



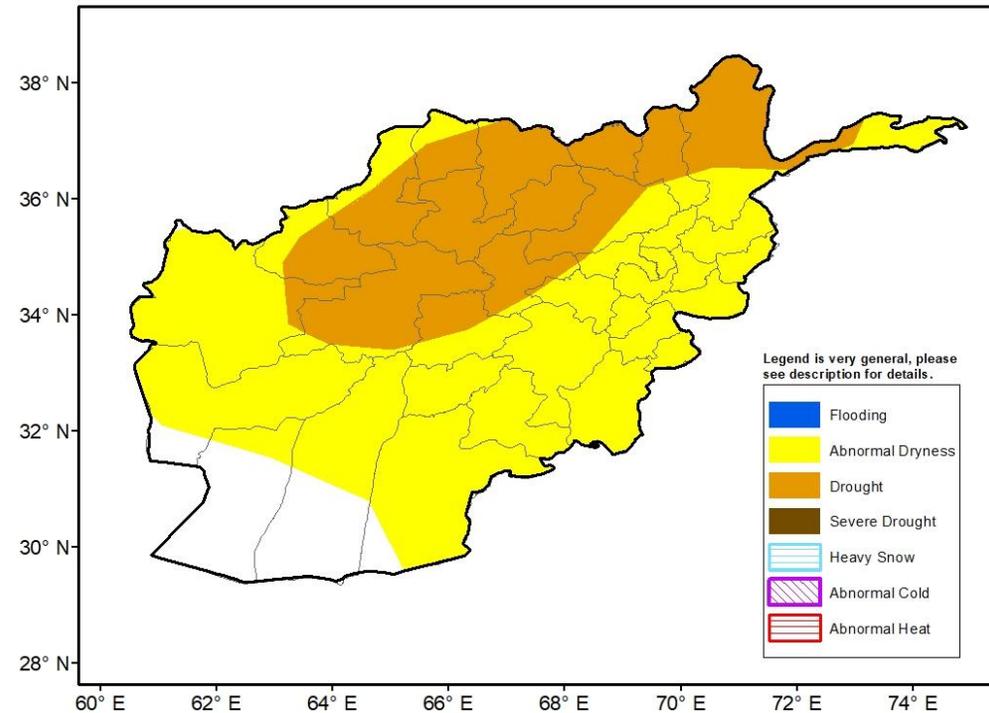
## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook February 18 – February 24, 2021

### Temperatures:

Temperatures averaged well above normal during the past week across Afghanistan. Positive minimum and maximum temperature anomalies reached 8°C or more. Maximum temperatures warmed into the middle 20s (degrees C) across western and southern Afghanistan which may prompt vegetative growth of dormant crops. For the outlook period, warmer-than-normal temperatures are expected to persist. High temperatures are forecast to reach 6°C or more above average, while the week's average minimum temperature is likely to widely be 10°C or more above normal.

### Precipitation:

Last week, some scattered rain or snow was scattered across northern and eastern areas of Afghanistan according to satellite estimates. It was another dryer-than-average week. As of February 14, the largest negative snow depth anomalies continue across the northeast, with smaller negative anomalies for the central highlands. Based on these negative snow depth anomalies and 90-day precipitation deficits of more than 50mm (according to RFE satellite estimates), the abnormal dryness hazard continues. The drought hazard in northern and central Afghanistan was expanded where RFE satellite estimates depict 90-day precipitation deficits of more than 100mm. The increasing precipitation deficits are expected to affect spring wheat planting which typically begins later this month. For the outlook period, some much needed rain and higher elevation snow (10-25mm liquid equivalent) is forecast for northern areas.



**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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