

**Overview**

With the most recent displacement of civilians in South Central Somalia, the military offensive 'Operation Indian Ocean' has forced an estimated 7,318 people to flee their home since late August. The AMISOM/SNAF offensive was launched on 25 August 2014 targeting Al Shabaab strongholds in South Central Somalia, particularly in areas along the coastline. An initial 5,700 civilians were displaced within the first two weeks in Lower Shabelle and Middle Juba. From middle to end of September, an additional 1,598 persons were displaced in the same two regions with the majority in Shabelle Hoose. The majority are seeking refuge in Shabelle Hoose and Bakool regions, while some are migrating to the capital Mogadishu. The newly displaced are reported to be in need of humanitarian assistance, complicated by limited access to many areas, including newly recovered areas,

**Displacement inside Shabelle Hoose region**

Around 1,850 civilians were displaced in Shabelle Hoose region, mainly from Buulo Mareer in Marka district to Qoryooley town in Qoryooley district. From Kurtunwaarey, 1,200 civilians were displaced to Qoryooley in Qoryooley district and another 570 civilians moved to Shalaambood in Marka district.

**Displacement from Bakool to Hiraan region**

Approximately 2,100 persons were displaced in Tayeeglow in Bakool region fleeing to Belet Weyne in Hiraan region.

**Displacements from Bay and Shabelle Hoose regions to Juba Dhexe region**

Saakow and Salagle towns in Juba Dhexe have seen an influx of new IDPs arriving from multiple locations in and around the region due to the military offensive.

Around 270 persons arrived in Sakow from Baraawe, Bullo Mareer, Kurtunwarey in Shabelle Hoose, and from Diinsoor in Bay region. About 150 persons were displaced within Shabelle Hoose arriving in Arabow town from Kurtunwaarey and Baraawe districts. In Salagle, 70 persons arrived from Baraawe and Bullo Mareer within Juba Dhexe and from Diinsoor in Bay region. The majority of the new arrivals were reported to be women and children in both Sakow and Salagle.

**Displacements from Shabelle Hoose to Juba Hoose region**

Approximately 210 individuals moved to Jamaame from Baraawe in Shabelle Hoose.

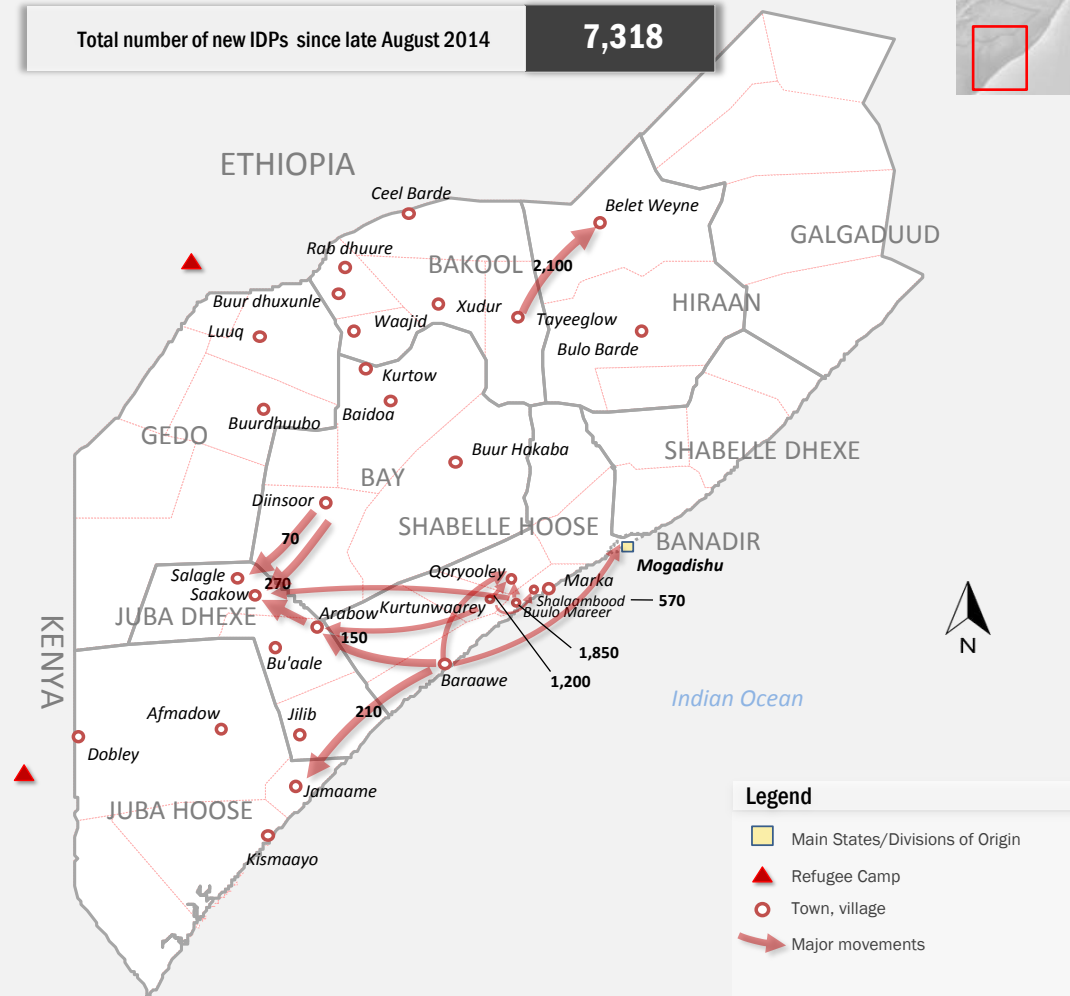
**Displacements during 'Operation Eagle'**

'Operation Eagle' was the first phase of the joint military operation between the African Union's AMISOM forces and the Somali National Armed Forces (SNAF). It was launched in late February 2014 and is estimated to have caused the displacement of nearly 73,000 persons within South-Central Somalia.

New IDPs during the reporting period

**898**

Total number of new IDPs since late August 2014

**7,318****Sources**

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The figures used in this map will have to be further verified and reflected in the Population Movement Tracking (PMT) system.

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