

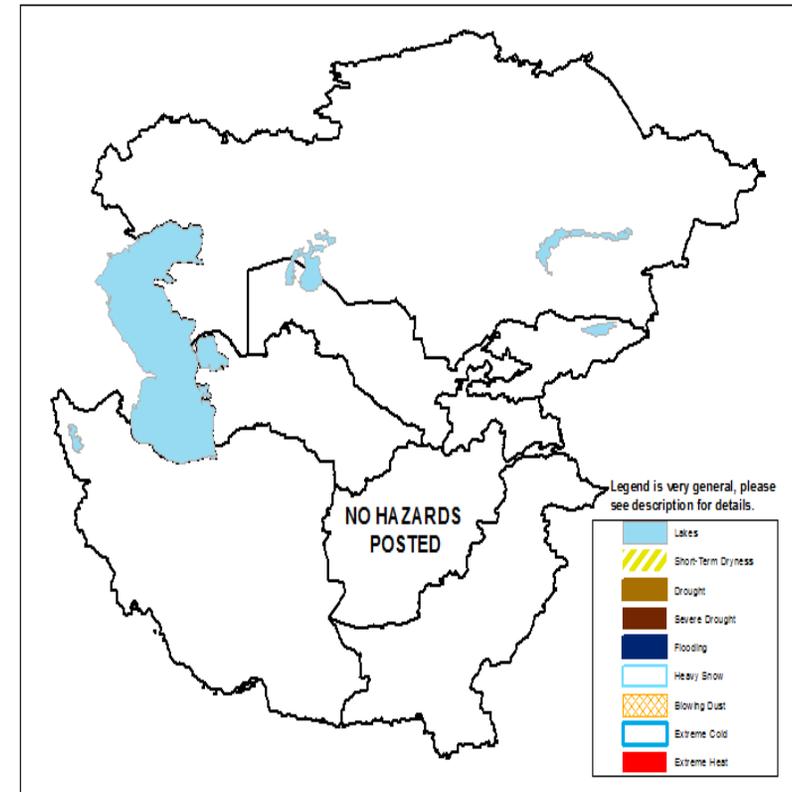
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET March 13 – March 19, 2013

### Temperatures:

From March 1-10, 2013, temperatures were above normal across Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and the lowlands of Afghanistan, with positive anomalies ranging between 1 to 8 degrees Celsius. Meanwhile, normal to slightly below normal temperatures (1 to 2 degrees Celsius) were observed across the central highlands and northeast mountains of Afghanistan. For the next week, above normal temperatures are forecast to continue across south Central Asia except across higher elevations in central and northeastern Afghanistan, northern Pakistan and Tajikistan, where below-average temperatures are forecast. Minimum temperatures are likely to fall below -10 degrees Celsius over these regions, with the coldest temperatures (-25 degrees Celsius) across the highest elevations.

### Precipitation

During the past week, a strong low pressure system and cold front resulted in moderate to heavy precipitation (10-50mm) across northern Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, central/western Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, southern Kazakhstan and northern 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 in central and northern Afghanistan and Tajikistan. During the next week, additional moderate to locally heavy precipitation is forecast to impact the region. Moderate snows are likely across higher elevations in western/central Tajikistan, northeastern Afghanistan and northern Pakistan, where temperatures should be below-freezing, helping to reduce seasonal precipitation deficits. Meanwhile, rains are likely across central Afghanistan and lower elevations in Tajikistan, and Uzbekistan.



**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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