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# Remote Sensing and GIS for Drought Management



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Rank	Country	WorldRiskIndex	Exposure	Vulnerability	Susceptibility	Lack of coping capacities	Lack of adaptive capacities
40.	Viet Nam	10.31	22.03	46.83	25.07	77.68	37.75
41.	Kenya	10.30	16.53	62.32	50.32	86.92	49.72
42.	Burundi	10.29	14.81	69.47	61.05	91.13	56.24
43.	Cote d'Ivoire	10.03	15.55	64.52	47.18	86.12	60.27
44.	Senegal	9.82	16.48	59.59	44.89	79.89	53.97
45.	Sierra Leone	9.61	13.70	70.16	56.94	86.52	67.02
46.	Mozambique	9.50	13.50	70.44	64.80	88.05	58.46
47.	Mauritius	9.47	23.88	39.66	17.34	64.99	36.65
48.	Liberia	9.46	13.57	69.69	55.96	86.26	66.86
49.	Trinidad and Tobago	9.44	23.28	40.56	19.00	69.59	33.09
50.	Ghana	9.41	16.54	56.87	41.92	79.40	49.29
51.	United Republic of Tanzania	9.23	14.40	64.14	58.01	83.58	50.84
52.	Zimbabwe	9.21	14.72	62.58	50.30	89.12	48.34
53.	Afghanistan	9.21	13.73	67.11	49.21	92.36	59.75
54.	Japan	9.19	38.94	23.60	16.80	39.90	14.11
55.	Malawi	8.94	13.43	66.61	57.84	84.38	57.62
56.	Democratic Rep. of Congo	8.80	11.95	73.63	67.13	92.56	61.21
57.	Uganda	8.71	12.85	67.81	63.19	88.75	51.49
58.	Guinea	8.68	12.76	68.03	51.23	89.33	63.53
59.	Sudan	8.52	13.14	64.87	46.04	92.62	55.94

# ROLES THAT REMOTE SENSING AND GIS PLAY IN DISASTER MANAGEMENT PHRRASES

### **▶**Planning

- GIS is useful in helping with forward planning.
- It provides the framework for planners and disaster managers to view spatial data by way of computer based maps.

## Mitigation

- •Representation of High risk areas
- Facilitates the implementation of necessary mechanism to lessen the impact.

### Preparedness

- Identification of emergency areas
- •Positions of related departments, Agencies, and Human Resources
- •Make it easier for security and shelters provides to plan the strategies

## Response

- •Provide accurate information on exact location of an emergency situation
- •Time saving during the determination of trouble areas (Quick Response)
- •Used as floor guide for evacuation routes

## Recovery

Mapping level of damage

Information related to disrupted infrastructure, number of persons died or injured and impact on Environment.

### GIS and data gathering-

The data required for disaster management is coming from different scientific disciplines, and should be integrated

