

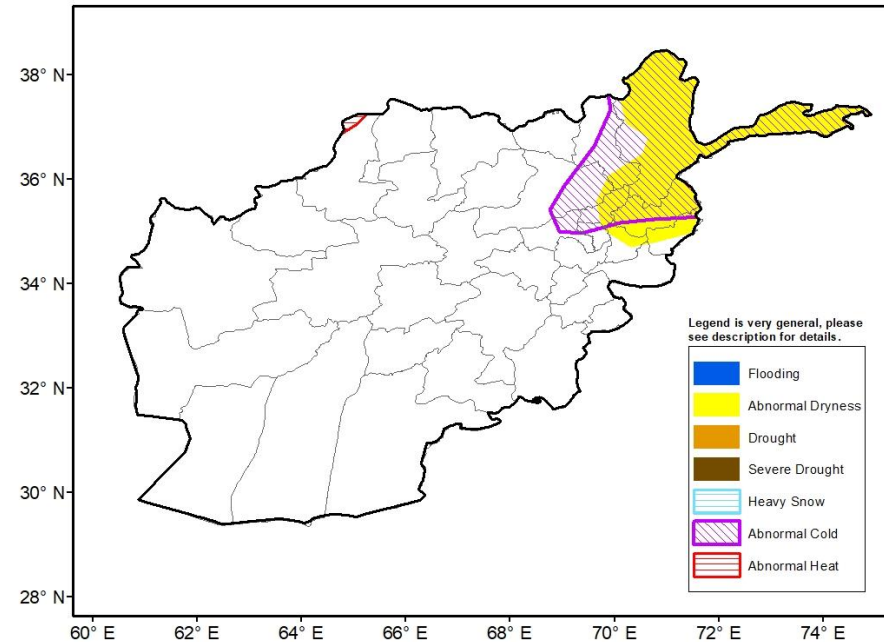
**Climate Prediction Center's Afghanistan Hazards Outlook
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January 28 – February 3, 2021**

Temperatures:

The past week's temperature anomalies were mixed across Afghanistan. Minimum temperatures earlier in the week were below normal by 4-10°C in the north and west. Temperatures moderated by the end of the period to a few degrees above normal across lower elevations but remained cooler in the central highlands and northeast. For the outlook period, an anomalously warm pattern will settle into the region. Minimum temperatures are forecasted to average 8°C or more above average, while maximum temperatures will likely reach 6°C or more above average. As an exception, below-normal temperatures will continue in the northeast where minimum temperatures could fall 8°C or more below normal. An abnormal cold hazard is posted there. Subfreezing temperatures will be less widespread than recent weeks.

Precipitation:

Last week, widespread heavy precipitation fell in northeast Afghanistan, while moderate precipitation was observed over the other northern parts of the country. Despite this past week's increased precipitation, snow water equivalent and precipitation deficits have persisted over portions of northeast Afghanistan, based on the most recent analyses. Abnormal dryness remains in those areas of the northeast. For next week, scattered moderate snowfall is forecast over northeast Afghanistan, with some lighter snow or rain showers possible over other northern regions.



Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook January 28 – February 3, 2020

Temperatures:

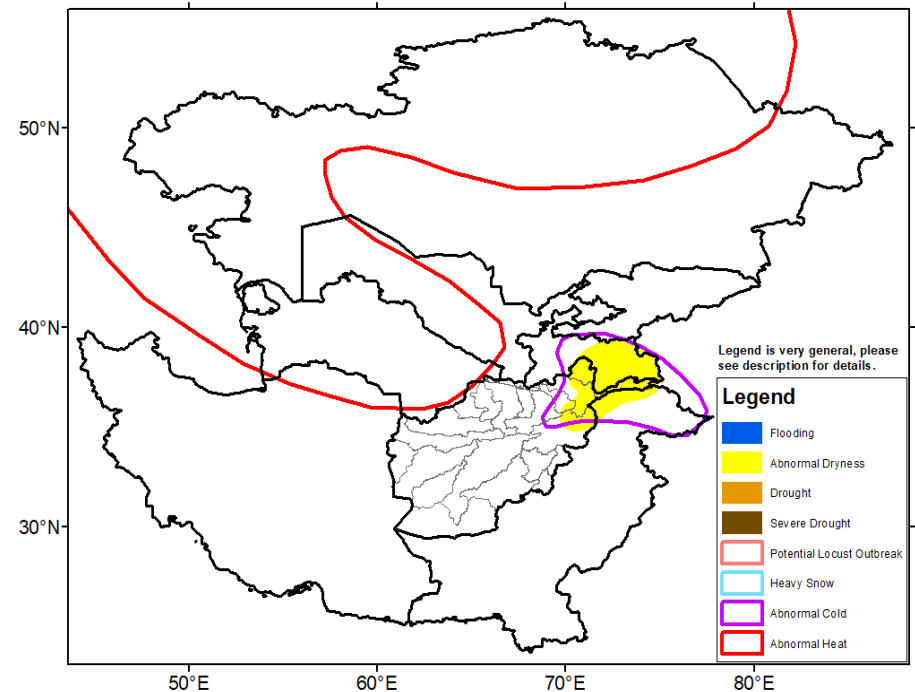
From January 17-23, mean temperatures averaged above normal over much of Central Asia. Warm anomalies ranged between 3-6 degrees Celsius in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan, and southern Kazakhstan. However, surface temperatures were below normal in northern Kazakhstan, where low temperature fell below -30 degrees Celsius.

For next week, above-normal temperatures are forecast across Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, western and northern Kazakhstan. Mean surface temperatures may exceed 8 degrees Celsius above normal over the region. In contrast, below-normal temperatures are to continue in eastern Tajikistan, northeast Afghanistan, and northern Pakistan. Minimum temperatures could fall 8 degrees Celsius or more below normal in the region.

Precipitation:

During the past week, widespread heavy precipitation fell in eastern Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, southeastern Uzbekistan, eastern Tajikistan, northeast Afghanistan, and northern Pakistan. Meanwhile, moderate precipitation was observed over the northern parts of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, and western Tajikistan.

Despite this past week's increased precipitation, snow water equivalent and precipitation deficits have persisted over portions of eastern Tajikistan and northeast Afghanistan, based on the most recent analyses. For next week, scattered moderate snowfall is forecast over southern Uzbekistan, southern Kazakhstan, western Tajikistan, and northeast Afghanistan. In contrast, little to no precipitation is expected elsewhere, which could maintain precipitation and snow water volume deficits over the dry portions of Central Asia.



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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