

## AFGHANISTAN Weekly Climate Forecast

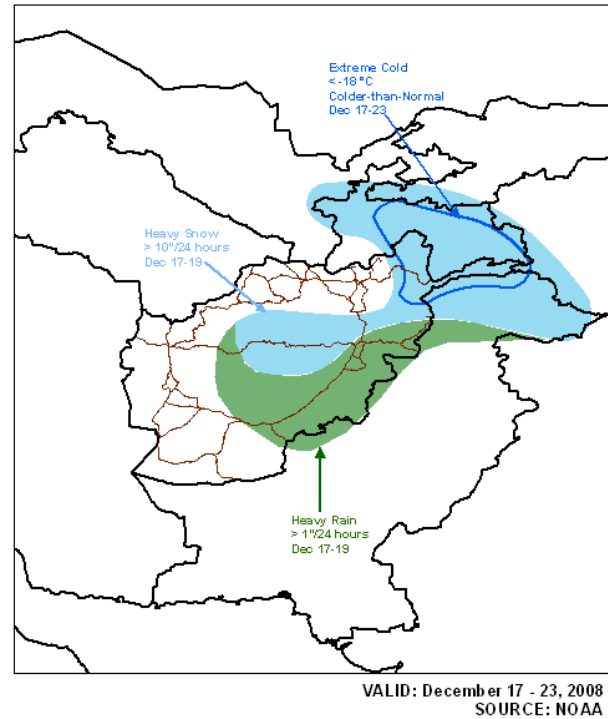
#50, Dec 17 - 23, 2008

During mid-November temperatures plunged to 4 to 8 °C degrees below-average. However, during late November and early December, temperatures were above-average, except in the highest elevations of northeast Afghanistan where temperatures remained below-average. During the next week, below-average temperatures can be expected across all of Afghanistan (Figure 2).

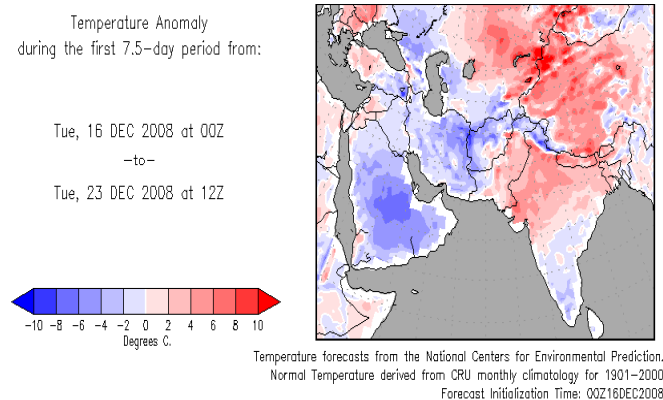
Thus far, significant snowfall has accumulated in the northeastern parts of the country, with lighter amounts in the central highlands. From October 1 - December 10, precipitation has averaged above normal across western and northern Afghanistan. Drier-than-normal conditions have affected the remainder of the country.

During the next several days, a slow-moving storm system will bring widespread precipitation to Afghanistan and surrounding areas (Figure 3). Heavy rain and high-elevation snow can be expected (Figure 1). Snow coverage and depths will increase during the upcoming week.

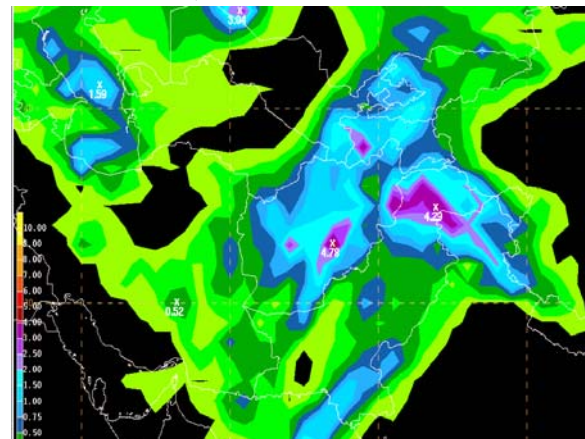
**Figure 1. Weather hazards in Afghanistan**



**Figure 2. Temperatures Anomaly (°F): December 16 - 23**



**Figure 3. Precipitation (inches) forecast for December 16 - 20, 2008**



Source: NOAA