



Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook May 14 – May 20, 2020

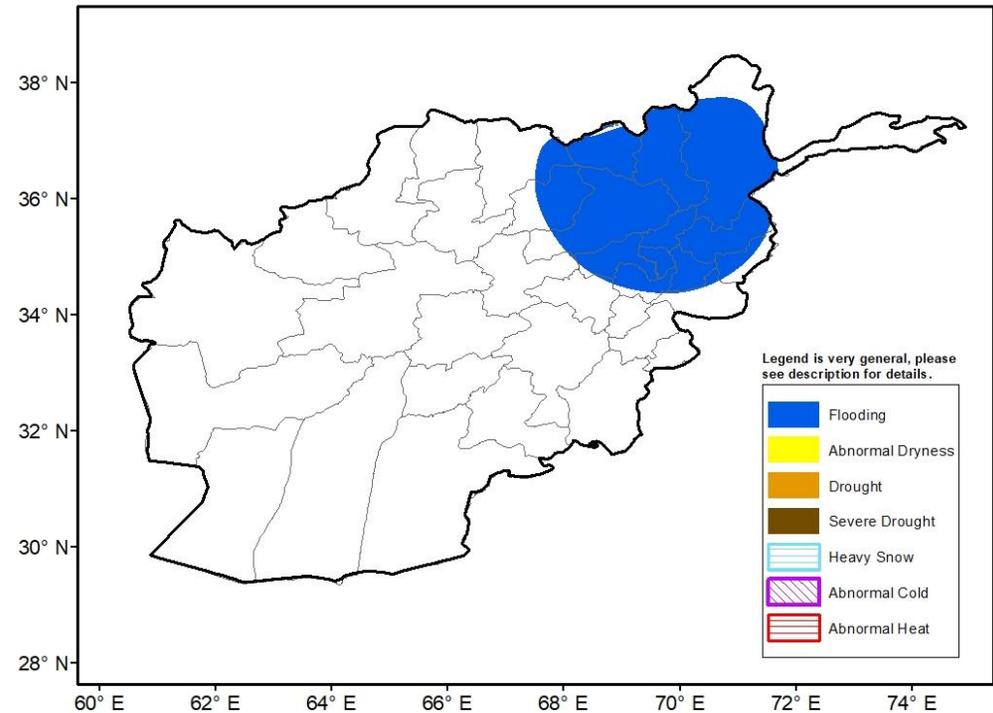
Temperatures:

Observed mean temperatures were relative close to average across Afghanistan. Minimum temperatures, however, were warmer than normal in the central highlands. Spring warmth continues to spread through the region with maximum temperatures over 30°C in the lower elevations. Maximums reached 40°C in the southwest. During the outlook period, a mid-level trough is in place over the region bringing cooler temperatures. Maximum temperature anomalies are forecast to be 2-10°C below normal across the region. The largest of the anomalies are expected in the northwest.

Precipitation:

Moderate to heavy rains once again impacted Afghanistan during the second week of May. Many local areas in the north recorded more than 25mm of rain and locally more than 100mm. This heavy rainfall on top of already saturated ground kept flooding risks elevated in the country's northern region. This extends a very wet period during which RFE satellite estimates indicate that more than 100mm, and locally more than 200mm, of precipitation (twice normal amounts) fell across the country since the start of April.

A low pressure system in the area is bringing ongoing precipitation to the country. The GEFS model indicates that rains will continue for the next several days. Weekly totals are likely to again be substantial in the northeast, possibly exceeding 50mm. Therefore, a flooding hazard is maintained for northeast Afghanistan for another week.



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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