

## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook 23 January – 29 January, 2025

### Temperature:

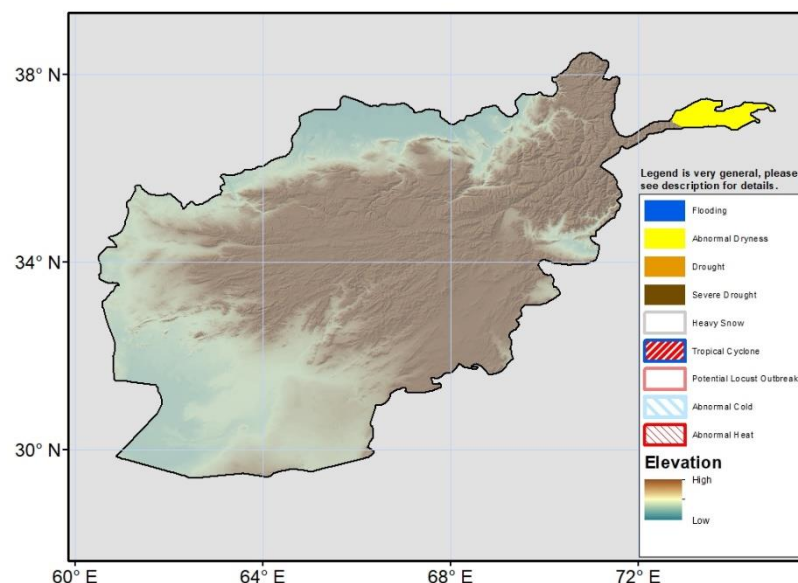
During the past 7 days, mean maximum temperatures were below average over a few northern and northeastern parts of the country. Negative anomalies were 1 - 4°C. Maximum temperatures in western, eastern, and southern Afghanistan were near to or slightly warmer than average. 7-day mean minimum temperatures were below average by 1 - 4°C in northeastern Afghanistan and nearer to or above average elsewhere. Minimum temperatures were as low as -15°C in the Central Highlands and -25°C in the Northeast.

The forecast is for above average 7-day mean maximum temperatures across central eastern and northeastern regions of the country during the outlook period. Positive anomalies will be around 2 - 4°C. Conversely parts of the Southern region will be a degree or two cooler than average. 7-day mean minimum temperature is also forecasted to be warmer than average across central, and eastern portions of Afghanistan, with anomalies of 1 - 4°C. Mean minimum temperature is forecasted to be as cold as -20°C in the Central Highlands and -25°C in the Northeast. The temperature pattern will be cooler during the first couple days of the period before warming during middle to late period.

### Precipitation:

During the past 7 days, most of Afghanistan received rainfall, with the most received in the West and South regions. Liquid equivalent totals were as much as 10-25mm. Some of this fell as snow with higher elevation. Over the past 30 days, precipitation patterns are mixed with positive anomalies in northwestern and northeastern parts of the country and small negative anomalies in northern and eastern parts. Checking on snow depth reveals that snow pack has generally increased during the past week. Broad parts of the Central Highlands and the northeastern mountains exhibit negative snow depth anomaly, but with scattered patches of positive anomalies in central and eastern regions. Based upon this, a small area of abnormal dryness is present in the Northeast.

Mainly dry conditions are expected across the country during the outlook period. A few light snow showers are possible in the Northeast. Only a few centimeters of snowfall is anticipated.



Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium-range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), sub-seasonal forecasts up to 4 weeks, and assesses the potential impact of extreme events on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed and predicted to continue during the outlook period. The boundaries of these polygons are only approximate at the spatial scale of the map. This product considers long-range seasonal climate forecasts but does not reflect current or projected food security conditions. FEWS NET is a USAID-funded activity whose purpose is to provide objective information about food security conditions. Its views are not necessarily reflective of those of USAID or the U.S. Government. The FEWS NET weather hazards outlook process and products include participation by FEWS NET field and home offices, NOAA-CPC, USGS, USDA, NASA, and several other national and regional organizations in the countries concerned.

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