

## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET July 18 – July 24, 2012

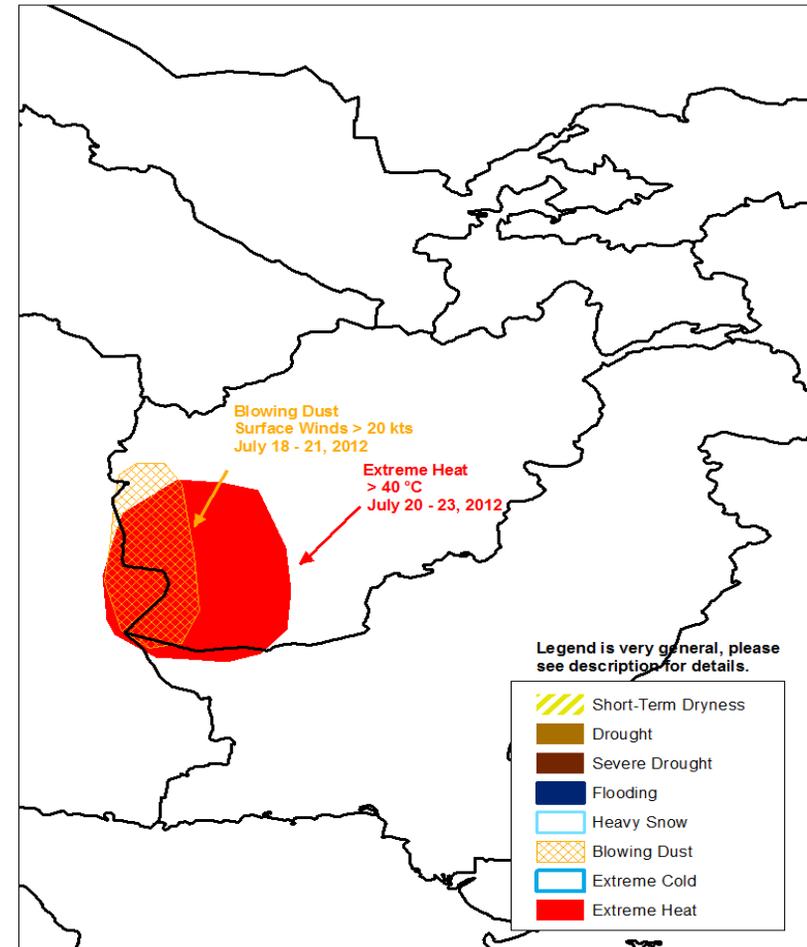
### Temperatures:

Since the end of June, temperatures have remained largely above average throughout many parts of northern and southern Afghanistan. The largest temperature anomalies (>4 degrees C) were observed in the southern lowlands. Moderately below average temperatures continued in the highest elevations of northeastern Afghanistan. For the third consecutive week in July, above average temperatures are forecast throughout portions of northern and southwestern Afghanistan. Temperatures are expected to exceed 40 degrees C.

### Precipitation

Minimal amounts of weekly precipitation (5-15mm) have been received in the northeast mountains and along the border with Pakistan since the beginning of July. For the upcoming outlook period, little to no rainfall is expected across much of Afghanistan for the next seven days, as the potential for the highest rainfall (5-20mm) is forecast along the eastern border. Locally heavy rains and increased moisture have been associated with the northwestward advancement of the Indian monsoon during late July.

In addition to dry conditions, higher than average winds in southwestern Afghanistan is expected to heighten the risk for blowing dust during the upcoming outlook period.



**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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