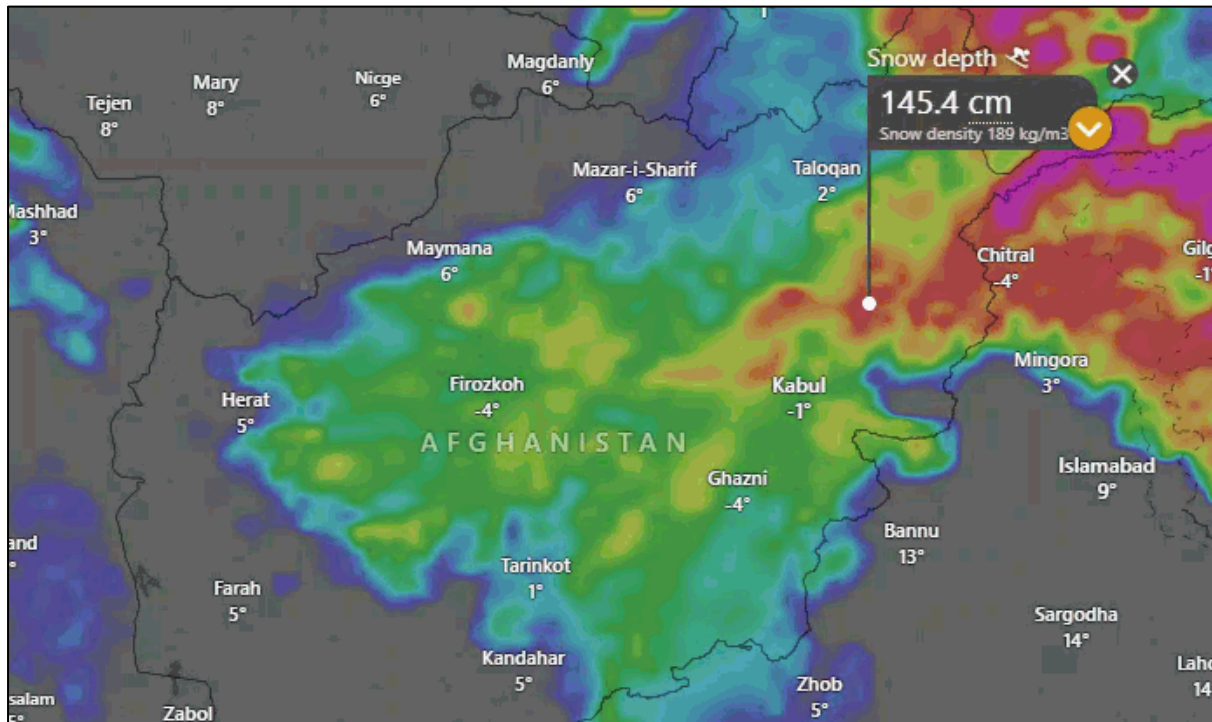# Severe Cold & Snow - Afghanistan

Valid: From January 26th to January 31st, 2026

Affected Areas

Most affected areas include: Central and northern provinces including Ghazni (peak snow depth ≈ 155 cm), Nuristan, Kunar, Baghlan, Parwan, Logar, Bamyan, and Ghor. Also, severely impacted regions include Badakhshan, Takhar, Maidan Wardak, and the Salang Pass.

Hazard Types

Extreme cold wave & severe frost; Mass casualty events; Livestock mortality and Infrastructure collapse; Respiratory illness outbreaks; Total transport paralysis (Salang highway closures); and downstream flash flood risks.

Hazard Summary

Afghanistan is facing a catastrophic winter surge with record-breaking snowfall (up to 155 cm) and sub-zero temperatures. The deep snow has isolated remote villages, killed over 60 people, and destroyed hundreds of mud-brick homes. This creates a life-threatening emergency for 18 million people requiring humanitarian aid.