

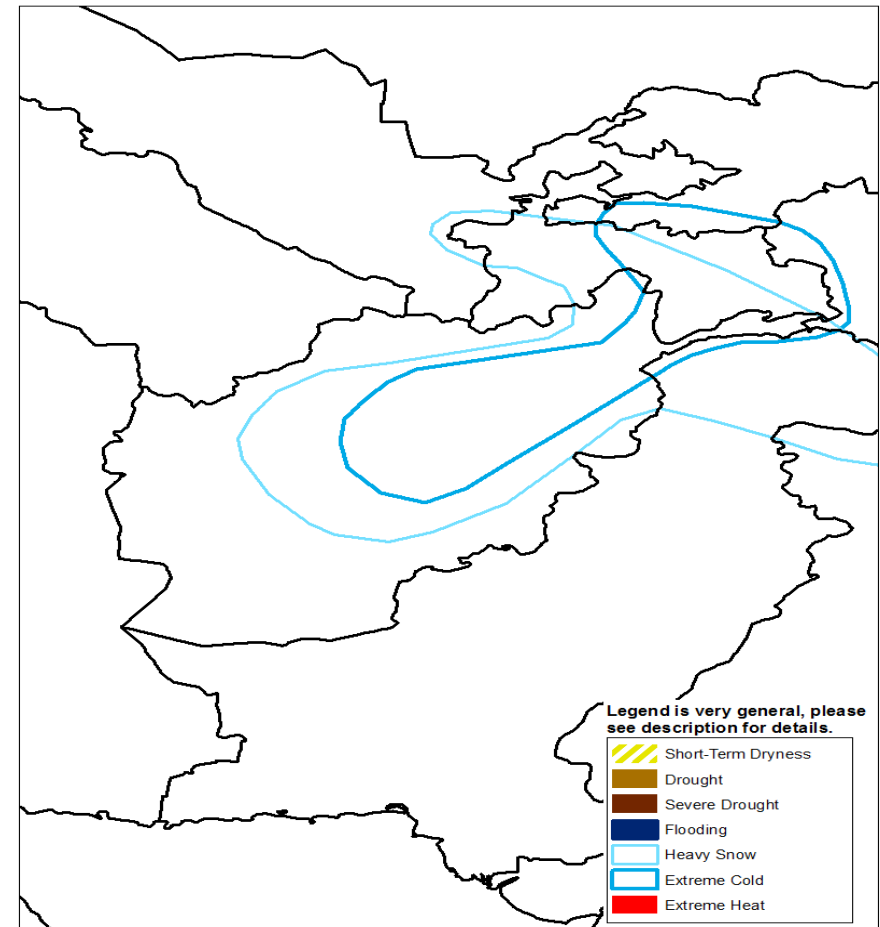
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET February 1 - 7, 2012

Temperatures:

During early to mid-January, below normal temperatures persisted across the central highlands and northeast mountains with near average temperatures across the remainder of Afghanistan. Much below normal temperatures are forecast to continue across the central highlands and northeast mountains during the next week. Across these areas of Afghanistan, negative temperatures anomalies greater than 8 degrees F can be expected. The coldest temperatures are expected to follow a snowstorm later this week. During the weekend, minimum temperatures are expected to range from -30 to -25 degrees C in the central highlands with widespread freezing temperatures across southern Afghanistan.

Precipitation

A major snowstorm is forecast to affect Afghanistan on February 2 and 3. Heavy snow (local amounts up to 50cm) can be expected across the central highlands and northeast mountains, while rain is expected to change to snow across the lower elevations of central Afghanistan. The heavy snow should be closely monitored as it will likely have major impacts on travel.



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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