





Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook 1 – 7 June, 2023

Temperature:

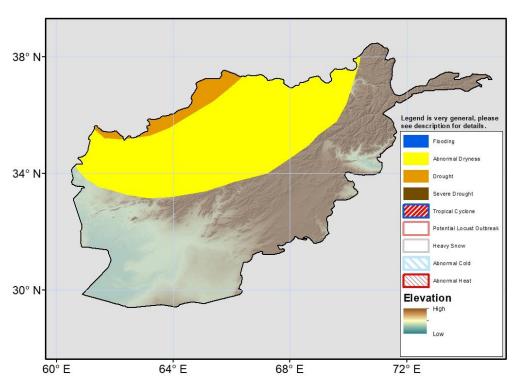
Mean maximum temperatures were generally close to average across Afghanistan during the past week. Maximum temperature was 2-6°C cooler than average in Badakhshan province. In Nimroz province, maximum temperature exceeded 40°C during the period. Temperatures were above 30°C at lower elevations (below ~1500m). Weekly minimum temperatures were 2-4°C above average, and locally 4-6°C in the South, East, and Northeast. Minimum temperatures were 0-5°C and low elevations (below ~1500m) remained above 15°C.

During the next week, mean maximum temperatures are forecasted to be cooler than average across eastern, southeastern and some southern provinces with anomalies of 1-4°C. Provinces along the northern border are likely to experience maximum temperatures that are 1-4°C above average. Mean minimum temperatures are likewise forecasted to be cooler than average by 1-4°C in the eastern and southeastern zones. Minimum temperatures should be warmer than average along the Iranian border and near-average across central Afghanistan. Farah, Nimroz, and Hilmand provinces will likely experience maximum temperature above 40°C during the period.

Precipitation:

During the last 7 days, central, eastern, and northeastern areas of Afghanistan received scattered precipitation. Rainfall totals of 5mm to locally more than 50mm were observed according to satellite estimates. Flooding was reported in several provinces as a result. 30-day rainfall analysis shows small negative anomalies of 10-25mm over Central, Northern and Western zones. Deficits (25-100mm) have also accrued according to 90-day analysis in northern and western zones – more than 50% decrease compared to normal. As such, a drought hazard is placed along the Turkmenistan border within the region of abnormal dryness. Vegetation health indices show considerably degraded ground conditions along the northern and western border because of the poor rains.

For the outlook period, light to moderate precipitation is forecast for eastern and northeastern zones. At least 10mm of precipitation is widely expected with pockets receiving more than 25mm. Flash flooding is possible in areas that are already wet.



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.