Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook
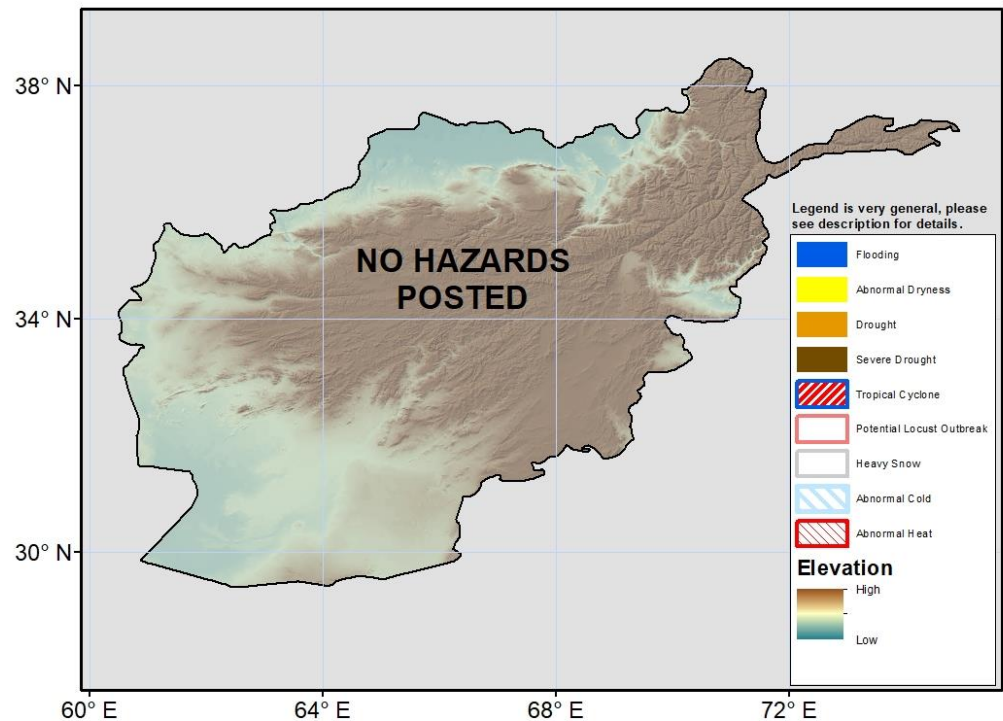## 5 October – 11 October 2023

Temperature:

Mean maximum temperatures were slightly-above average (2-4°C anomalies) for central and eastern provinces of Afghanistan and below average in the southern and northeastern regions. Maximum temperature exceeded 30°C in parts of the South and West, and the lowlands of the East, while they were 25-30°C across northern provinces during the period. Weekly average minimum temperatures were generally close to or slightly below average throughout Afghanistan. Minimum temperatures were below 0°C in the highest elevations (above ~3000 m), while minimum temperatures averaged 15-20°C in the Southwest.

During the outlook period, mean maximum temperatures are forecasted to be above average by 1-4°C across the country. Maximum temperature will exceed 30°C in parts of Farah, Nimroz, Hilmand, and Kandahar provinces during the period, with many lower elevations (below ~1000 m) between 25°C and 30°C. Mean minimum temperatures are forecasted to be 2-6°C above average throughout most of the country with smaller anomalies in the northeast. Subfreezing temperatures are still likely in the Northeast and the higher terrain of the Central Highlands.

Precipitation:

During the last 7 days, some light rains were observed in eastern Afghanistan. Total rainfall stayed less than 25 mm according to satellite estimates. Rainfall analysis for the past 2 months shows generally slightly below-average rainfall over eastern and northeastern zones. Vegetation health indices show somewhat degraded ground conditions for much of the country. However, positive conditions are present in parts of the East and South.

For the outlook period, moderate precipitation is expected in northeastern Afghanistan. Total liquid equivalent precipitation should range between 5 and 25 mm. Snowfall (10 to 20 cm) is likely in the Northeast's higher terrains above ~3,000 m. A few light showers are possible in the North.

NO HAZARDS POSTED

Legend is very general, please see description for details.

- Flooding
- Abnormal Dryness
- Drought
- Severe Drought
- Tropical Cyclone
- Potential Locust Outbreak
- Heavy Snow
- Abnormal Cold
- Abnormal Heat

Elevation
High
Low