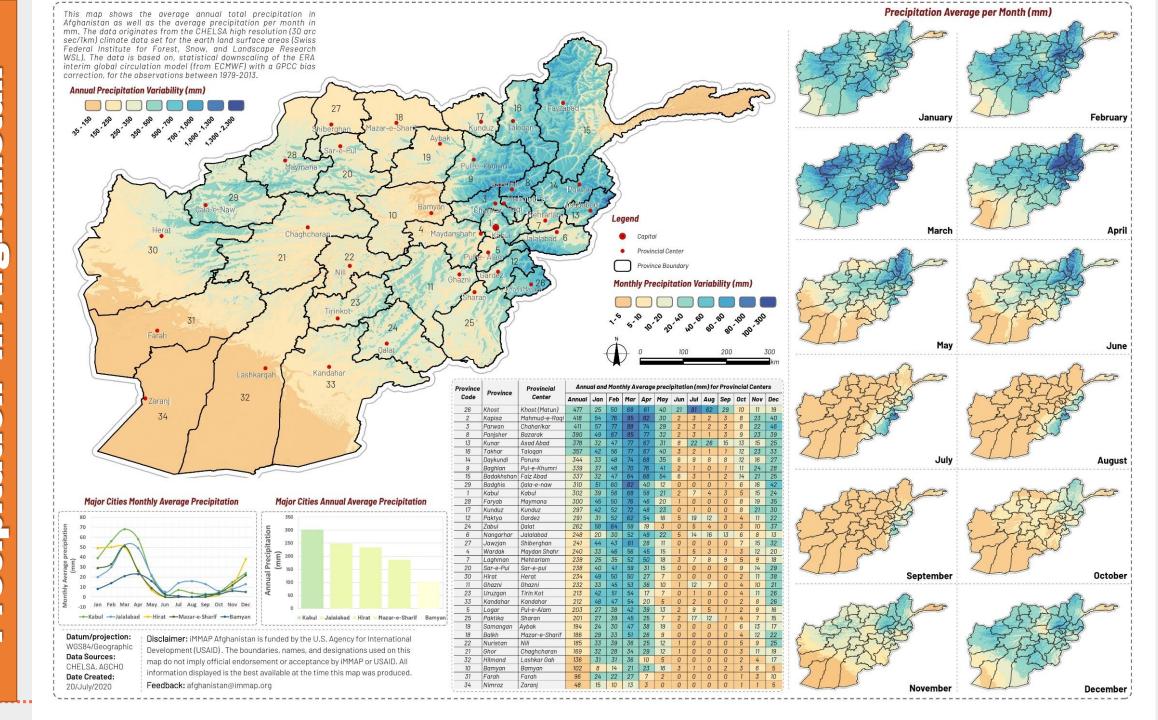
Data integration is one of the strongest points of GIS. In general the following types of data are required:

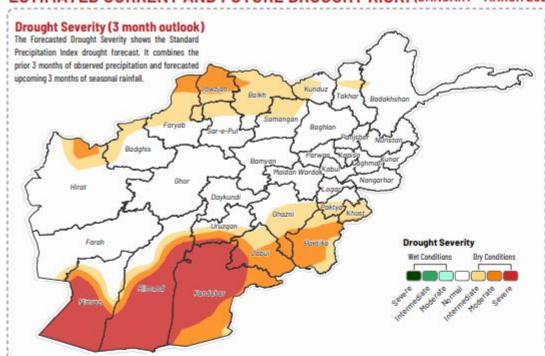
- Data on the disastrous phenomena (e.g. landslides, floods, earthquakes), their location, frequency, magnitude etc.
- Data on the environment in which the disastrous events might take place: topography, geology, geo-morphology, soils, hydrology, land use, vegetation etc.
- Data on the elements that might be destroyed if the event takes place: infrastructure, settlements, population, socio-economic data

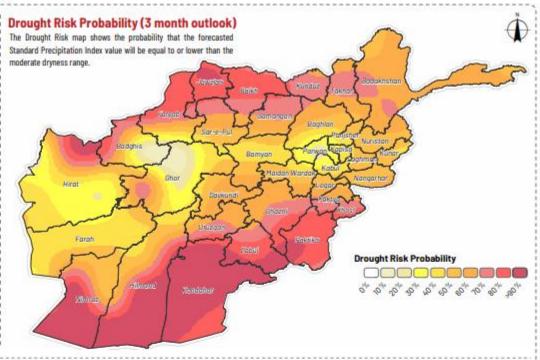
### **Remote assessment System**

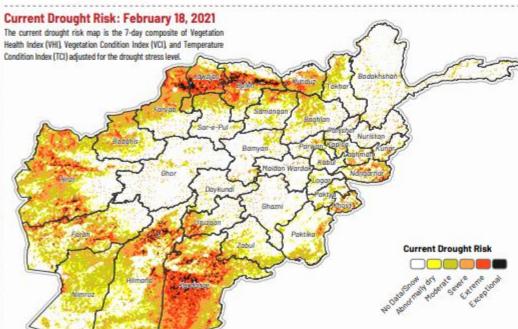


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### Drought Severity and Drought Risk Probability

Maps of meteorological drought risk using the Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI). The timescale presented here is for the 6month Standardized Precipitation Index (SPI6). Which combines the prior 3 months of observed precipitation and forecasted upcoming (outlook) 3 months of seasonal rainfall for March 2021 issued at the end of December 2020.

The severity map shows the predicted drought severity for Afghanistan at 30% likelihood. This implies that the highlighted regions will be as dry or drier than the value presented in the map with a likelihood of 30% (lower threshold calibrated with past Afghan droughts).



