

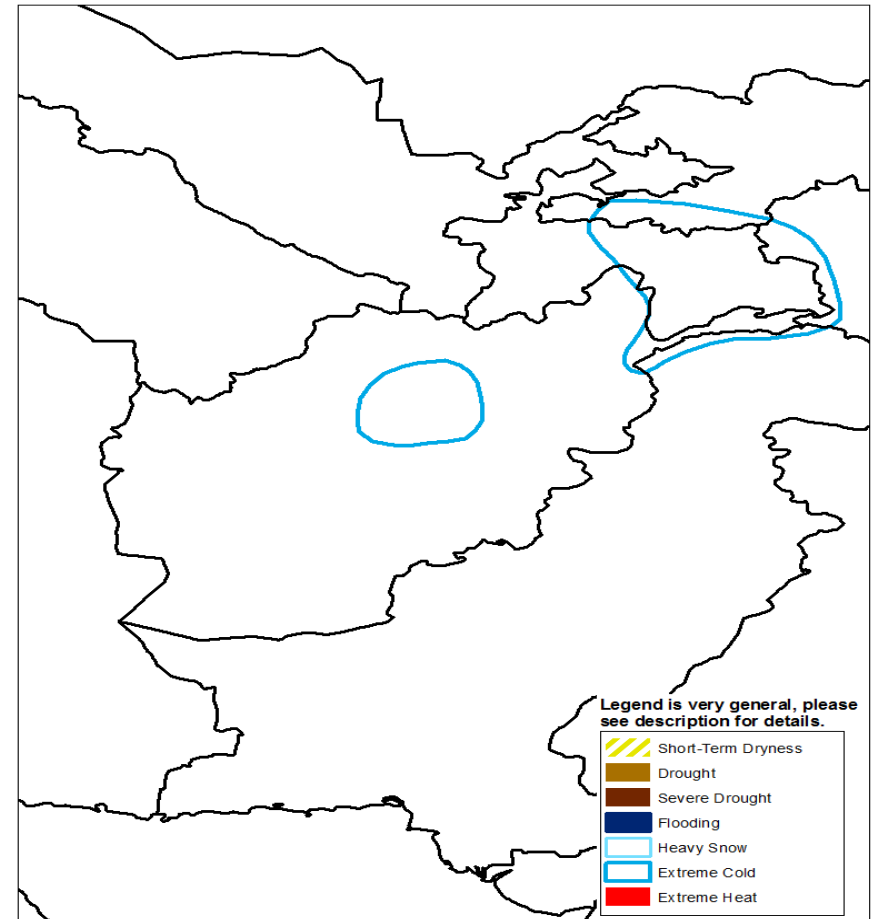
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET December 14 – December 20, 2011

Temperatures:

During mid to late November, temperatures generally averaged near to below normal across the northern third of Afghanistan with above normal temperatures affecting the central and southern areas. Temperatures during the first dekad of December, though, were near to below normal across all of Afghanistan. Below normal temperatures are forecast across most of Afghanistan for a second consecutive week. The largest negative anomalies (8 to 10 degrees C below normal) are expected in the central highlands and northern Afghanistan. Minimum temperatures may fall to between -35 to -40 degrees C in the northeast mountains and -20 to -25 degrees C in the central highlands where extreme cold hazards are posted.

Precipitation

Snow coverage and depths were maintained across the higher elevations during the last seven days. During the past week, localized areas across southern Afghanistan and along the northern border received scattered light showers (5-25mm, liquid equivalent). A second consecutive week of dry weather is expected across Afghanistan during the upcoming seven days with only areas in the northeast mountains forecast to observe light precipitation.



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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