Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook
May 28 – June 3, 2020

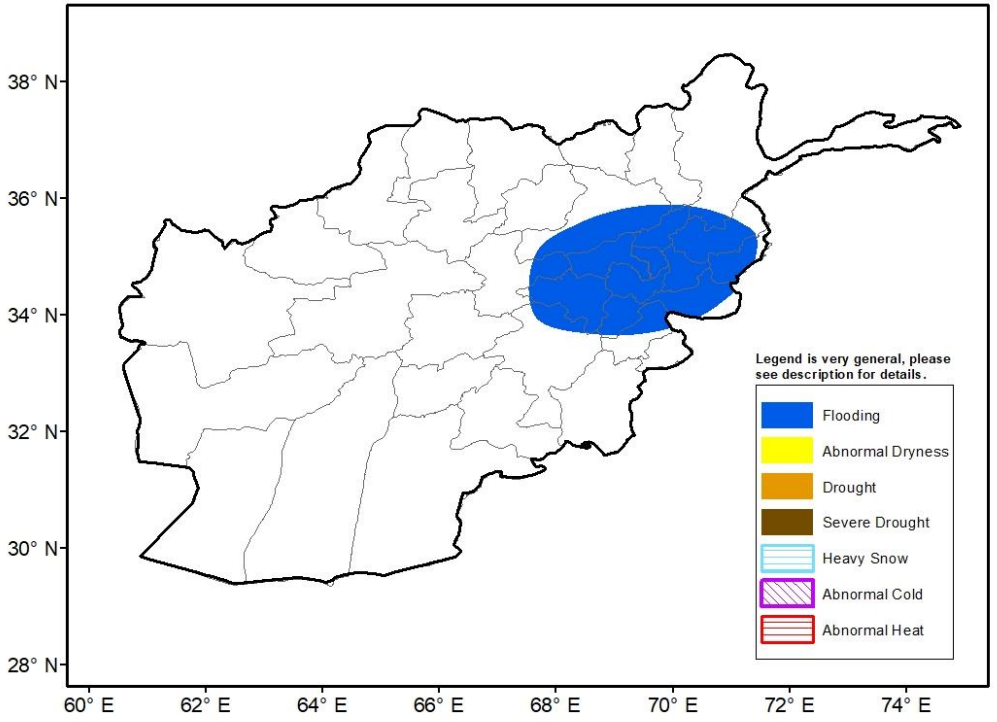
Temperatures:

Observed mean temperatures were generally close to average in Afghanistan. Maximimum temperatures over 30°C were widespread all across the lower elevations this week, with some areas exceeding 35°C. During the outlook period, temperature swith start of near average before an upper level ridge moves into the region raising temperatures. Temperatures are likely to be 4-8°C above average by late in the period. Maximum temperatures are likely to exceed 40°C in the south.

Precipitation:

During the 4th week of May, moderate to heavy rainfall has been reported over northeastern parts of Afghanistan. Local areas north and east of Kabul received potentially more than 100mm of rainfall. This heavy rainfall on top of already saturated ground keeps 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 300mm, of precipitation (twice normal amounts) fell across many parts of the country since the start of April.

Light and moderate rain will continue in eastern areas of the country throughout the week. The GEFS model indicates that total rainfall may exceed 25mm with most of that falling early in the period. A flooding hazard is maintained for saturated areas of 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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