

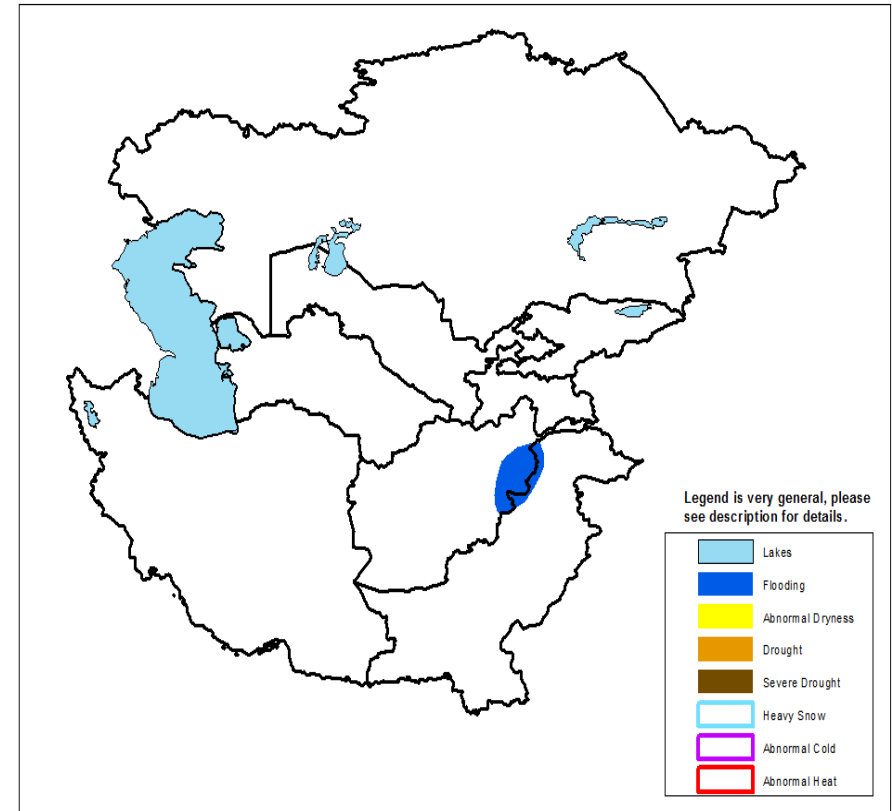
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET May 1 - 7, 2013

Temperatures:

During the past week, temperatures averaged near to slightly below normal across most of Central Asia. Seasonal temperatures can be expected across most of the region during the first week of May. Minimum temperatures are forecast to remain above freezing except for the higher elevations of Afghanistan and Tajikistan. Maximum temperatures are forecast to warm above 30 degrees C across southern Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan during the beginning of May.

Precipitation

Widespread, heavy rain (locally more than 50 mm) and high-elevation snow affected Afghanistan and Tajikistan during the past week. The heavy rainfall triggered deadly flash flooding in the Balkh province of northern Afghanistan. Lighter precipitation amounts occurred across the remainder of Central Asia. Drier weather is expected to prevail during the first week of May for much of the region. However, locally heavy rain (more than 25 mm) could trigger additional flash flooding across northeast Afghanistan.



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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