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Drought in Central and Southwest Asia



Precipitation deficit for 1999-2001

-100 -250 -400 -550 -700 mm

High impact area

IRAN: Estimated 37 million people vulnerable to food and water insecurity; depleted water reserves; 6.6 million ha of arable land affected

TAJIKISTAN: estimated 1.2 million people at risk of famine (food shortages and loss of livestock). Around 80 per cent of the population living below the poverty line.

AFGHANISTAN: Estimated 12 million people affected by drought, without access to water and sanitation. In combination, the on-going civil conflict triggered refugees.

Sources: International Research Institute for Climate Prediction of the Columbia University 2001, FAO 2001.