

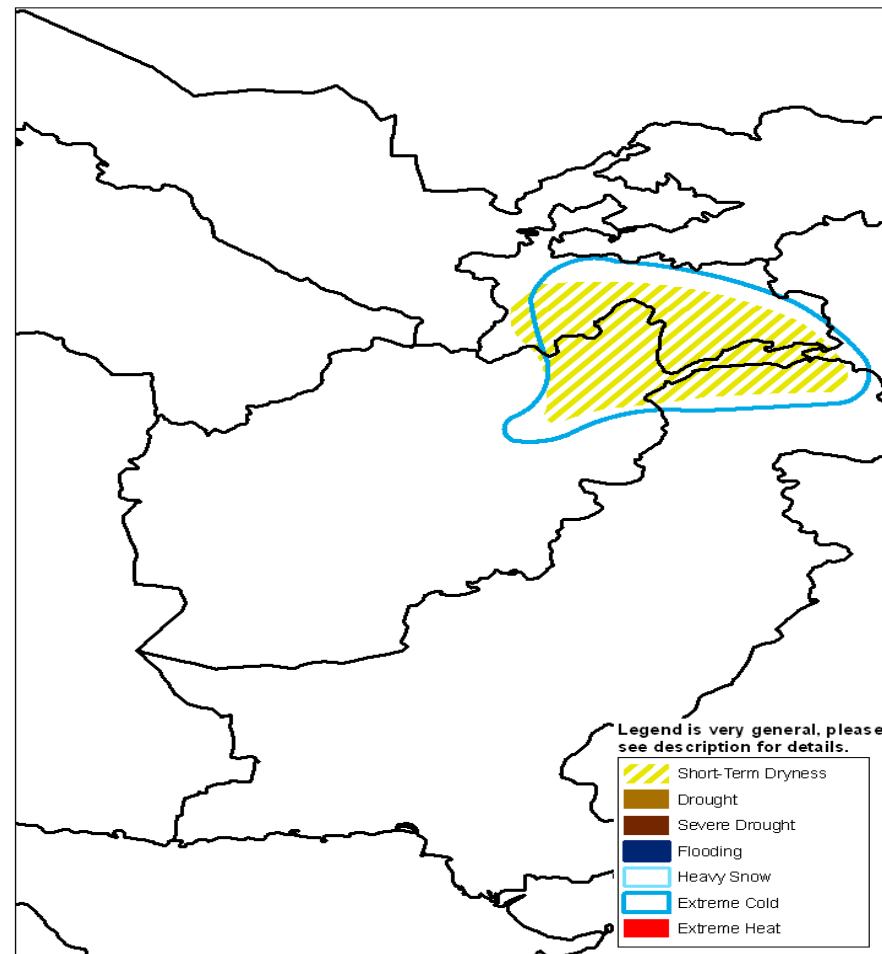
The USAID FEWS NET Weather Hazards Impacts Assessment for Afghanistan December 1 - 7, 2010

Temperatures:

From November 11 - 20, temperatures have averaged below normal in the northeast mountains and near normal across the remainder of the country. During the next week, temperatures are expected to average below normal across much of Afghanistan with the largest negative anomalies in the northeast mountains. Minimum temperatures are forecast to range from -15 to -5 C in the central highlands and -30 to -20C in the northeast mountains. Freezing temperatures can be expected in the lowlands of southern Afghanistan. An extreme cold hazard is posted for the northeast mountains due to the large negative temperature anomalies forecast.

Precipitation

From October 1 – November 20, precipitation deficits are around 25 mm in the northeast mountains. Dry weather is expected to prevail across Afghanistan during the next two weeks. 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 with precipitation deficits likely increasing. Due to the lack of precipitation through late November and the expected dryness during the next 2 weeks, a short-term dryness polygon continues to be needed.



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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