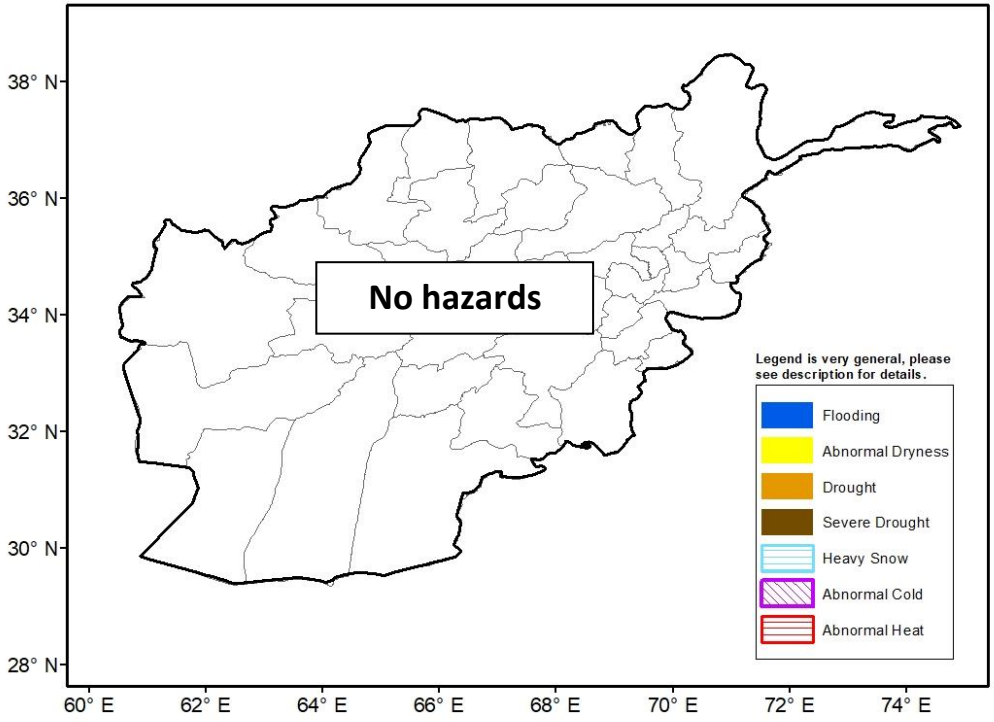
# Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook
# December 17 – December 23, 2020

**Temperatures:**

During the past week, below-normal temperatures were entrenched across Afghanistan. Subfreezing temperatures occurred widely at the lower elevations for a second consecutive week. Minimum temperatures were more than 8°C below normal in some places with temperatures below 15°C in the central highlands. During the outlook period, temperatures are forecast to moderate across the country. Despite this moderating trend, minimum temperatures may continue to fall at or below freezing for parts of the lower elevations of Afghanistan. Warmer than average tempertures could occur in the south

**Precipitation:**

After widespread light to moderate precipitation occurred across Afghanistan early last week, the pattern dried out considerably. Observed liquid equivalent precipitation totals generally were less than 25mm. Despite some overall precipitation deficits for the past 30-day period, positive snow depth anomalies currently exist across the central highlands of Afghanistan based on USGS snowfall analysis. Snow depth anomalies are more variable throughout the northeast mountains of Afghanistan. During the outlook period, dry conditions will persist with only a little light rain or snow expected across northern parts of the country. The GFS model forecasts less than 10mm liquid equivalent precipitation.




**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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