

## The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan November 10 - 16, 2010

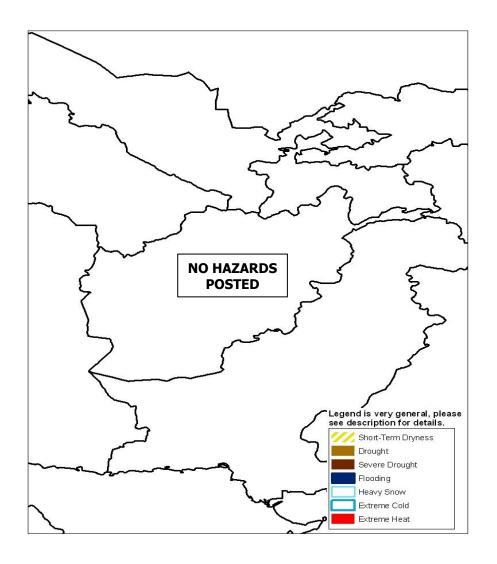


## **Temperatures:**

During the first three weeks of October, temperatures averaged above normal across much of Afghanistan. Since late October, temperatures have cooled to near average in the lowlands and below-average temperatures have affected the northeast mountains. During the next week, near normal temperatures are expected to continue in the lowlands with below-average temperatures limited to the northeast mountains. Minimum temperatures will likely fall to around -5 C in the central highlands, while minimum temperatures are forecast to range from -20 to -10C in the northeast mountains.

## **Precipitation**

During October, precipitation deficits increased to range from 5 to 20 mm in the northeast mountains by month's end. In early November, a mixture of light rain and snow has occurred in the northeast mountains. Dry weather is expected to prevail across Afghanistan during the next week. Precipitation amounts typically begin to increase during November with the potential for heavy snowfall and extreme cold. At this time, heavy snow is not expected in the near future as precipitation deficits continue.



Note: The Hazards assessment 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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