



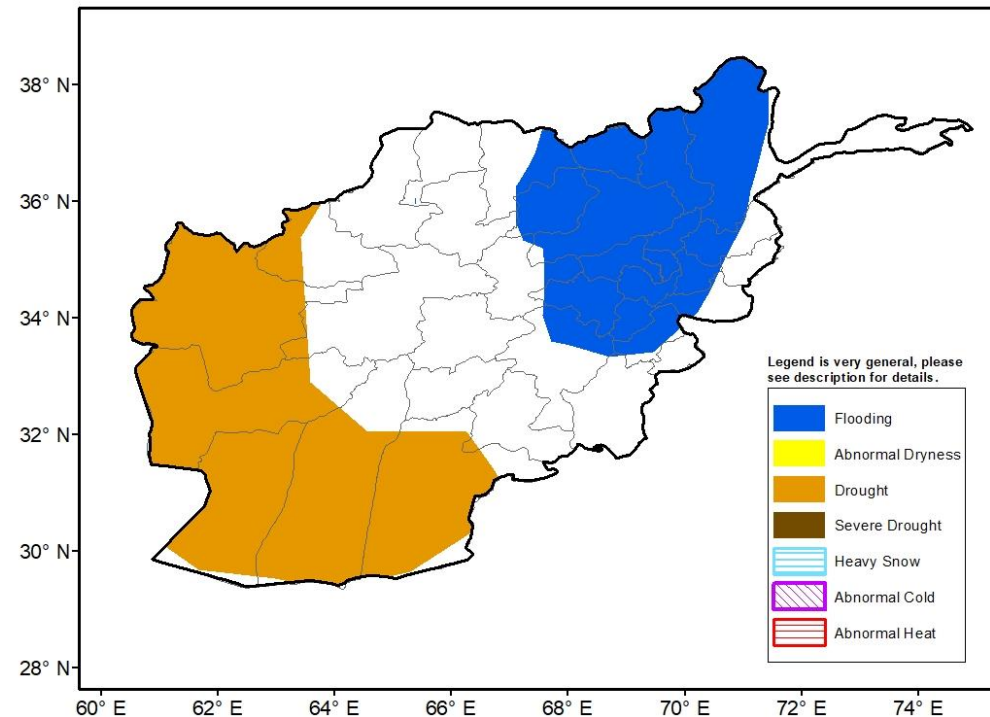
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook May 20 – May 26, 2021

Temperatures:

Central and northern Afghanistan registered temperatures 2°C to 6°C above normal between the 9th and 15th of May. Lower elevations reached well above 30°C in the north, and maximum temperatures exceeded 35°C in the southwest. Temperatures cooled at the end of the period. The GFS model depicts cooler than normal conditions persisting during the coming period in southern and central Afghanistan. Nearer to normal temperatures are likely in the northeast. Maximum temperatures are likely to average below normal over the outlook period by 6-12°C.

Precipitation:

Locally heavy rainfall has triggered flash flood and mudslides in the northern areas of Afghanistan resulting in fatalities and infrastructures damages. Flooding struck the Takhar province and including most of northern Afghanistan, marking the second severe flood event to strike within two weeks. Despite recent rains, the drought hazard remains in place for parts of southern and western Afghanistan based on RFE satellite estimates of 180-day precipitation deficits and current VHI values. For next week, moderate rainfall is forecast across northeastern Afghanistan which could aggravate flash flood and mudslide over the area. 7-day totals are likely to exceed 25mm.



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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