



## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook March 5 – March 11, 2020

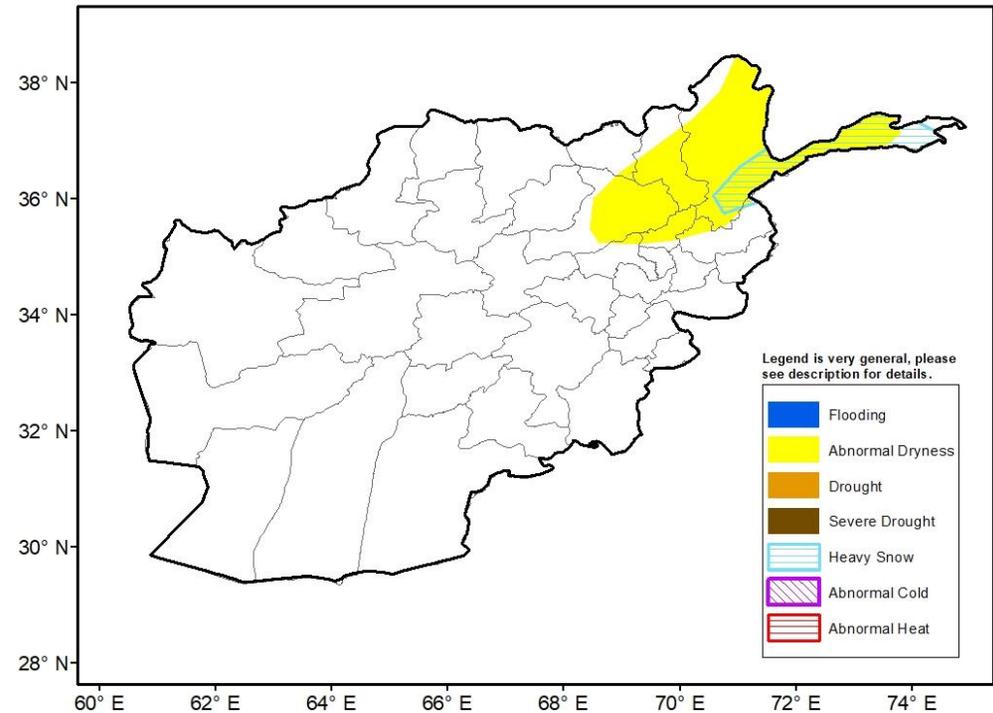
### **Temperatures:**

During the last week, well-above-normal temperatures persisted throughout the region, with 7-day average anomalies of as much as 10 degrees C. Maximum temperatures were in the middle 20s (degrees C) across the lower elevations of Afghanistan. Additionally, weekly maximum temperatures were above freezing in most highland areas. During the next week, temperatures are forecast to cool off considerably compared to previous weeks. Widespread below-normal temperatures (2-6°C anomaly) are forecasted during the period.

### **Precipitation:**

During the past week, widespread rain and high-elevation snow occurred throughout the northern two thirds of Afghanistan with local amounts exceeding 25mm liquid equivalent. Despite the recent precipitation, snow water equivalent anomalies continue to indicate large negative anomalies across northeast Afghanistan. Therefore, the abnormal dryness hazard continues for these areas.

A low pressure system is forecast to track slowly across the country at the beginning of the outlook period, resulting in heavy snow at the higher elevations of northeast Afghanistan. A heavy snow hazard is posted for areas where more than 30cm of snowfall is most likely during the outlook period. Rainfall at the lower elevations combined with snow melt could trigger flooding. The risk of flooding is highest across eastern Afghanistan where rainfall (locally more than 50mm) is forecast to be heaviest.



**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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