

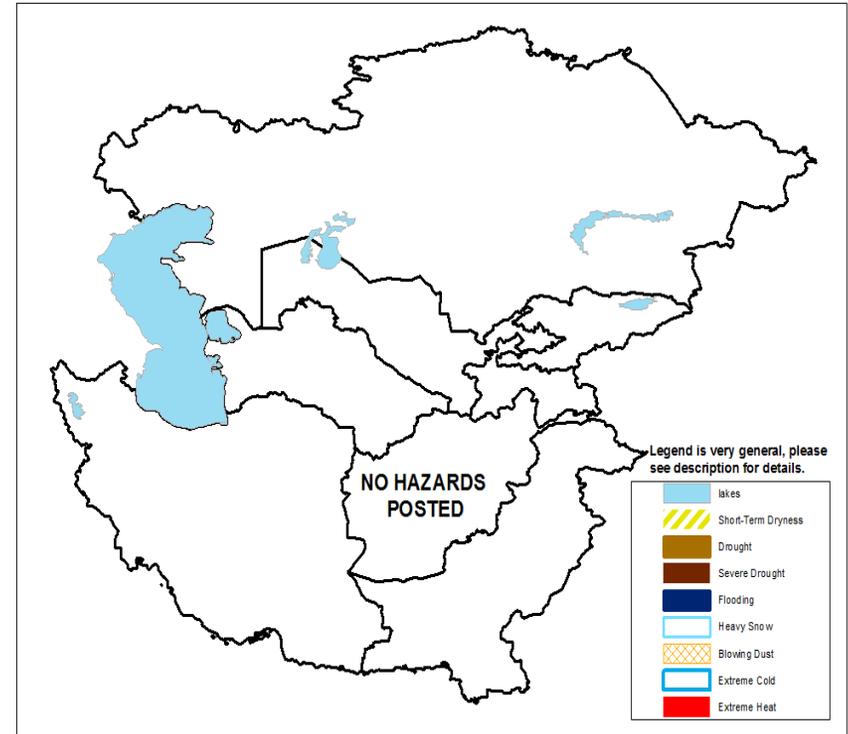
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET February 13 - 19, 2013

Temperatures:

During the past week, above-average temperature prevailed across much of Central Asia, with the largest positive anomalies across western parts of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Kazakhstan. Near to above average temperatures are expected to continue for most of Central Asia. Minimum temperatures may fall below -30 degrees C across eastern Kazakhstan and the highest elevations of northeast Afghanistan.

Precipitation

A strong winter storm brought widespread precipitation to northern Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and northern Pakistan. Heavy snow (locally more than 25 mm, liquid equivalent) likely alleviated the short-term dryness across northern Afghanistan and Tajikistan, while heavy rain (more than 150 mm) triggered flooding in northern Pakistan. Since snow-water equivalent values are currently running approximately 75% of normal across the central highlands, this region should be monitored for short-term dryness. Light rain and high-elevation snow can be expected across Afghanistan during the next week, while mostly dry weather is forecast across the remainder of Central Asia.



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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