



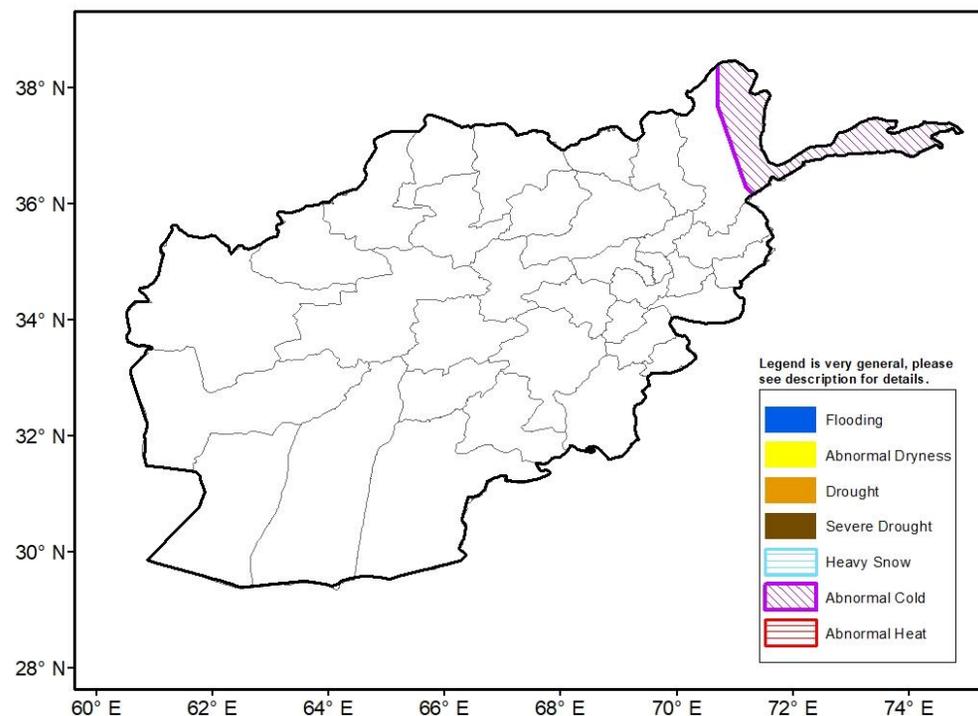
## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook December 31, 2020 – January 6, 2021

### Temperatures:

During the past week, below-normal temperatures remained entrenched across Afghanistan. Subfreezing temperatures occurred across the entire country. Minimum temperatures reached more than 8°C below average in central portions of the country with minimum temperatures below -5°C for some of the lower elevations. During the outlook period, temperatures are forecast to remain below normal across the country. As such, minimum temperatures for the period should again fall below freezing for many parts of the country's lower elevations. An abnormal cold hazard is posted in the northeast for below-normal temperatures, especially early in the period.

### Precipitation:

Last week, according to satellite estimates, widespread moderate precipitation (10-25mm and locally more, liquid equivalent) occurred across the northern tier of Afghanistan. This mostly fell in the form of snow. After a cold pattern, positive snow depth anomalies currently exist across the central highlands and lower elevations of the north of Afghanistan based on USGS snowfall analysis. Snow depth anomalies are more variable throughout the northeast mountains. A quiet weather pattern is expected for the coming week with little to no precipitation forecasted.



**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](mailto:Wassila.Thiaw@noaa.gov) or 1-301-683-3424.