

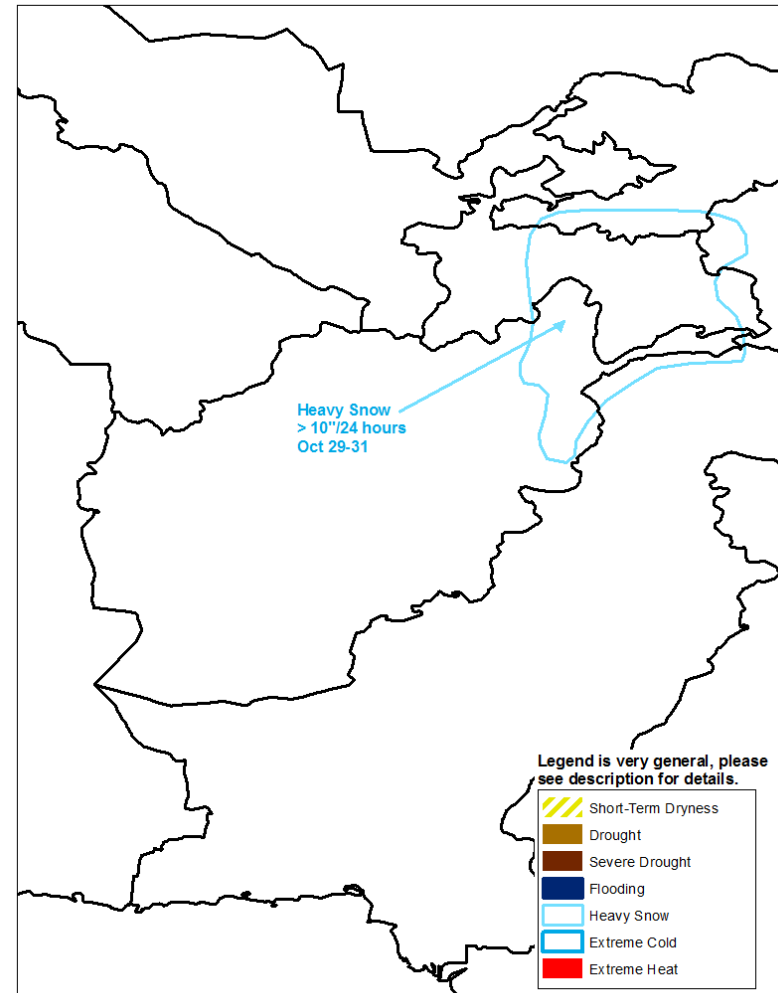
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET October 26 - November 1, 2011

Temperatures:

Since the beginning of October, temperatures have remained above average across a large portion of the country. For the fifth consecutive dekad, positive temperatures anomalies (in excess of 4 degrees C or more) were observed across the central highlands, and in the lower elevations in the south. Temperatures are again expected to remain marginally above normal during the upcoming week for these areas. However, below-average temperatures are expected in the northeast. Below freezing conditions are conducive for increased snowfall in the highest elevations for the upcoming week.

Precipitation

In the last seven days, precipitation was relatively light compared to that observed in the middle of October. Precipitation amounts between 5-10mm were observed mostly in the northeast highlands, with locally higher amounts (>10mm) towards the east along the border with Pakistan. In the northeast and central highlands where temperatures continued to remain below freezing, increased amounts of snowfall were observed the last seven days. For the upcoming week, forecasts suggest the continuation of increased rainfall and snow. Precipitation amounts between 5-20mm are expected throughout the north, with locally heavy snowfall likely to exceed two feet (50cm) in the north.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather 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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