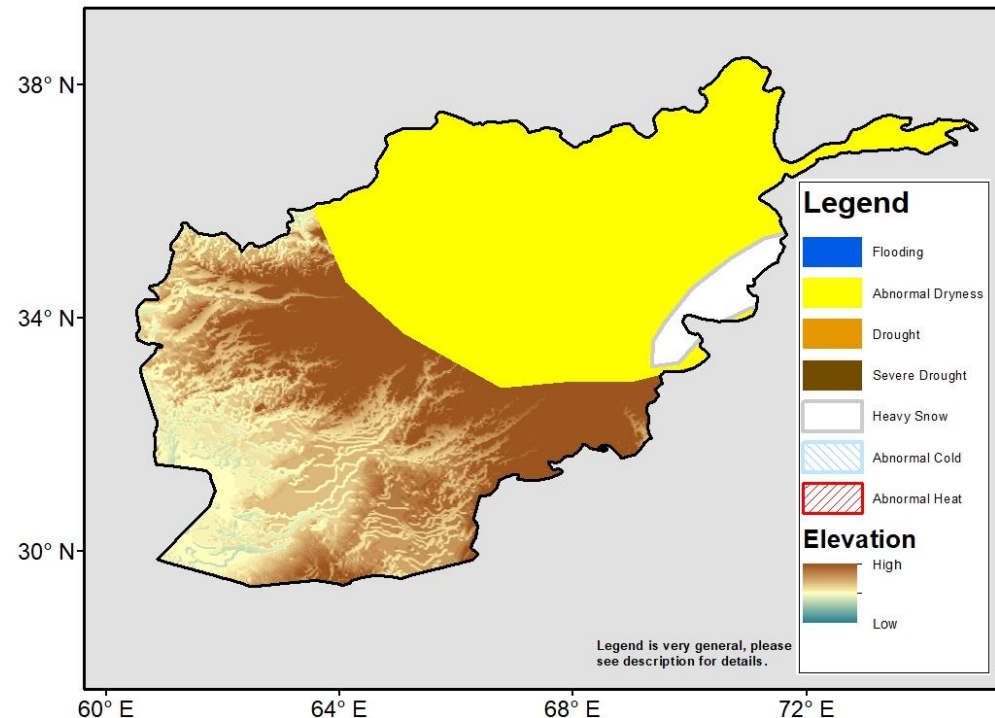# Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook
6 January – 12 January, 2021

Temperatures

During the last week, slightly warmer than average temperatures were prevalent. 7-day mean maximum temperatures were above average by 2-6°C across central portions of the country. Mean minimum temperatures remained generally close to averages. Weekly mean minimum temperatures were between -5 and -15 degrees C across the central highlands. For the outlook period, somewhat warmer-than-normal conditions are forecasted to persist. Mean temperature anomaly is expected to be between +1°C and +4°C in both the West and the North.

Precipitation

During the last 7 days, increased precipitation was observed across Afghanistan, especially in the South. Liquid equivalent totals were 10-50mm. Snow depth observations suggest recent snowfall in southern mountain basins. Analyzing the past 30-day period's precipitation performance still reveals lagging moisture, with a large portion of the country registering deficits of 10-25mm liquid equivalent. Snow water equivalent observations from USGS also show negative anomalies in central and northeastern basins - some being historically low. As such, abnormal dryness is posted across central and northeastern portions of the country. For the outlook period, another disturbance will take a southern track across the country. 25mm or more liquid equivalent is expected in southern and eastern areas. Heavy snowfall in excess of 25mm is forecasted in the eastern mountains. Therefore, a heavy snow polygon is posted.

Legend

- Flooding
- Abnormal Dryness
- Drought
- Severe Drought
- Heavy Snow
- Abnormal Cold
- Abnormal Heat

Elevation
- High
- Low

Legend is very general, please see description for details.

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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