

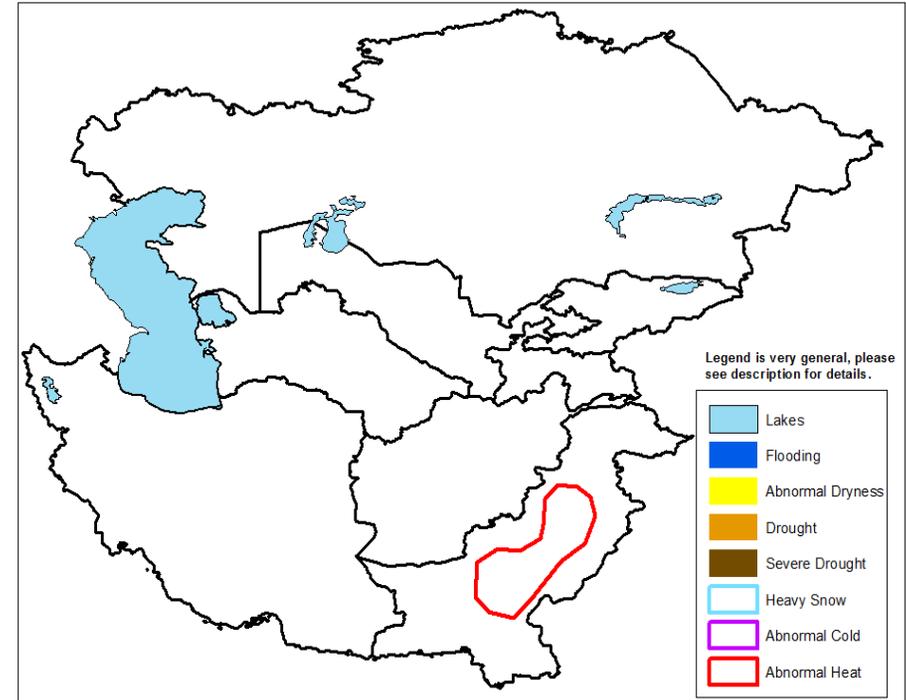
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET July 17 – July 23, 2013

Temperatures:

During the middle of July, average to slightly above average temperatures (1-3 degrees C) were observed throughout much of Kazakhstan, with slightly below average temperatures observed further south in the Central Asia domain. However, above average temperatures as much as 5 degrees above normal were observed in southern Afghanistan. For the next seven days, positive temperature anomalies in excess of 5-8 degrees C are expected for many parts of central and southern Pakistan. Daily maximum temperatures in this region are forecast to exceed 45 degrees C during the earlier portion of the outlook period.

Precipitation

During the last seven days, a continuation of seasonal precipitation was received across many local areas in northern Kazakhstan. The highest weekly rainfall accumulations (>50mm) were observed in the Karagandy, Pavlodar, and North Kazakhstan provinces. This increase in seasonal rainfall throughout July in northern Kazakhstan has helped to mitigate early season moisture deficits in the Aktobe, Kostanay, and Akmola provinces of the country. For the upcoming outlook period, a seasonable distribution of precipitation is expected across northern Kazakhstan which is expected to help continue to relieve seasonal moisture deficits in the region. Locally heavy rainfall is also forecast across parts of northern Kyrgyzstan and Pakistan.



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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