

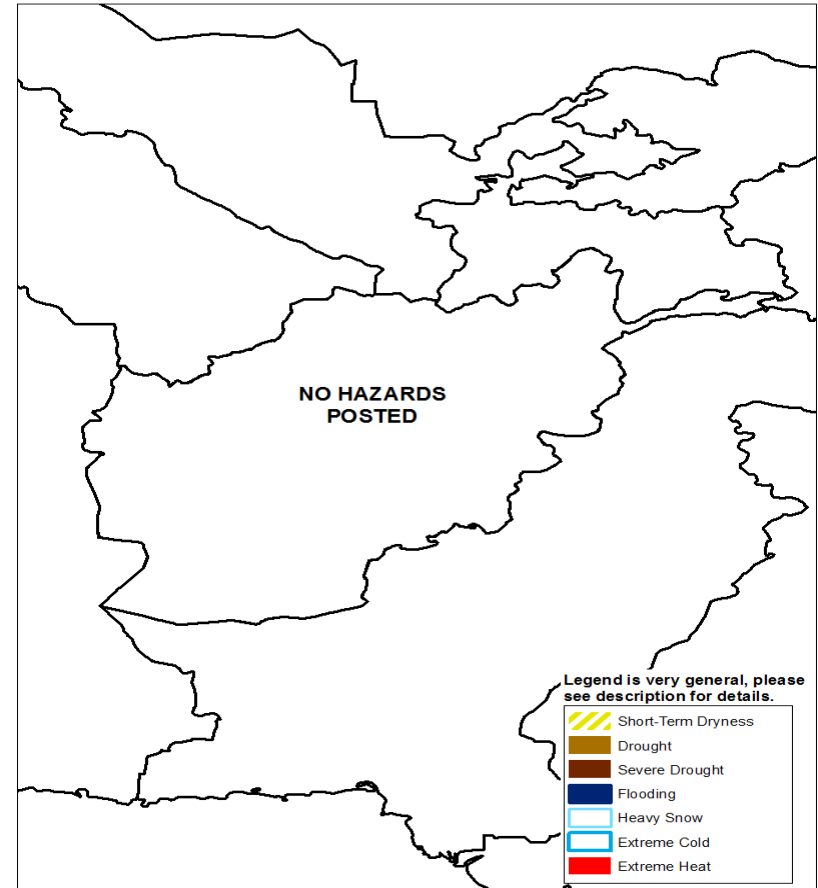
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET April 11 – April 17, 2012

Temperatures:

During late March, temperatures remained below normal across the central highlands and northeast mountains but were above normal across the lower elevations. During the next week, temperatures are forecast to average above normal except for the northeast mountains. The largest above normal anomalies (4-8 °C) are forecast in western Afghanistan.

Precipitation

During the past week, locally heavy rain (more than 100mm) fell across eastern Afghanistan, along bordering areas of Pakistan. The heavy rain combined with rapid snow melt may have triggered river flooding. The potential for flooding is expected to persist due to seasonal warmth, snow melt, and scattered rain showers.



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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