Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook
May 7 – May 13, 2020

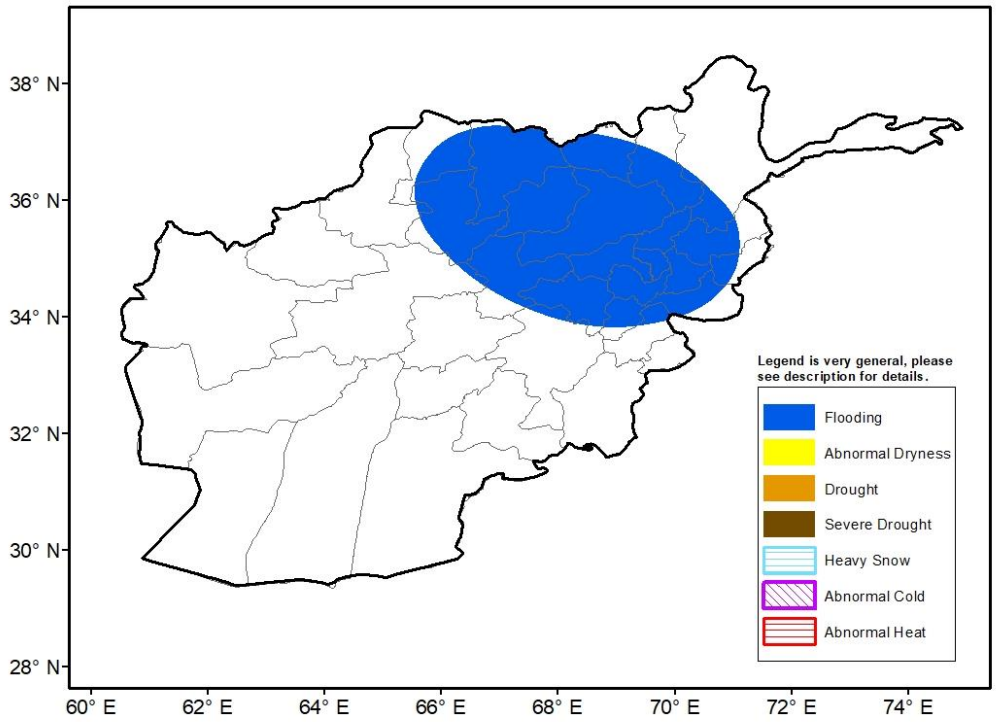
Temperatures:

Observed temperatures varied a bit across Afghanistan but stayed relatively close to average. Some small negative mean temperature anomalies were observed in the south and small positive anomalies in the northwest. Maximum temperatures held below 30°C in the lower elevations of the north but exceeded 35°C in the southwest. A pattern of above-average temperatures is expected to persist over the region through the outlook period. Positive anomalies are likely to be around 2-4°C. Maximum temperatures higher than 35°C will be prevalent throughout lower elevations.

Precipitation:

Heavy rains once again impacted Afghanistan during early May. Many areas in the north recorded more than 50mm of rain and locally more than 100mm. This heavy rainfall on top of already saturated ground brought additional flooding to the region. Fatalities as well as damages to homes, crops, and infrastructure were reported in Baghlan and Samangan provinces. This extends a very wet period during which RFE satellite estimates indicate more than 100mm, and locally more than 150mm, of precipitation (twice normal amounts) fell across the country since the start of April.

The GEFS model indicates a continuation of occasional rainfall, especially late in the period, with 7-day amounts of locally more than 25mm across the north Therefore, a flooding hazard is maintained for saturated parts of Afghanistan for another week.



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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