



Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook April 30 – May 6, 2020

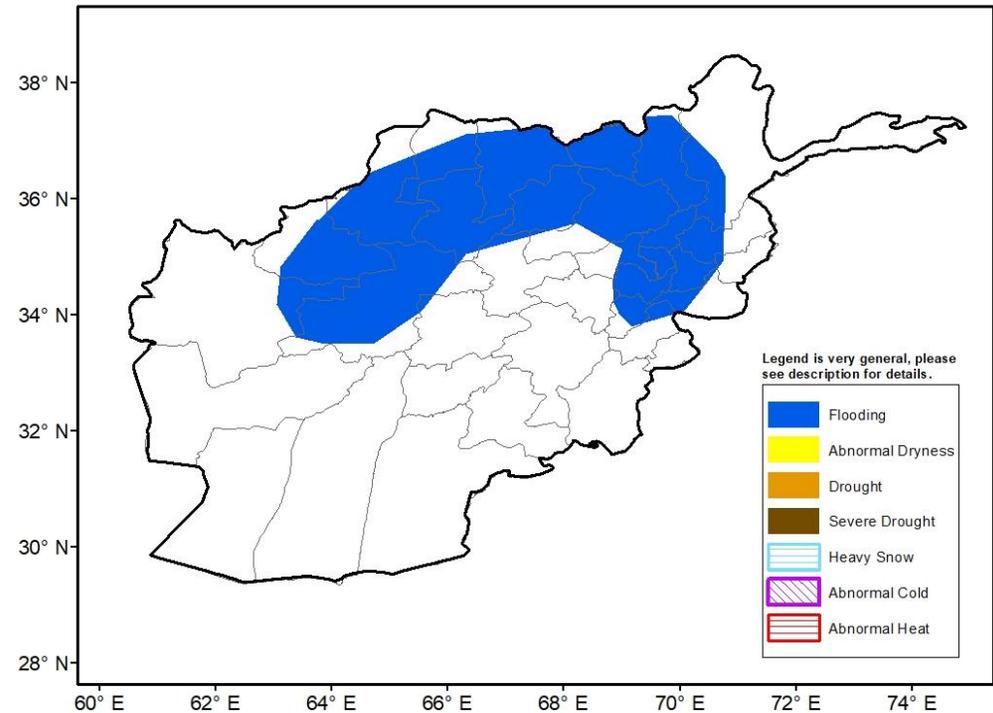
Temperatures:

With near and above-average temperatures across the region, weekly maximum temperatures are increasing greatly as we head through the spring months. Modest positive temperature anomalies were present this week in northern Afghanistan, despite continued precipitation. Many of the lower elevation regions of the country exceeded 30°C for maximum temperatures, and 35°C in the southwest. Weather models indicate that temperatures, especially maximums, will remain warmer than average. Positive anomalies are likely to be around 2-4°C. Maximum temperatures higher than 30°C will remain prevalent throughout lower elevations.

Precipitation:

Periods of rain (10-25mm totals, locally much more in the northeast) continued during late April and maintained flooding concerns across Afghanistan. This extends a very wet period during which RFE satellite estimates indicate more than 100mm, and locally more than 150mm, of precipitation (Twice normal amounts) fell across the country in late March through April.

The GEFS model indicates a continuation of occasional rainfall, with 7-day amounts of more than 25 to 75mm, locally more, across northern and central Afghanistan. Therefore, a flooding hazard is maintained for parts of Afghanistan through the early May.



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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