



## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook January 30 – February 5, 2020

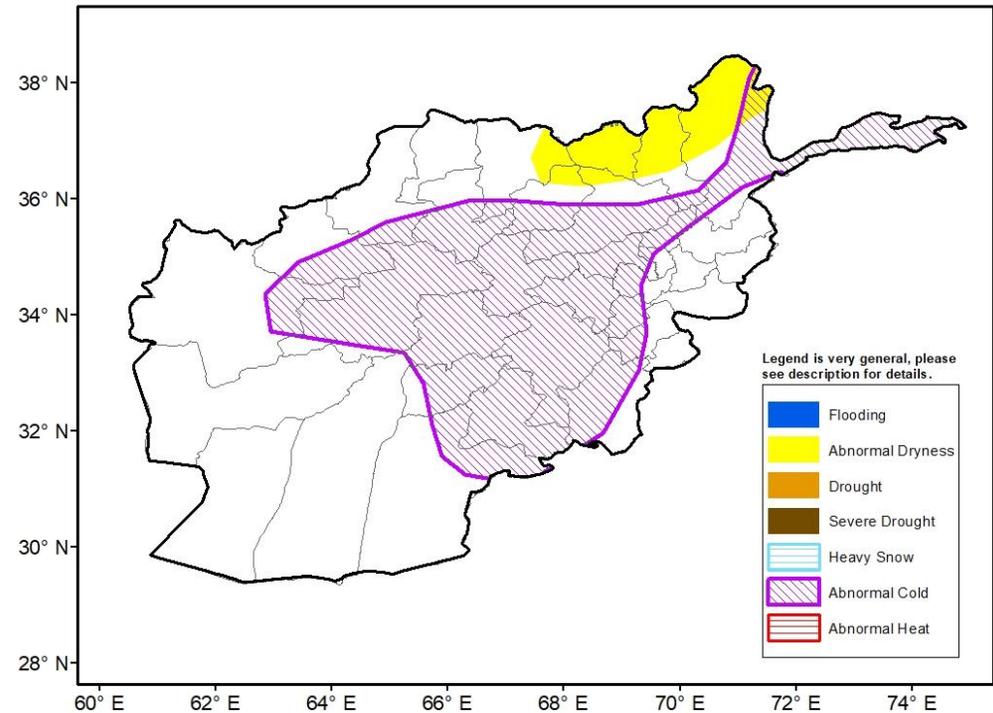
### Temperatures:

During the fourth week of January, near to below-normal mean temperatures prevailed over northeastern Afghanistan with relatively warmer temperatures over the central highlands. Nightly minimum temperatures were 2-6°C warmer than average over central portions of the country. During the next week, below-normal temperatures are forecast to return to much of the country, especially over the central highlands and mountains of the northeast. Negative temperature anomalies will run about 4-8°C and minimum temperature could fall below -25°C.

### Precipitation:

During the past week, light (<25mm liquid equivalent) precipitation was observed across many northern and northeastern areas of Afghanistan. Mostly dry conditions were experienced elsewhere. Both short-term and long-term rainfall deficits since November 1 remain in the north. An abnormal dryness hazard is maintained where precipitation and snow water equivalent deficits have persisted.

During the next week, scattered light or moderate precipitation is forecast over much of Afghanistan. Most of the precipitation will arrive later in the period. The forecast for suppressed precipitation may strengthen precipitation and snow water equivalent deficits over the dry portions of 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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