

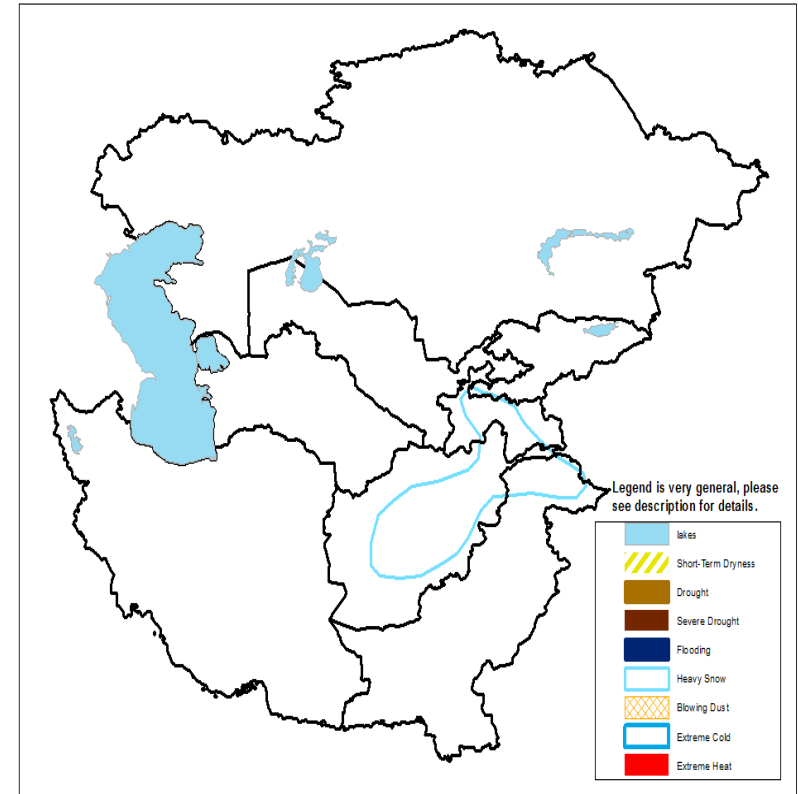
Climate Prediction Center's Central Asia Hazards Outlook For USAID / FEWS-NET February 20 - 26, 2013

Temperatures:

During early February, temperatures averaged normal to above normal across Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and northern Afghanistan. This marked a continuation of warmer than average conditions during late January. A slightly warmer than average weather is forecast over Central Asia during the next week. Minimum temperature could drop below -25 degrees Celsius across the Northeast Mountain of Afghanistan, eastern Tajikistan, and northern Kazakhstan.

Precipitation

During early February, below normal precipitation fell across parts of central Afghanistan, while above normal precipitation spread throughout eastern Afghanistan and northern Pakistan. Due to an irregular precipitation distribution since the start of the season, snow water equivalent has averaged roughly 60 percent of the normal across central Afghanistan, indicative of ongoing dryness in the region. Scattered heavy (30 – 75 mm liquid equivalent) precipitation is forecast over Afghanistan, Tajikistan, and Pakistan during the next week, likely reducing deficits across the region.



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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