



Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook February 13 – February 19, 2020

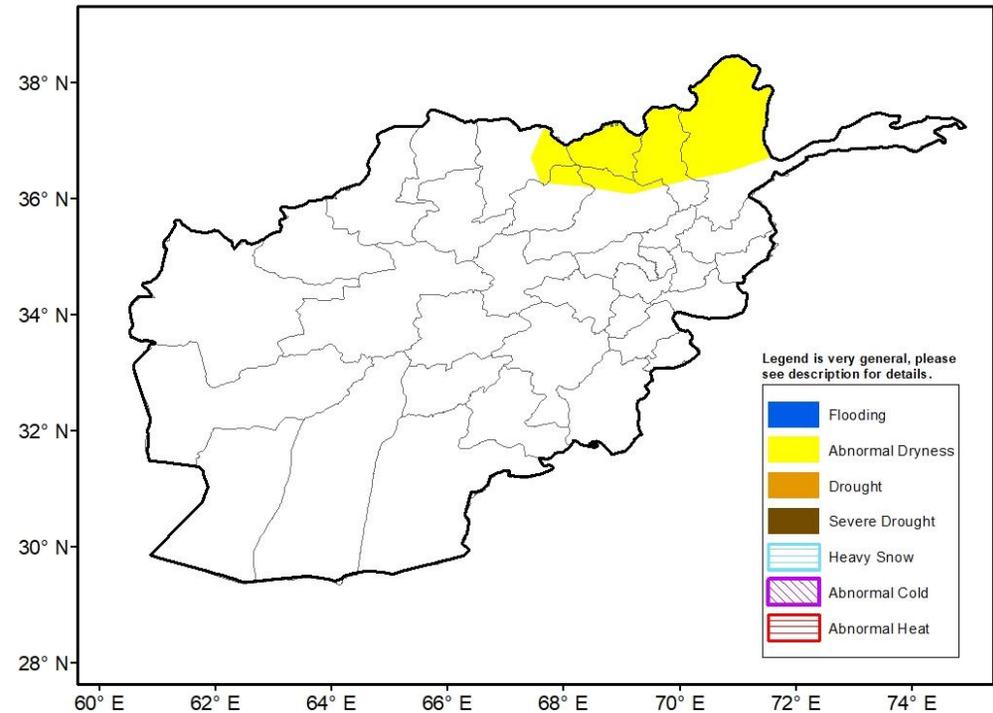
Temperatures:

During the last week, above-normal temperatures were observed in Afghanistan. Mean temperature anomalies of 4-10°C were recorded at stations across the country. Nightly minimum temperatures were 6-8°C warmer than average in the north and stayed above freezing. During the next week, temperatures are forecasted to cool down slightly, but still average near or above-normal. After a brief cool down early in the period, an upper-level ridge pattern will reinforce warm conditions.

Precipitation:

During the past week, rain and high-elevation snow fell across Afghanistan. Through Feb 11, 2-25mm of liquid equivalent was observed. Based on 90-day precipitation deficits and snow water equivalent deficits, the abnormal dryness area is still supported in northeast Afghanistan.

Observations and model guidance indicate that heavy snow is ongoing at the higher elevations of Afghanistan through Feb 13. However, snow is expected to ease during the remainder of the outlook period. Liquid equivalent precipitation amounts of 10-25mm and locally more are forecast for the eastern two thirds of the country. The abnormal dryness hazard will be reassessed next week and likely modified given the recent wetness. The heavy rain prior to the outlook period may trigger small stream flooding across parts of southern Afghanistan.



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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