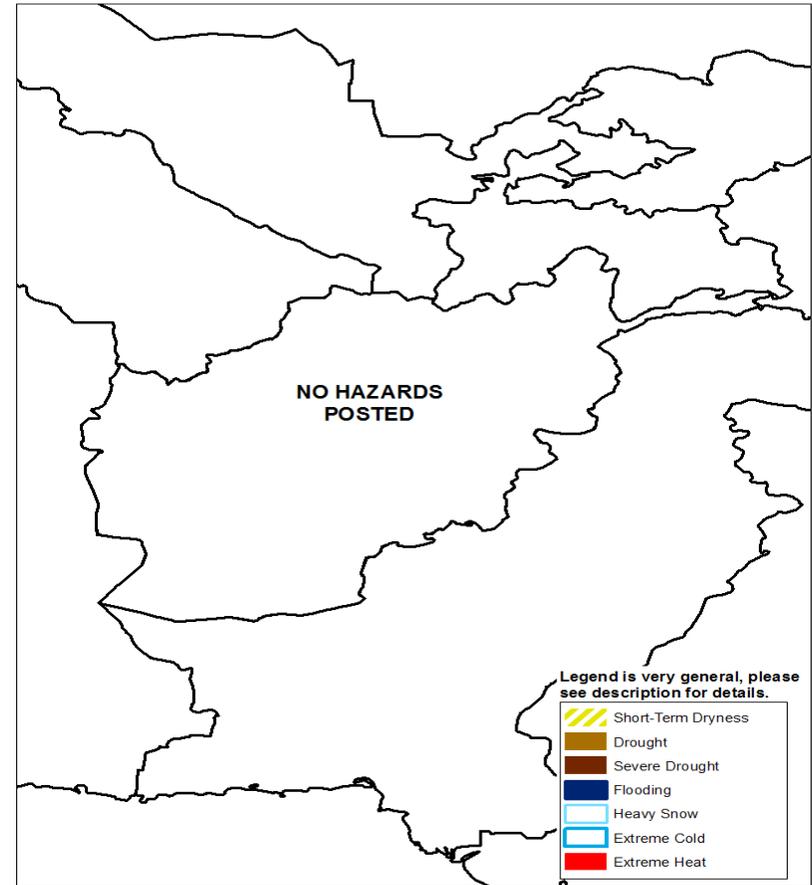
## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET March 21 – March 27, 2012

### **Temperatures:**

Below average temperatures have persisted across much of Afghanistan during 2012. From March 1-10, the largest negative temperature anomalies (locally around 8°C) were observed over the central portions of the country. Smaller negative anomalies (4-8°C) occurred in the northeast. Elsewhere, near-normal temperatures were present. Temperatures are expected to be below normal during the next week, though, not as extremely cold as temperatures during the past two months. Localized areas in the northeast mountains could observe minimum temperatures below -20°C during the beginning of the next week.

### **Precipitation**

During the past week, moderate to locally heavy rain/high elevation snow fell across northern Afghanistan. Precipitation totals between 25-50 mm were recorded throughout northern Afghanistan with the highest precipitation totals (50-75 mm) occurring in the northeast mountains. The above average snow pack could cause flooding once the spring melt occurs. During much of the next week, drier conditions are expected to prevail with light showers forecast across the northern half of the country. The heaviest precipitation is forecast to occur at the end of the next seven days when light to moderate rain is expected across central/southern 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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