

Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET May 21 - 27, 2020

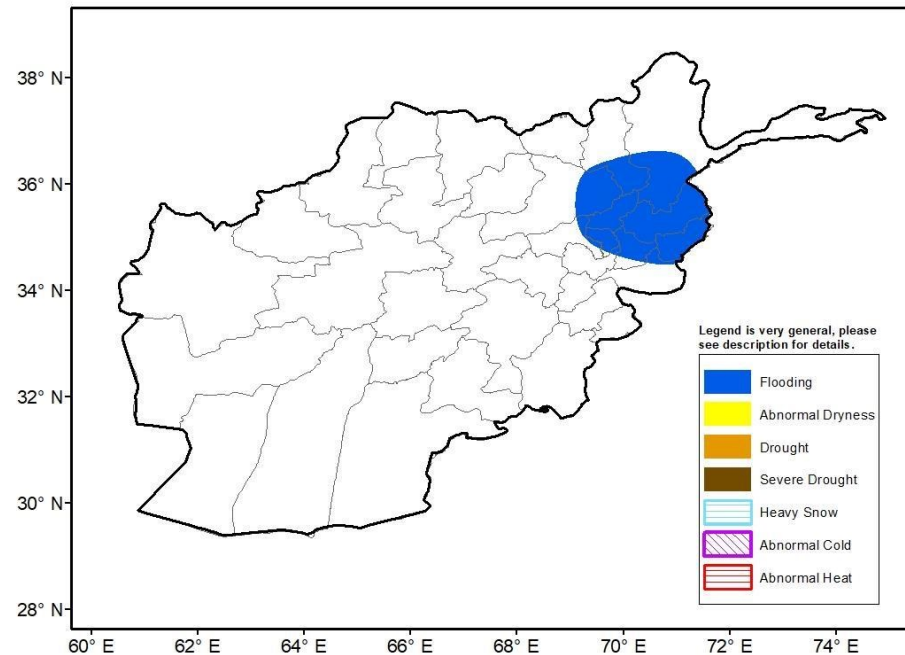
Temperatures:

Observed mean temperatures were a little colder than normal in Afghanistan. Negative maximum temperature anomalies of 2-6°C were widespread. Minimum temperatures were near normal. Maximum temperatures over 30°C were relegated to the southern provinces this week. During the outlook period, some cooler than normal temperatures (2-6°C anomalies) are possible in the central highlands. Minimum temperature is widely expected to be above average.

Precipitation:

Moderate to heavy rains once again impacted Afghanistan during the third week of May. Many local areas in the north and east recorded more than 50mm of rain and locally more than 100mm. This heavy rainfall on top of already saturated ground keeps flooding risks elevated in the country's northern region. This extends a very wet period during which RFE satellite estimates indicate that more than 100mm, and locally more than 200mm, of precipitation (twice normal amounts) fell across the country since the start of April.

Some light and moderate rain will continue in the northeast throughout the week. The GEFS model indicates that total rainfall may exceed 25mm but will be less widespread than last week. A flooding hazard is maintained for northeast Afghanistan for another week.



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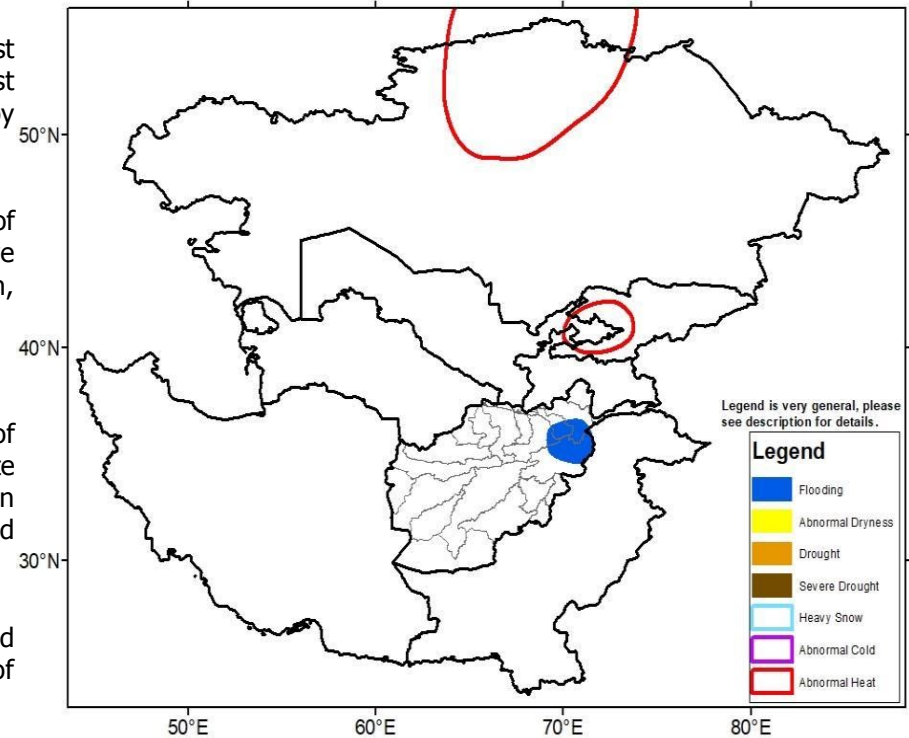
The northeastern part of Kazakhstan has registered the highest temperature this past seven days (between 6-12°C above normal). Kazakhstan is the country where the highest temperature has been observed since the month April and should remain above average by the end of May.

During the coming outlook period, a high-pressure movement toward the northern part of Kazakhstan is expected by the coming weekend. Above temperature exceeding 10°C above normal is expecting over the major part of northern and eastern Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the northern part of Afghanistan and the northern Pakistan.

Precipitation:

This past seven days, heavy rainfall has been reported over the northeastern part of Afghanistan and some local areas in the northern part of Pakistan. Light to moderate rainfall has been recorded over Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. Between 10-50mm has been registered over the major part of Kazakhstan while the central Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan has received less than 50mm this past week.

During the coming period, showers to light rainfall is expected over the northwestern and northern part of Kazakhstan. Light to moderate rainfall is expected over the major part of Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, the northeastern part of 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 for indicate current or projected food security conditions.

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