



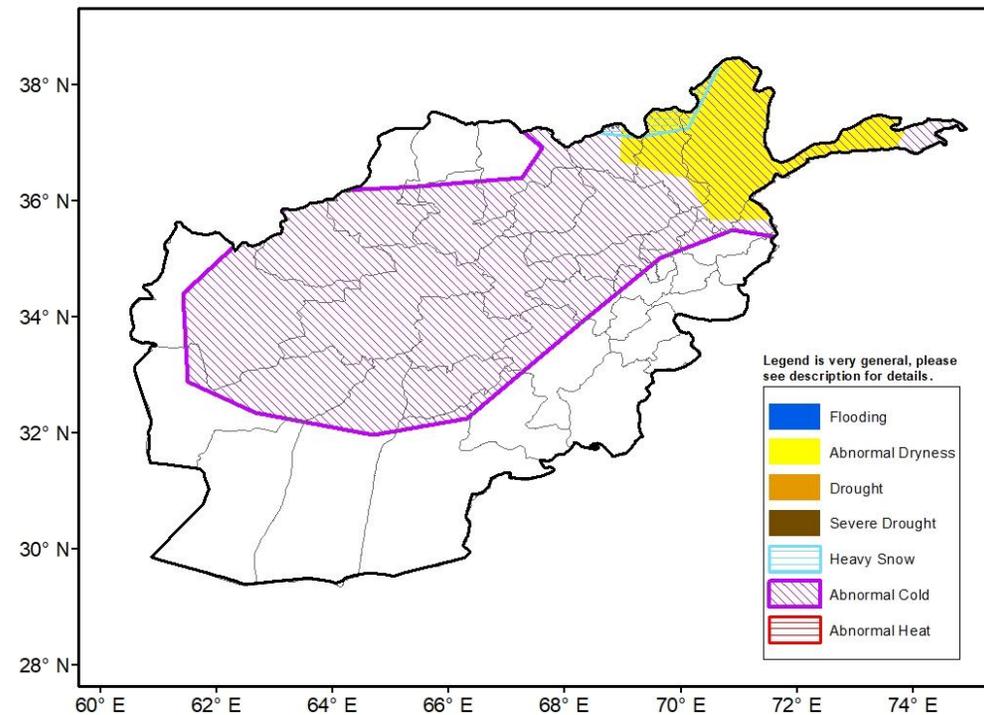
## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook January 21 – January 27, 2021

### Temperatures:

During the past week, temperatures averaged below-normal across northeast Afghanistan. Minimum temperatures reached more than 8°C below average. In contrast, conditions were warmer than average over much of the rest of the country, where maximum temperature reached 8°C below average. For the outlook period, below-normal temperatures are forecast to return to a wide area of Afghanistan, where minimum temperature could fall 8°C or more below average. An abnormal cold hazard is posted there. Subfreezing temperatures should be widespread.

### Precipitation:

Last week, very little precipitation was observed across Afghanistan - only a few scattered rain or snow showers. Over the past 30 days to 2 months, precipitation has been suppressed with deficits greater than 50mm (liquid equivalent) over portions of the north. Additionally, large negative snow water equivalent anomalies were observed over northeast Afghanistan. An abnormal dryness hazard is posted over the driest portions of the country, where significant precipitation and snow depth deficits are registered. A more active weather pattern is forecast for the outlook period. Moderate to locally heavy snow is expected across northern and northeastern Afghanistan, which should help alleviate dryness in the region.



**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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