



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

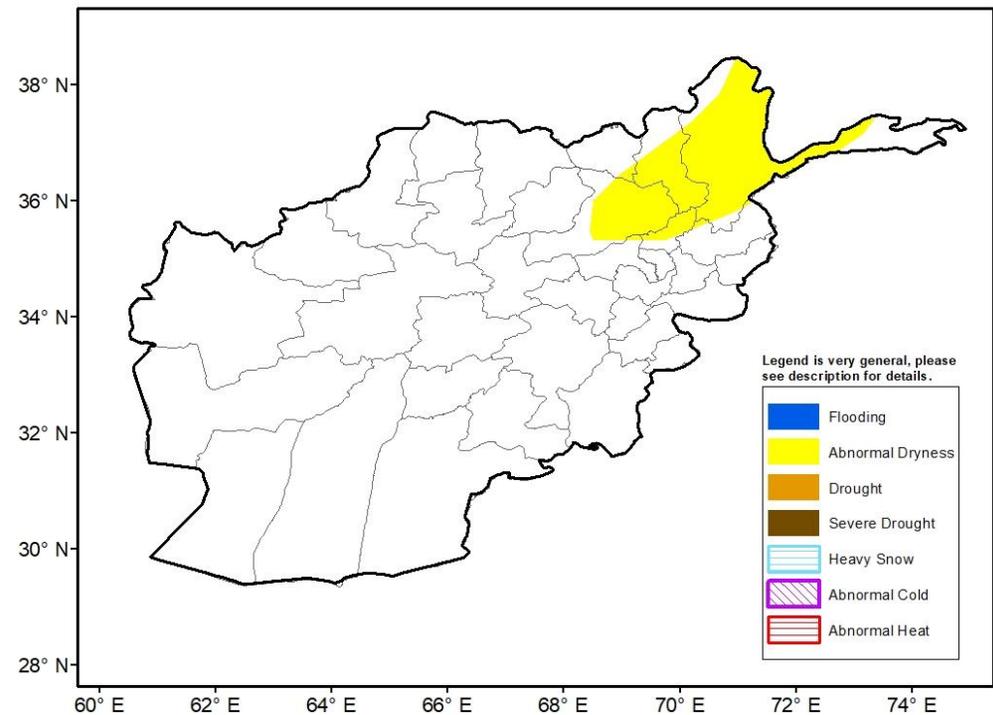
Temperatures:

During the last week, Above normal temperatures persisted throughout the region with 7-day anomalies ranging from 8 to 11 degrees C. Maximum temperatures reached 20°C for the second consecutive week in the warmer locations of Afghanistan, Nightly minimum temperatures were 6-8°C warmer than average in the central highlands. During the next week, above normal temperatures (8+ degree C anomaly) are forecasted to continue, especially for the northern tier of the country.

Precipitation:

During the past week, widespread rain and high-elevation snow (10 to 42 mm) fell across northern Afghanistan. Based on widespread precipitation during the past two weeks, the abnormal dryness hazard was reduced in coverage. But long-term moisture and snow water equivalent deficits still exist locally.

The forecast has trended drier for the coming outlook period according to model guidance. Total liquid equivalent precipitation for the period is expected to be less than 25mm and mainly focused in the northern two thirds of the country. The greatest chances of precipitation will be at the end of the 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.

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