



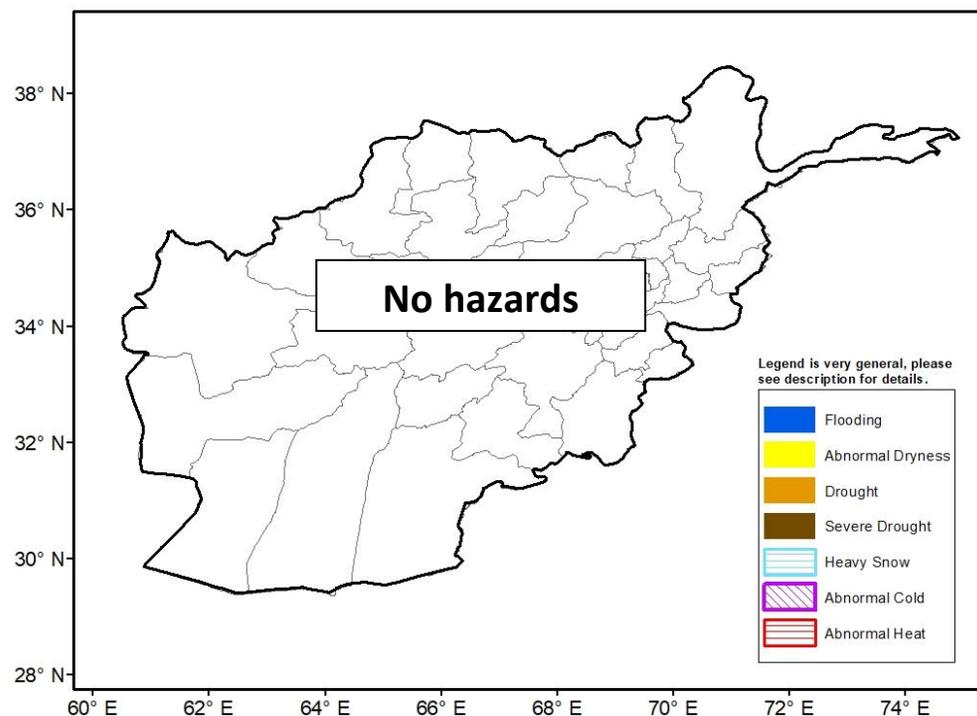
## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook December 26, 2019 – January 1, 2020

### Temperatures:

During the last week, mean temperatures in Afghanistan were slightly warmer than average, mainly due to warmer than average minimums. A few areas observed positive average temperature anomalies of as much as 5-7°C. Even so, minimum temperatures for the period were near freezing in the lower elevations. Temperatures were seasonably cold in the higher elevations and northeastern Afghanistan, dipping below -10°C. Model guidance indicates that an upper level ridge will move over the area. It will induce above-average temperatures, with the most notable departures across the northern states. Temperatures are expected to cool during the latter half of the outlook period.

### Precipitation:

Just a few scattered rain and high-elevation snow showers were observed over Afghanistan during the past week. Since November 1, some rainfall deficits have emerged in the north. Rainfall anomalies of 25-50mm are observed according to satellite analysis and snow water equivalent anomalies are negative in parts of the northeast which need to be closely monitored for developing abnormal dryness. Model guidance suggests a relatively dry pattern for the outlook period. Only a bit of scattered light precipitation is expected (less than 10mm, liquid equivalent). There is an increasing chance for highland snows in early January.



**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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