

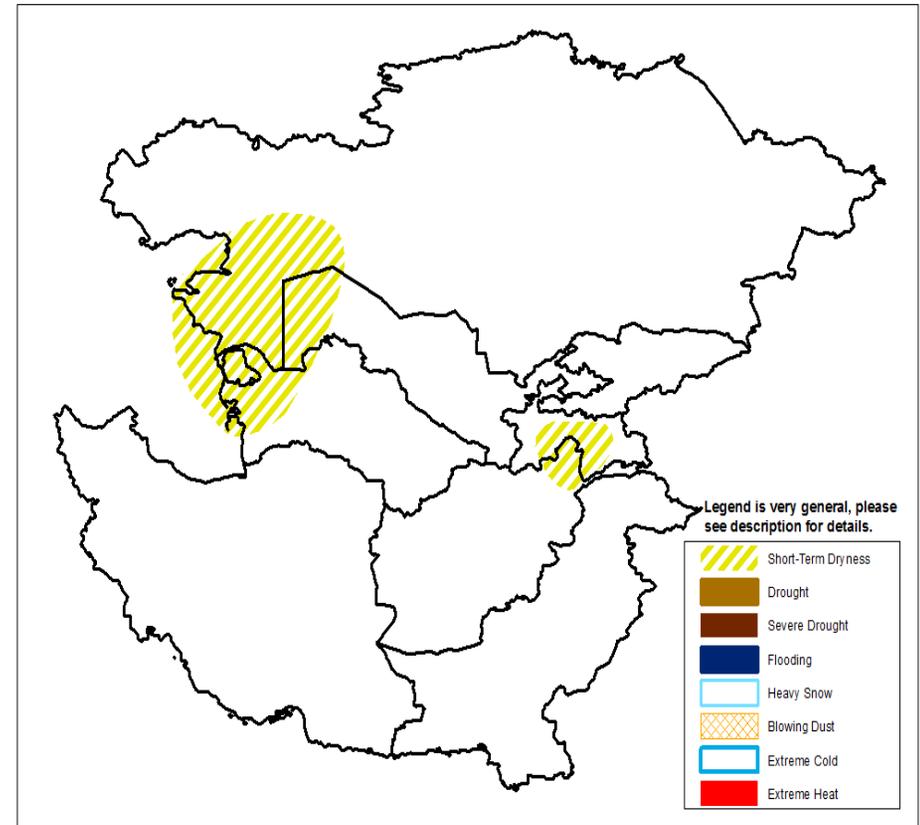
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET January 9 – 15, 2013

### **Temperatures:**

During December, temperatures averaged below normal over much of Central Asia. A significant decrease in temperatures occurred during the middle period of the month, with a departure from the average exceeding -8 degrees Celsius across northern Central Asia. During the next week, temperatures are expected to average above normal except for the central highlands and northeast mountains of Afghanistan.

### **Precipitation**

Snow depth and coverage experienced a significant increase due to enhanced precipitation during the latter half of December. However, drier weather (5 mm or less, liquid equivalent) returned to the region during the beginning of January. According to the RFE 30-day precipitation anomalies and gauge-based data, short-term dryness is affecting parts of northeast Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and areas surrounding the Aral Sea. Light precipitation is forecast for much of the region during the upcoming 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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