- . Moderate Dryness: 1 in 11-year event. SPI > -1.0
- Intermediate Dryness: 1 in 23-year event. SPI >-1.5
- Severe Dryness: 1 in 43-year event. SPt > -2.0

The Drought Risk Probability map shows the probabilities that the forecast SPI value will be equal to or lower than the moderate dryness level. Probabilities are displayed on a scale between 0% and 100%. With values more than 50% indicating that it is likely to be drier than moderate dryness. These two versions of the information are complementary. In one case, the consideration is what is the drought severity indicated at a given level of confidence. In the other case, the consideration is what is the likelihood that drought will be at a given level of severity or worse.

Source: IRI/LDEO Climate Data Library, using the NMME Multi-Model Ensemble SPI Forecast and Global Forecast Drought Tool (World Bank).

Note: there are various scales to use SPI to define drought severity, we have chosen to use the Global Forecast Drought Tool.

### **Current Drought Risk**

The current drought risk map is based on the Vegetation Health (VH) Index, provided by NOAA.

Drought risk assessment is based on VHI, VCI, and TCI if their values are below 40. Drought risk is 'Exceptional' if the indices are between 0 and 5; 'Extreme' if they are 6-15; 'Severe' 16-25; 'Moderate' 26-35; 'Abnormally dry condition' 35-40. The data and images have 4 km spatial and 7-day composite temporal resolution.

Source: NOAA STAR (Satellite Applications and Research) Global Vegetation Health Products/Kogan, F.N.

### Datum/projection: WGS84/Geographic

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Data Source:

NOAA, IRI, AGCHO

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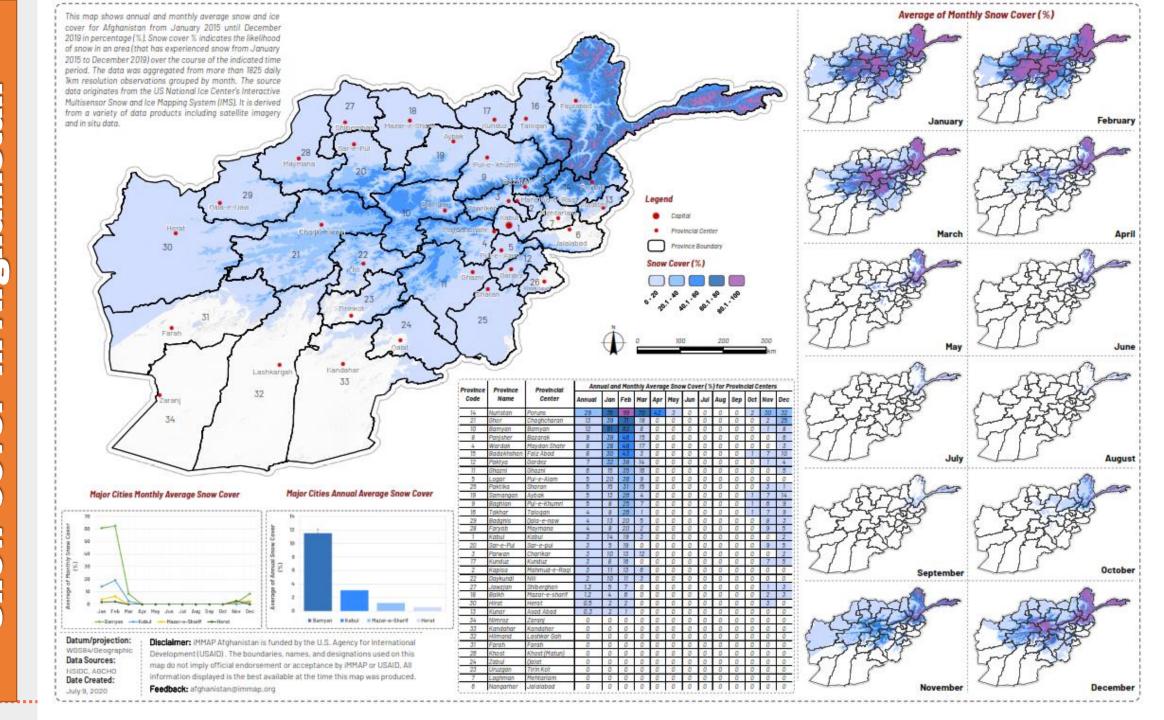
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Disclaimer: This map highlights the various details on the current drought and drought outlook in Afghanistan. The resolution of the drought data and the overall accuracy of this data only work at a regional and global level. This information is thus only provided for informative purposes. This map has been produced and processed from sources believed to be reliable, iMMAP provides no guarantee, expressed or implied regarding accuracy, the source of the information is indicated beneath each map.

