

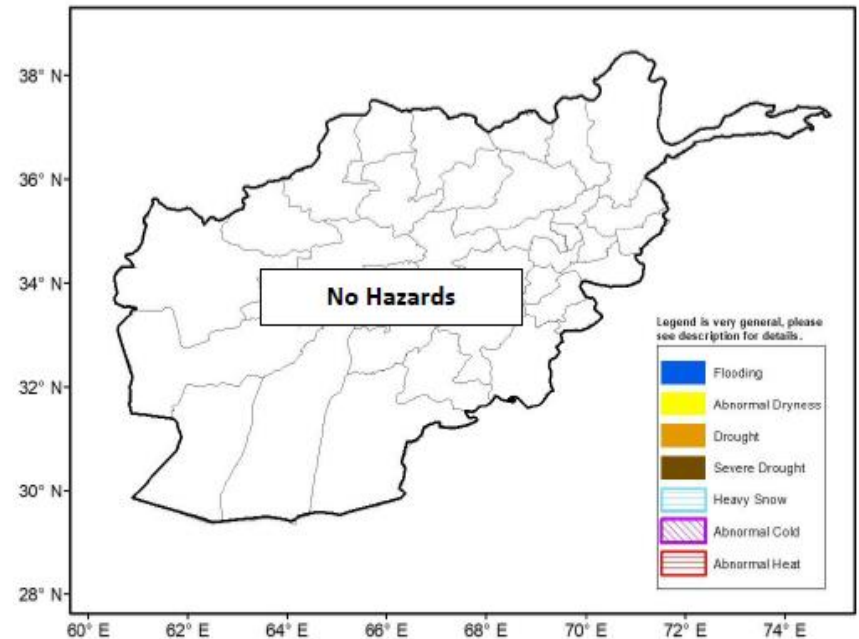
**Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook
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Temperatures:

During the past week, maximum temperatures were generally near average across Afghanistan. Minimum temperatures, however, were well-cooler than normal in the country, especially in northern and western regions where negative anomalies reached 6-12°C. Minimum temperatures dropped below freezing at relatively lower elevation in the northwest. During the outlook period, a surge of cold air is expected to move over the country. Maximum and minimum temperatures are forecast to be as much as 8°C below average, especially in the north and west. Temperatures may remain above normal in the east for most of the period. Widespread frosts and freezes are likely.

Precipitation:

During the first week of October, some scattered light and moderate rain or high elevation snow was observed in northeastern Afghanistan. Otherwise, the country stayed seasonably dry. A period of precipitation is expected during the middle of the outlook period for northeast Afghanistan. According to the GFS model, rain and snow at the highest elevations (less than 25mm, liquid equivalent) are forecast across the northeast during the second week of October.



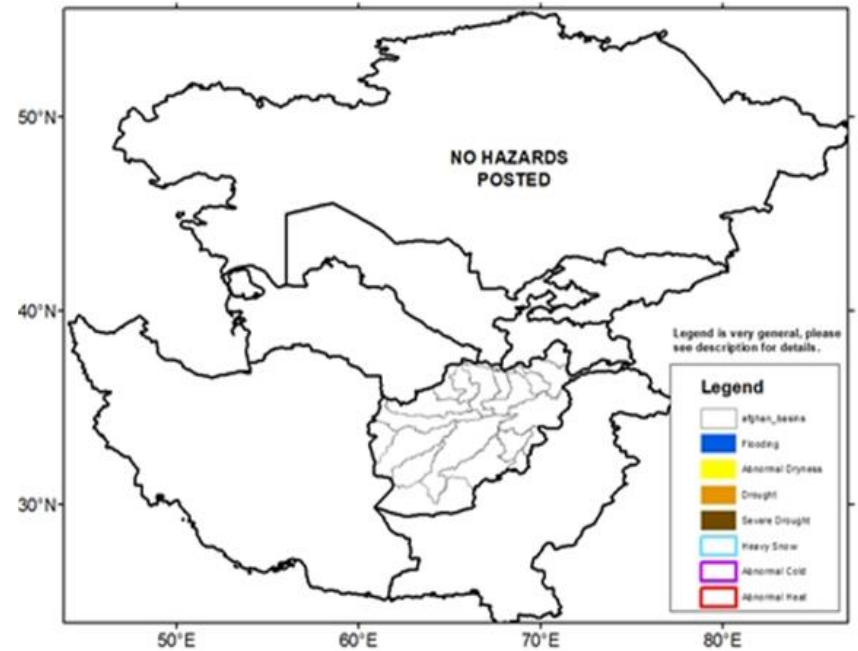
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook October 8 - 14, 2020

Temperatures:

Weekly temperatures averaged 1 to 5 degrees C below normal across Central Asia from September 27 to October 3. Widespread subfreezing temperatures were observed throughout northern and eastern Kazakhstan along with the higher elevations of Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan. The GFS model depicts that minimum temperatures are likely to average near normal during the second week of October. Similar to the previous week, subfreezing temperatures are forecast for northern and eastern Kazakhstan along with areas at higher elevations.

Precipitation:

Following two weeks of widespread precipitation, dry weather prevailed across most of Kazakhstan and the remainder of Central Asia. Based on RFE satellite estimates, 30-day precipitation has averaged near normal across much of the region. According to the GFS model, rain and snow at the highest elevations (less than 25 mm, liquid equivalent) are forecast across northeast Afghanistan, Kyrgyzstan, and Tajikistan during the second week of October.



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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