# Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook
17 February – 23 February, 2022

Temperatures

During the last week, 7-day mean maximum temperatures were warmer than average across the country by 2-6°C. 7-day mean minimum temperatures were much closer to average. Mean minimum temperatures were -5°C to -15°C across the central highlands and northeastern mountains. For the outlook period, mean temperatures are forecast to be below average by 1-2°C across the higher elavations and far-western parts of the country. Below average miniumum temperatures are also forecasted for the higher elevations and southwest, but warmer than average conditions are possible in some lower elevation regions. Near or cooler than average temperatures are forecasted for the higher elevation regions. An Abnormal Cold hazard is posted for the Northeast.

Precipitation

During the last 7 days, some light precipitation occurred in northwestern Afghanistan. Weekly totals stayed mainly less than 10mm and precipitation was suppressed in other parts of the country. Snow depth observations from USGS show that snowpack is falling behind normal once again across the country. Analyzing the recent 30-day precipitation anomalies shows above average moisture for central and northwestern provinces and below normal in the East. Abnormal dryness is maintained in the East where negative snow water equivalent anomalies are present and seasonal precipitation deficits persist. For the outlook period, models predict light precipitation across the center of the country. 2-25mm liquid equivalent precipitation is forecasted.
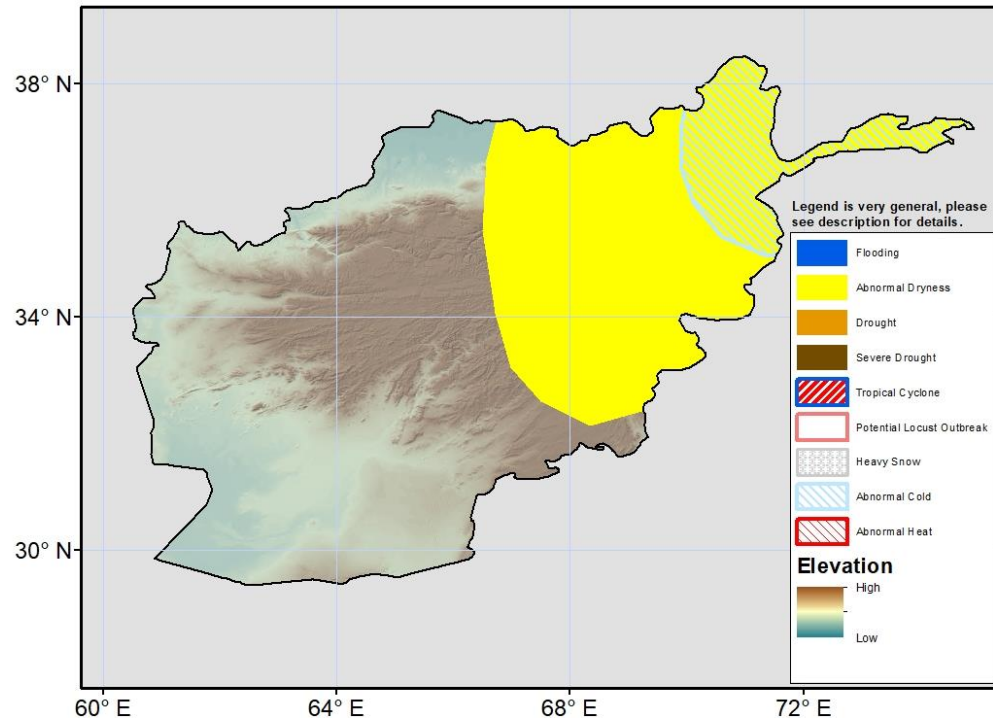
Note: The Hazards outlook map is based on current weather/climate information, short and medium range weather forecasts (up to 1 week), and assesses their potential impact on crop and pasture conditions. Shaded polygons are added in areas where anomalous conditions have been observed. The boundaries 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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