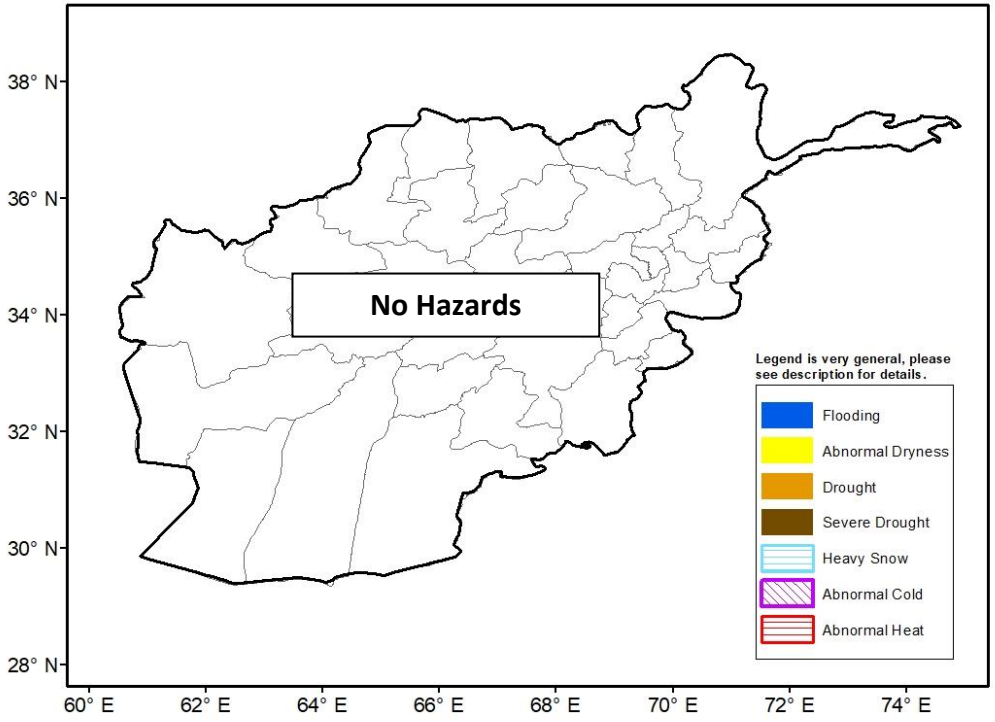
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook
November 12 – November 18, 2020

Temperatures:

During the past week, maximum temperatures were a little warmer than average for much of Afghanistan. Minimum temperatures averaged near normal for much of the country, except for a portion of eastern Afghanistan, includng the capital region, which averaged more than 6°C above average. This pattern cut down on subfreezing temperatures in eastern parts of the country. During the duration of the outlook period, coooler-than-average temperatures are expected across the country. Temperatures will average 4-10°C below normal. Temperatures may reach as cold as 10-20°C below zero in the mountains.

Precipitation:

During the past week, a dry pattern remained in place. Only a few very light showers were observed across the northern tier of the country. Based on RFE satellite estimates, 30-day precipitation deficits of 10-50mm are observed in the north. This short-term dryness will continue to be monitored in subsequent weeks as snowfall typically begins to accumulate across the mountains of northeast Afghanistan. Stormier conditions are expected to move into the region during mid-November. According to the GFS model, an upper-level low north of the country and its associated surface front will bring a period of widespread precipitation. Rain and snow with liquid equivalent amounts of 25-50mm are expected across large swaths of central and northeastern Afghanistan.



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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