



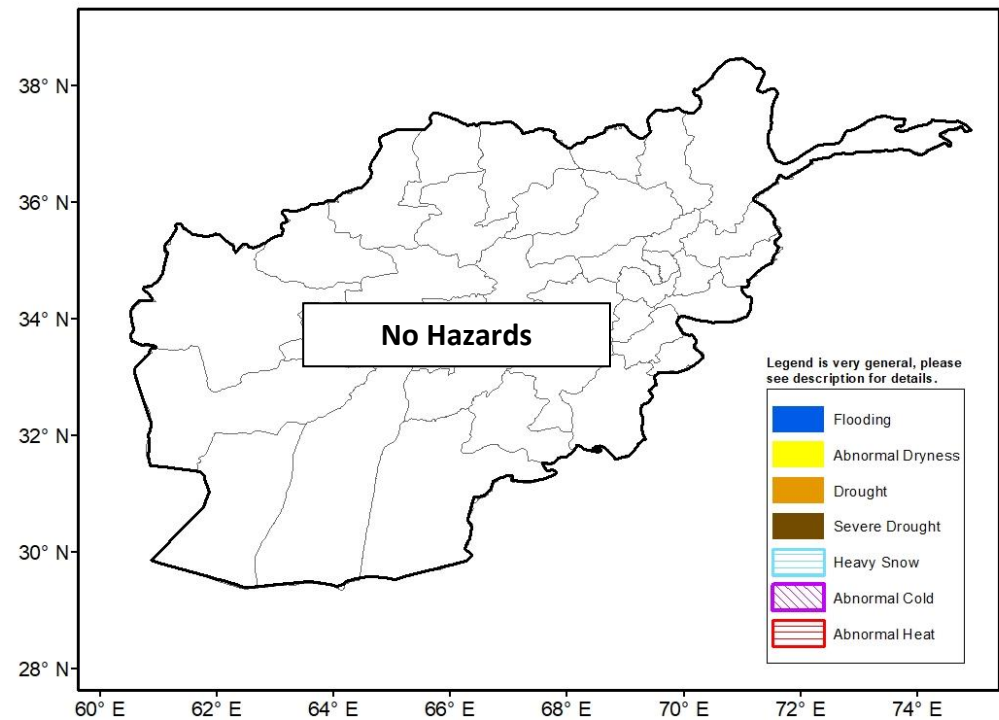
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook August 20 – August 26, 2020

Temperatures:

During the past week, Afghanistan experienced above-average mean temperatures country wide. Maximum anomalies as large as 6-8°C were observed in parts of the east and west. Maximum temperature climbed as high as 48°C in western Afghanistan and 40+°C temperatures were recorded in many western and southern areas. During the outlook period, warmer than average temperatures are expected in most areas outside of the central highlands. Larger departures from normal (4-8°C) are expected in minimum temperatures. Southwestern provinces may still see maximum temperatures exceed 45°C.

Precipitation:

During the past week, Afghanistan was dry except for a few localized stray rain showers in the northeast. Such a pattern is fairly typical for mid-August. Light rains have been persistent this summer in eastern Afghanistan, but total rainfall since July 1 has been slightly less than average. During the fourth week of August, a few scattered showers or thunderstorms (5-25mm total) are likely along the Pakistani border in eastern Afghanistan. Rain chances are greatest at the beginning and end of the 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.

Questions or comments about this product may be directed to Wassila.Thiaw@noaa.gov or 1-301-683-3424.