

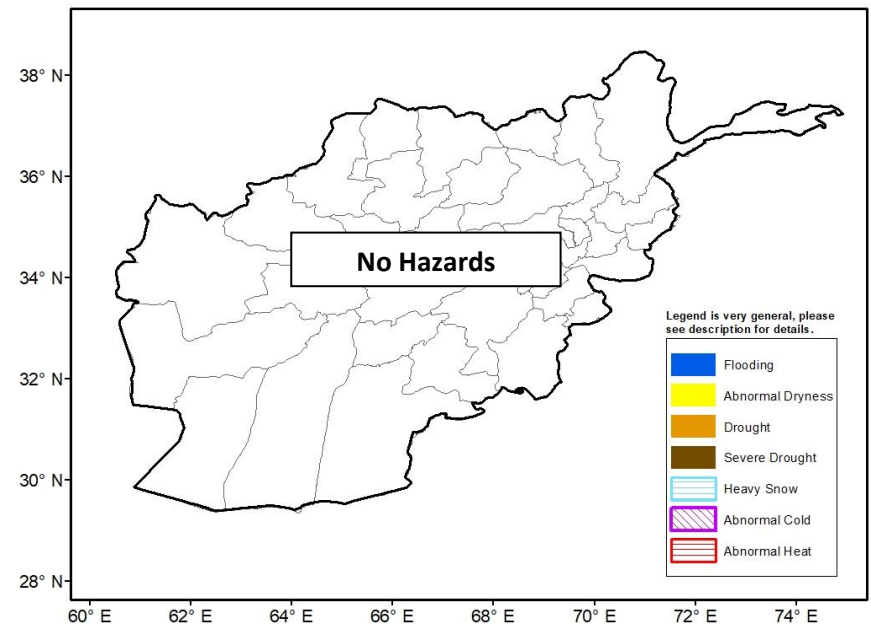
## Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET August 20 - 26, 2020

### Temperatures:

During the past week, Afghanistan experienced above-average mean temperatures country wide. Maximum anomalies as large as 6-8°C were observed in parts of the east and west. Maximum temperature climbed as high as 48°C in western Afghanistan and 40+°C temperatures were recorded in many western and southern areas. During the outlook period, warmer than average temperatures are expected in most areas outside of the central highlands. Larger departures from normal (4-8°C) are expected in minimum temperatures. Southwestern provinces may still see maximum temperatures exceed 45°C.

### Precipitation:

During the past week, Afghanistan was dry except for a few localized stray rain showers in the northeast. Such a pattern is fairly typical for mid-August. Light rains have been persistent this summer in eastern Afghanistan, but total rainfall since July 1 has been slightly less than average. During the fourth week of August, a few scattered showers or thunderstorms (5-25mm total) are likely along the Pakistani border in eastern Afghanistan. Rain chances are greatest at the beginning and end of the outlook period.



## Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook August 20 - 26, 2020

### Temperatures:

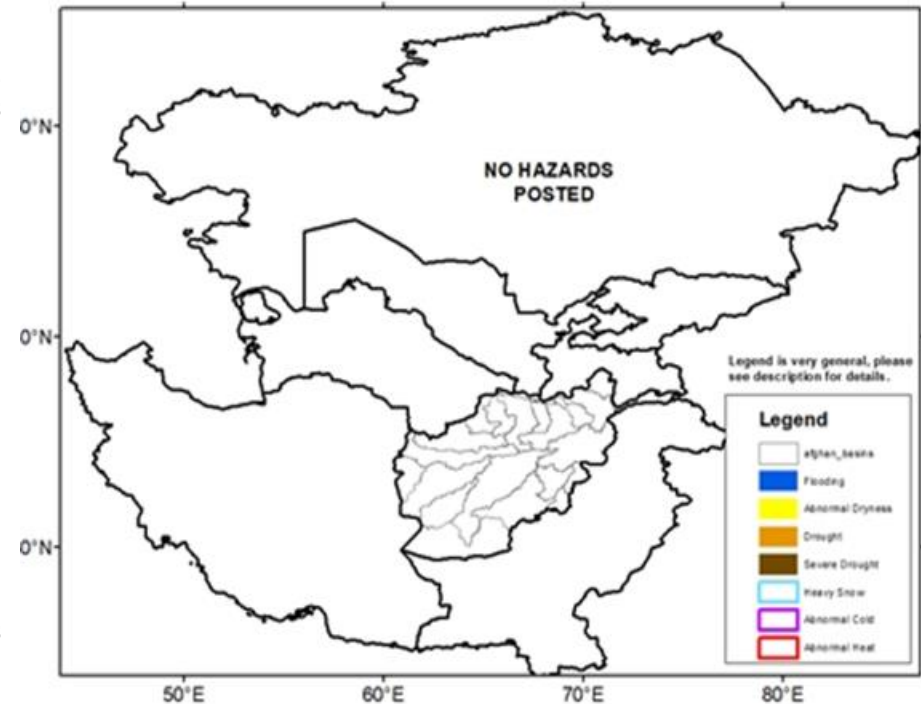
Much cooler temperatures expanded south to include western Kazakhstan and northern Uzbekistan during early to mid-August as weekly temperatures (Aug 9 to 15) averaged 1 to 5 degrees C below normal in these areas. Minimum temperatures fell below 10 degrees C across north-central Kazakhstan. Elsewhere, during this time period, temperatures averaged slightly above normal.

Below- (above-) normal temperatures are forecast to persist across Kazakhstan (Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan) during late August. Although minimum temperatures may fall to near 5 degrees C in northern Kazakhstan during the outlook period, frost is not expected at this time.

### Precipitation:

Widespread rainfall (locally more than 25 mm) was observed throughout northern Kazakhstan from August 9 to 15. Based on this recent rainfall along with easing of heat, the abnormal dryness was discontinued in this week's hazards. During early to mid-August, locally heavy rain, associated with the Indian Monsoon, was limited mostly to northern Pakistan.

During the outlook period, the GFS model depict light rainfall (less than 25 mm) across northern Kazakhstan. Locally heavy rain (more than 50 mm), associated with the Indian Monsoon is forecast to be limited to northern Pakistan.



**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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