



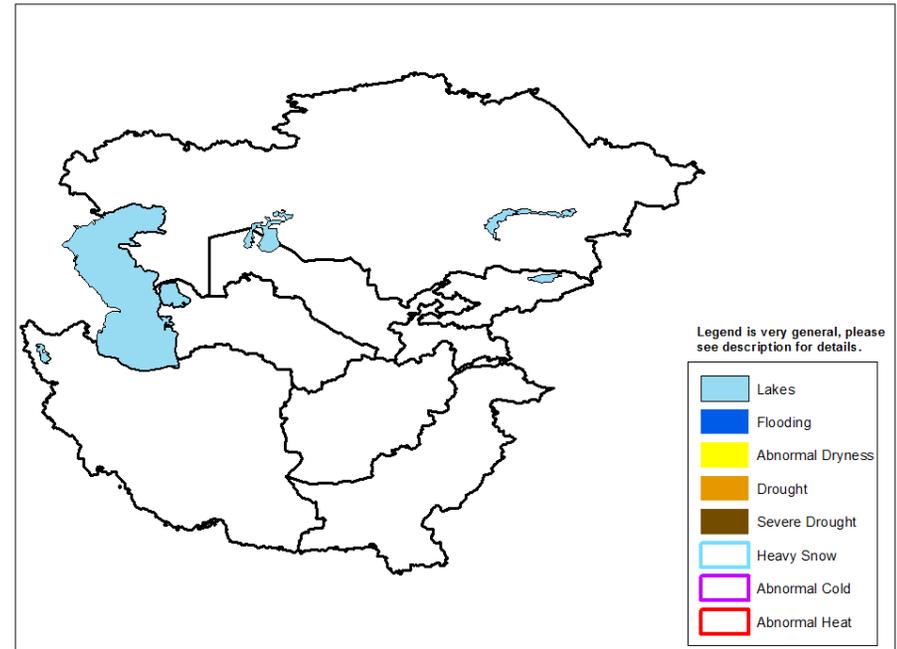
## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook January 2 - 8, 2014

### **Temperatures:**

Temperatures averaged 1 to 6 degrees C below-normal across much of Central Asia from December 22-28, with the largest negative temperature anomalies across Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Minimum temperatures were below -20 degrees C in the coldest locations of these two countries. During the next week, below-normal temperatures are expected to persist across most of the region. Freezing temperatures are forecast for the third consecutive week across the lowlands of western and southern Afghanistan. Minimum temperatures lower than -20 degrees C are forecast for the highest elevations of northeast Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan.

### **Precipitation**

Rain and snow fell throughout the region from December 22-28 with the heaviest amounts (greater than 15 mm, liquid equivalent) across south-central Kazakhstan. According to the CPC-unified dataset, 90-day precipitation deficits are at or above 50 mm across parts of Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. During the next week, dry weather is likely for 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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