Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook
January 16 – January 22, 2020

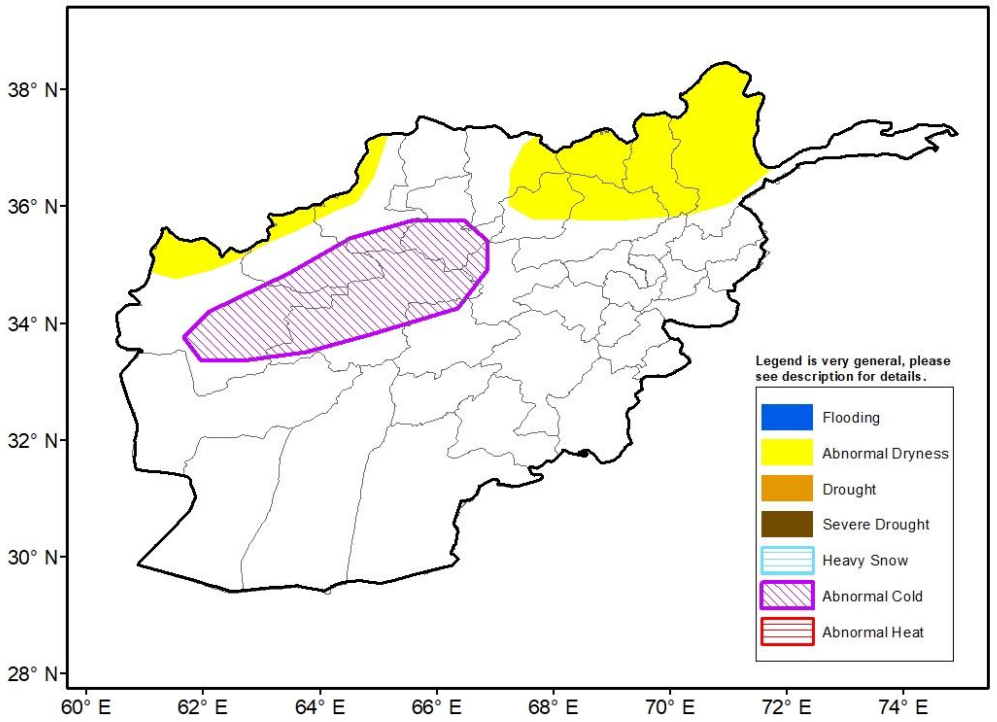
Temperatures:

During the last week, mean temperatures in Afghanistan were generally within a couple degrees of average. However, in many low elevation areas the week's minimum temperaures dipped to below 0°C. Temperatures were seasonably cold in the higher elevations of the country, dipping below -15°C. During the next week, below-normal temperatures are forecast over central and northeastern Afghanistan. Minimum temperature could fall below -20°C in central and northeast Afghanistan. An abnormal cold hazard is posted over north-central Afghanistan, where mean temperatures may fall 6 degrees below-normal.

Precipitation:

Widespread moderate to heavy precipitation was observed across the country. Liquid equivalent amounts exceeded 25mm in many cases. This past week's wetness caused flooding or avalanches and fatalities in areas of the Kandahar and Helmand Provinces in southern Afghanistan according to reports. However, both short-term and long-term rainfall deficits since November 1 are present in the north. An abnormal dryness hazard is posted where precipitation and snow water equivalent deficits have persisted.

During the next week, the passage of a couple week disturbances will bring scattered light or moderate rain and snow showers over the country. Quieter conditions, especially earlier in the period, will help the region recover from the past week's impactful conditions.



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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