

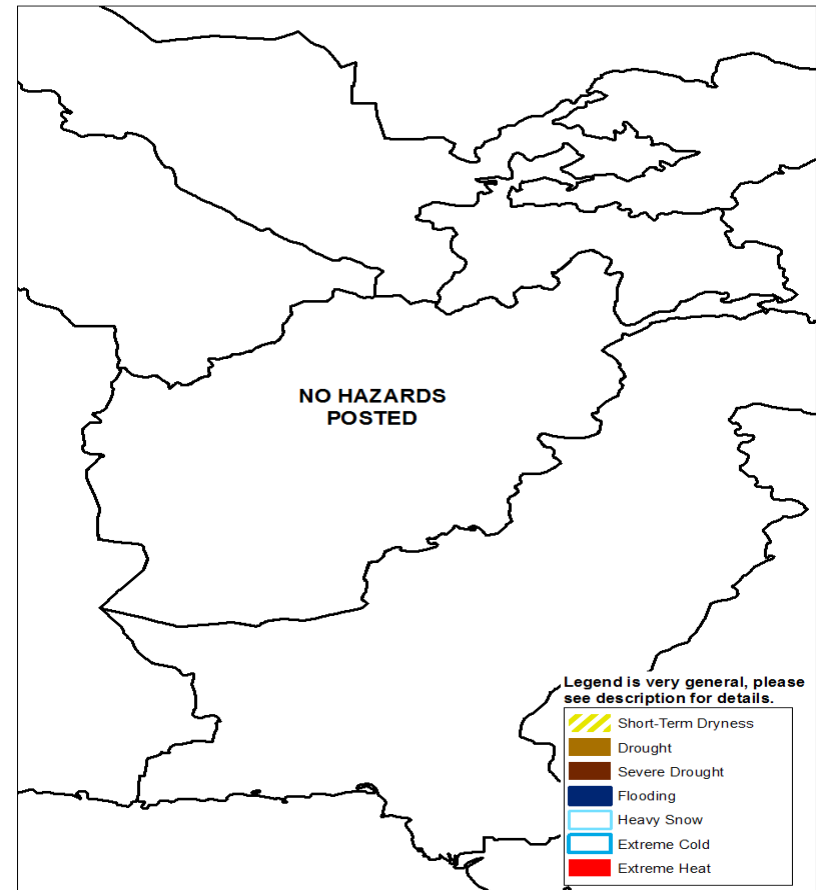
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET March 28 – April 3, 2012

Temperatures:

Below average temperatures persisted across the central highlands and northeast mountains from March 1-20, while temperatures averaged near normal across the remainder of Afghanistan. During the next week, temperatures are forecast to remain slightly below normal in the central highlands and northeast mountains. Meanwhile, across the lower elevations, above normal temperatures can be expected.

Precipitation

During the past week, light to moderate rain/high elevation snow fell across northern and central Afghanistan where local amounts exceeded 25 mm (liquid equivalent). Snow coverage decreased significantly during the past week due to warming temperatures. The potential for flooding associated with snow melt is relatively high this spring with a deep snowpack in the mountains. Although a continued warming trend is expected, mostly dry weather should limit the flood threat during the next week.



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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