

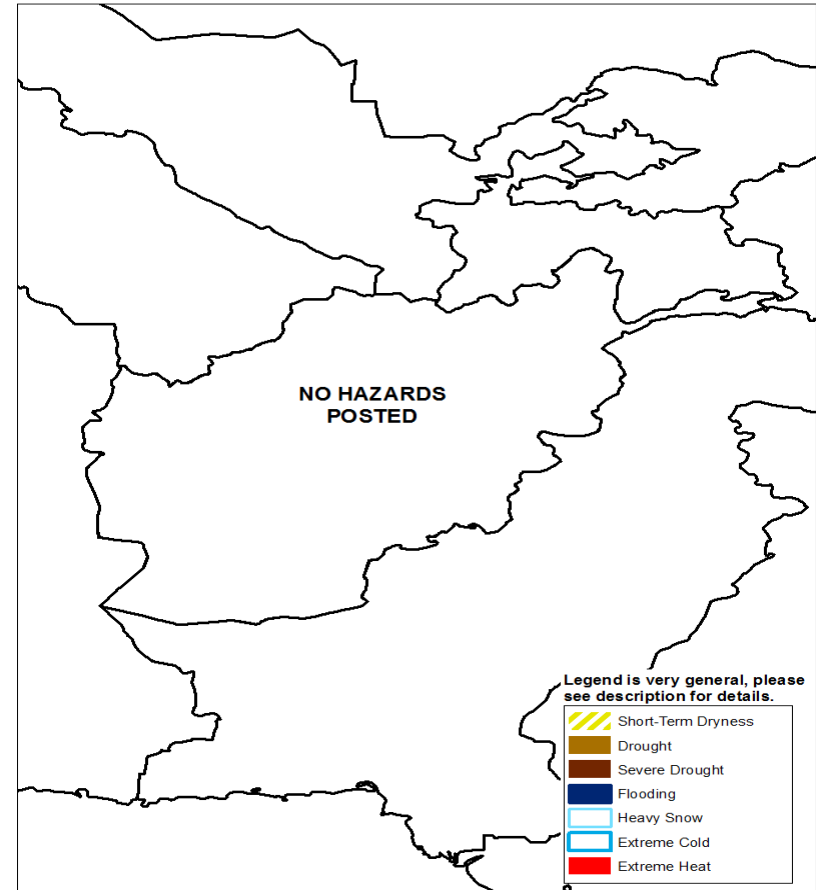
Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET April 4 – April 10, 2012

Temperatures:

Below average temperatures persisted across the central highlands and northeast mountains during much of March, while temperatures averaged near normal, to above normal by the end of the month, across the remainder of Afghanistan. During the next week, temperatures are forecast to remain slightly below normal in the northeast mountains. Meanwhile, above normal temperatures can be expected across the central highlands and the lower elevations. The largest above normal anomalies (4-8 °C) are forecast along the northern border of Afghanistan.

Precipitation

During the past week, light to moderate rain/high elevation snow fell across much of Afghanistan where local amounts exceeded 25 mm (liquid equivalent). Snow coverage across the higher elevations has been steady during the past week after it decreased significantly two weeks prior 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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