

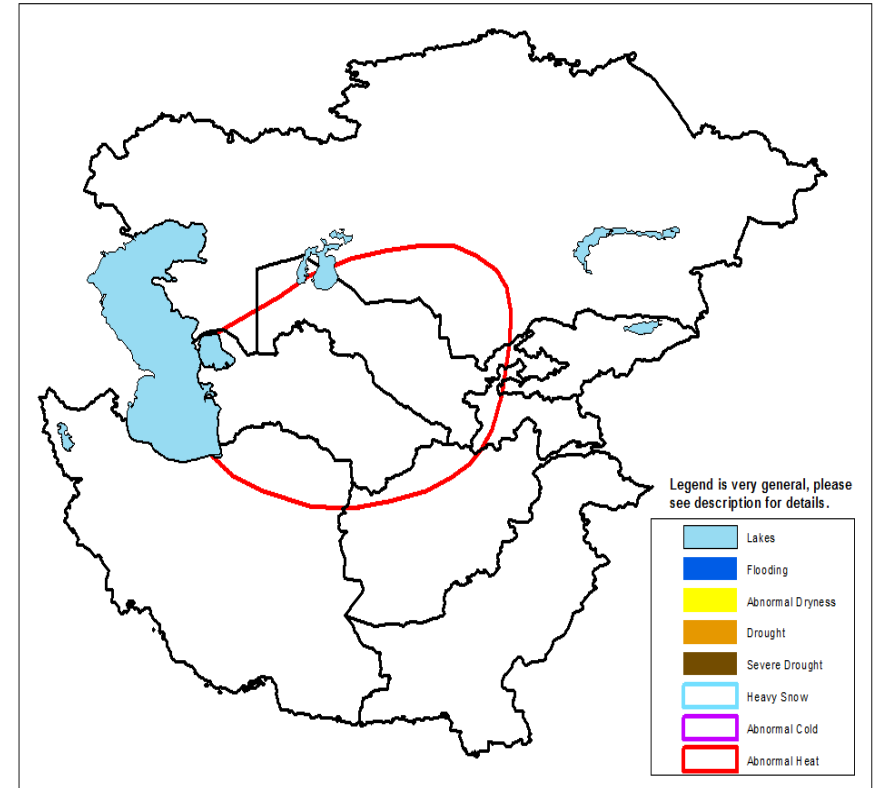
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET April 10 - 16, 2013

Temperatures:

From March 21-30, 2013, temperatures were above normal across Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and the lowlands of Afghanistan, with positive anomalies ranging between 1 to 4 degrees Celsius. Meanwhile, normal to slightly below normal temperatures (1 to 2 degrees Celsius) were observed across the central highlands and northeast mountains of Afghanistan. During the next week, temperatures are forecast to average 1 to 6 degrees C above normal across Afghanistan with temperatures averaging as 6 to 10 degrees C above normal across Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and southern Kazakhstan. Due to the large positive temperature anomalies and maximum temperatures likely exceeding 30 degrees C during mid-April, an abnormal heat hazard is posted for parts of central Asia.

Precipitation

During late March, the heaviest precipitation (local amounts >100mm) occurred along the border of eastern Afghanistan and northern Pakistan. Heavy rainfall coupled with snow melt may have triggered flooding. During the first week of April, light to moderate precipitation (5-44mm) was recorded across much of Central Asia. The precipitation during the past month has nearly eliminated precipitation deficits across Central Asia. During the next week, rain and high-elevation snow (with locally heavy amounts exceeding 50 mm) are forecast across Afghanistan and Tajikistan.



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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