

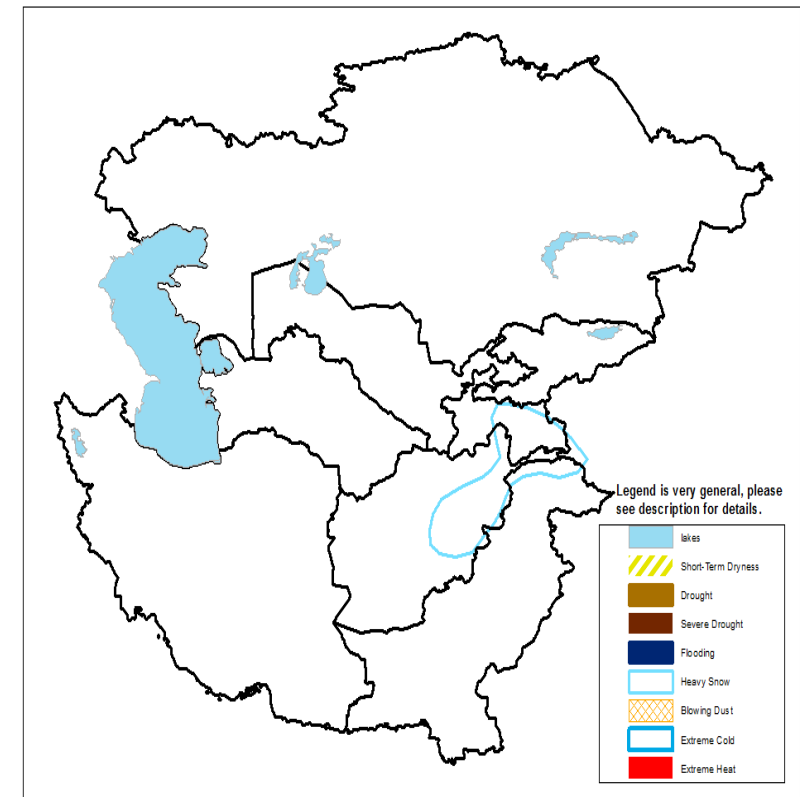
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET February 27 – March 5, 2013

Temperatures:

From February 11 – 20, 2013, temperatures averaged above normal, with the largest positive anomalies ranging from 4 to 8 degrees Celsius across the lowlands of Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan. Near normal temperatures spread throughout the higher terrains of Afghanistan. For next week, above-average temperature is forecast to continue across south Central Asia except central and northeastern Afghanistan and northern Pakistan, where below-average temperature is expected. Minimum temperature also could fall below -25 degrees Celsius over these regions.

Precipitation

During the past week, a heavy snowstorm brought moderate to heavy precipitation across Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and Pakistan. Although, this has helped to partially reduce precipitation deficits over the dry portions of south Central Asia, snow water volume has remained below-average across basins of central and northern Afghanistan and Tajikistan. A mid-latitude winter storm is forecast to bring heavy snowfall across eastern Afghanistan and Tajikistan and mixed rain-snow over western Pakistan during the next 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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