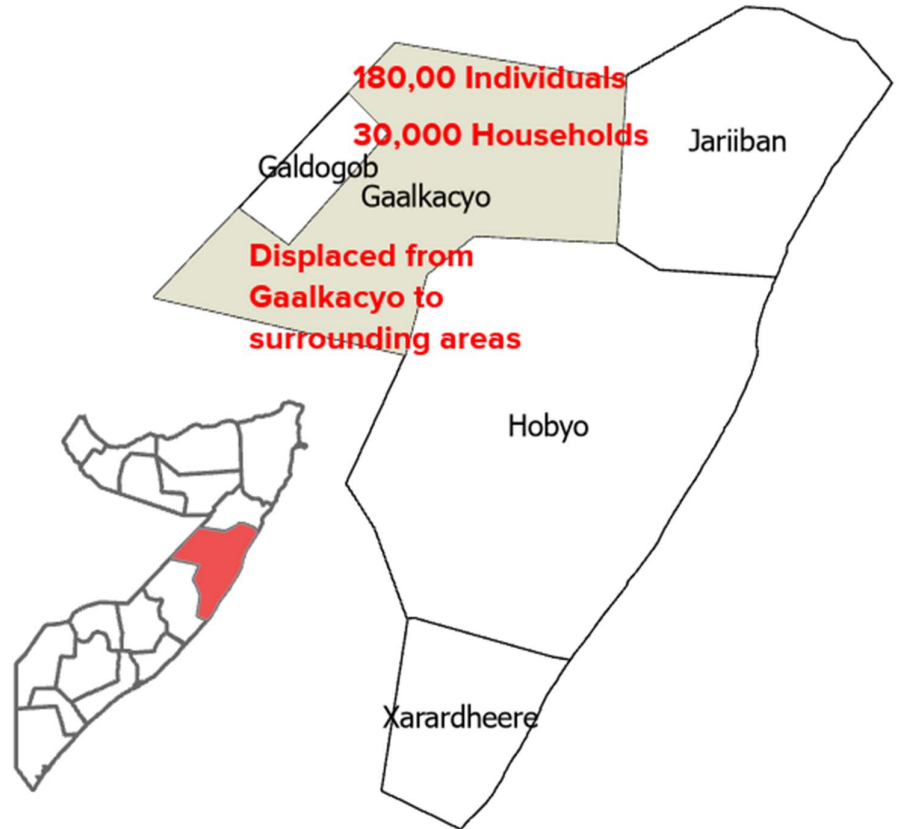
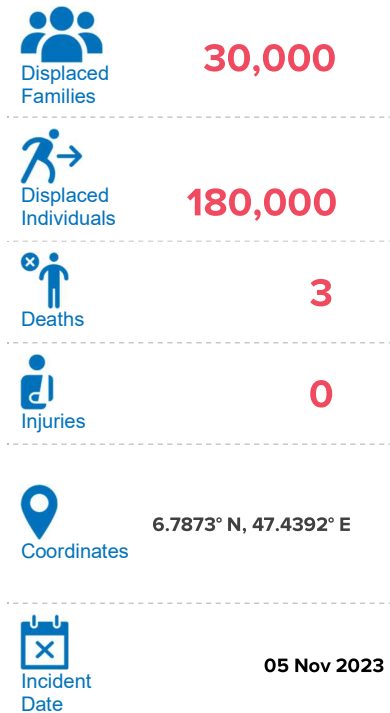


## Heavy Rain Displaced 180,000 People in North Gaalkacyo, Puntland



### Background

On 5 November 2023, heavy rains and flooding in Gaalkacyo restricted movement, impacting those living in IDP sites and the host community. The floods damaged 488 shelters across North Gaalkacyo IDP sites, affecting 30,000 households. The floods inundated villages, led to the destruction of host community homes, and resulted in the closure of schools, hospitals, and roads. Preliminary reports estimated that 30,000 households have been displaced, primarily in 8 low-lying IDP sites and villages, including Bulo Kontrol, Bulo Bacley, Hilaal Yemen, Taalacad, Samawade 2, Warshad Galay, Alla-Aamin 1 and 2, Kheyrdoon and Ramaas, Liban 2, Danwadag, Dayah, and Donyale. Sanitary hazards and the risk of waterborne diseases due to flooded pit latrines and sewage overflow have exacerbated disease exposure. Rains hindered movement, closed markets, and significantly affected the entire population, particularly the IDPs. Road closures isolated several IDP sites, resulting in food chain supply disruption.

| # | Previous Location           | Arrival location               | Households |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 1 | Gaalkacyo                   | Tawakal Site                   | 285 HHs    |
| 2 | Gaalkacyo                   | Salama Site                    | 245 HHs    |
| 3 | Gaalkacyo                   | Jeexdin Site                   | 200 HHs    |
| 4 | Gaalkacyo                   | Halabokhad Site                | 540 HHs    |
| 5 | Gaalkacyo - Garsoor Village | Gaalkacyo Israac Village       | 22,230 HHs |
| 6 | Gaalkacyo Garsoor village   | Gaalkacyo West Garsoor Village | 3,500 HHs  |
| 7 | Gaalkacyo - Israac village  | Gaalkacyo East Israac village  | 3,000 HHs  |

**30,000 households (approximately 180,000 individuals)**



Figure 1: Flooding in Bulo Baclay Site - North Galkacyo

## Protection Risks

- **Theft, extortion, forced eviction, or destruction of personal property:** There has been a loss of shelter and housing materials among affected IDP sites and host communities, highlighting the compelling need for shelter assistance and support to improve living conditions. The loss of personal property, housing, and infrastructure has also increased health risks including the risk of contracting waterborne diseases.
- **Discrimination and stigmatization and denial of resources, opportunities, services, and/or humanitarian access:** The floods have also destroyed businesses established by both communities and humanitarian organizations, disrupting the regular routine assistance provided to affected families. Households in the affected areas urgently require the provision of non-food items and components of emergency shelter kits to rebuild their homes. 19 schools were destroyed by the floods affecting 48,000 students.
- **Gender-based violence (GBV):** During the emergency, displaced women and girls are at an increased risk of experiencing violence, exploitation, and abuse, including domestic violence, sexual assault, harassment, and exploitation, due to the scarcity of essential resources, disruption to community services, and weakened infrastructure, including health and legal systems, as well as weakened community and social support networks.



Figure 2: Flooding in Bulo Kontrool Site- North Galkacyo

### Urgent Needs



Food



Emergency Shelter



Protection



Non-Food Item



Communal Latrine



Safe Drinking Water

The PRMN (Protection & Return Monitoring Network) is a UNHCR-led project which identifies and reports on displacements as well as protection risks and incidents underlying such population movements. On behalf of UNHCR and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), 38 local partners in the field in Somalia (South Central regions, Puntland and Somaliland) undertake data gathering (primarily through interviews with affected communities and key informants) and monitoring at strategic locations.

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