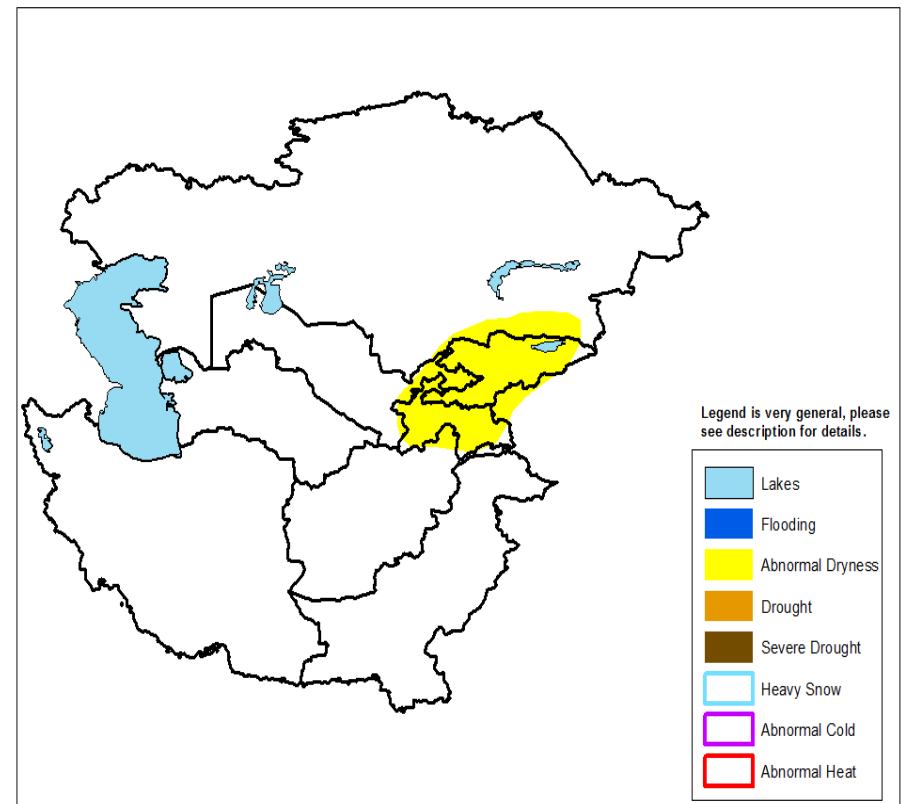# Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook
December 5 - 11, 2013

Temperatures:

Temperatures averaged 4 to 10 degrees C above-normal across most of Central Asia during the final week of November. Above-normal temperatures are expected to persist across the region with the largest positive temperature anomalies forecast for Kazakhstan. The highest elevations of northeast Afghanistan/Tajikistan along with extreme northern Kazakhstan are forecast to experience the coldest temperatures (-20 degrees C or lower).

Precipitation

During the past week, rain and snow (2 -26 mm, liquid equivalent) fell across most of the region. Despite the recent increase in precipitation, 60-day precipitation deficits are 25 to 50 mm below average across Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. A strong storm is expected to progress east across the region early in the period. Locally heavy snow is possible across the mountains of Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan. If precipitation deficits are eliminated during the next week, the abnormal dryness polygon may be removed in next week's hazards outlook.

Legend is very general, please see description for details.

- Lakes
- Flooding
- Abnormal Dryness
- Drought
- Severe Drought
- Heavy Snow
- Abnormal Cold
- Abnormal Heat

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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