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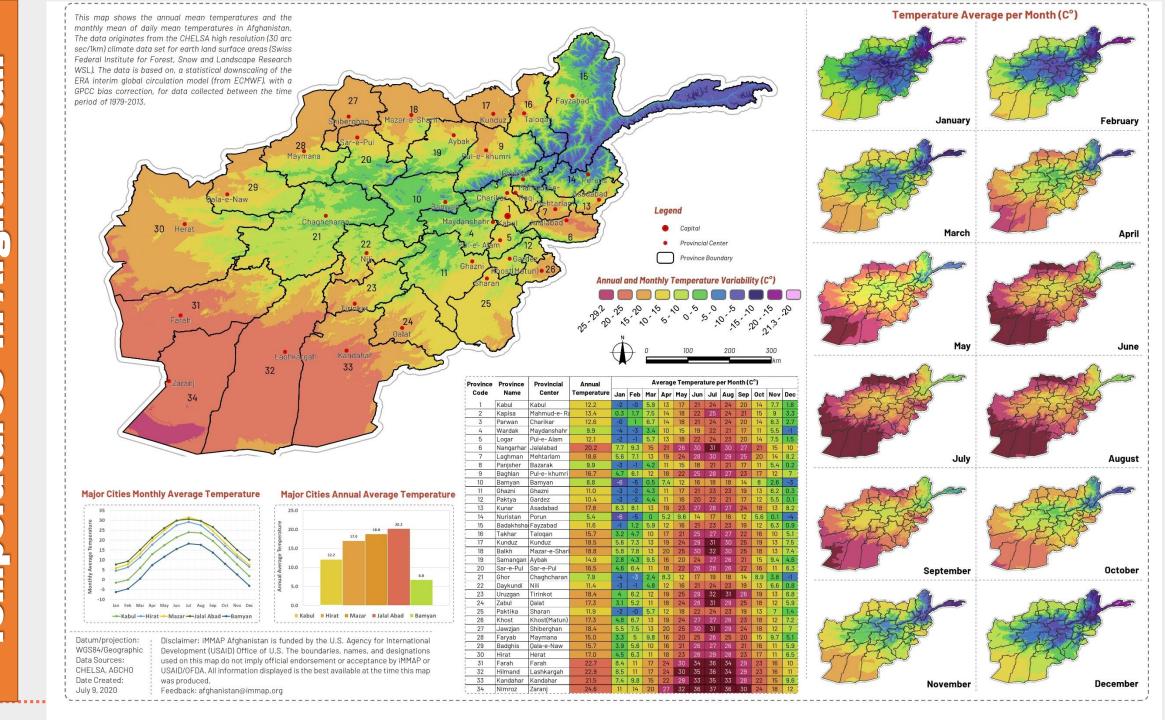
### 2021 2021 FEBRUARY **JANUARY** Kandaha Kandaha Mimroz 2020 2020 **JANUARY FEBRUARY** Legend - Major River Intermediate River Minor River Province Boundary Snow Cover (%)\* Kandaha Kandahar \* Description: This map shows snow cover in Afghanistan for January and February of 2021, compared to the same months in 2020, as a percentage. The percentage Datum/projection: WGS84/Geographic , Disclaimer: iMMAP Afghanistan is funded by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The boundaries,

figures indicate the number of days an area has experienced snow cover in a month. For example, in January, 81-100% would be equivalent to 25-31 days, and 1-20% to 1-6 days (purple and light blue respectively). The dataset is the result of 119 daily aggregations at 1 in resolution observations grouped by month. The source data originates from the U.S. National Ice Center's Interactive Multisensor Snow and Ice Mapping System (IMS). It is derived from a variety of data products including satellite

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