

PRMN FLASH REPORT

DROUGHT UPDATE 2/2017

23 February 2017

Increased displacements caused by drought in South & Central Somalia

Based on ongoing reports from UNHCR PRMN's partners in the field, new displacements of at least 47,000 individuals have been reported due to the ongoing drought in the period 1-23 February 2017. These movements are predominantly from rural areas to urban and peri-urban locations.

1. Mogadishu arrivals 1-16 February 2017 ¹

About 1,780 households (approximately 10,700 individuals) displaced by drought were recorded as arriving in Mogadishu from Lower Shabelle (Dacaaraha) and Bay (Cadaad-Gari, Idale, Xawaal-Bar Barbaar, and Safar-Noleys). They have joined 30 IDP settlements including War-Abdi and Qanasax-Dheere in Kaxda district and Waaga-Baryay² and Caanool in Deynille district. The priority needs of the new arrivals include food, water and shelter.

2. Mogadishu arrivals 17-23 February 2017 UPDATE ¹

A further 872 households (5,460 individuals) displaced by drought from Gaduudo-Duntay, Rooday-Gaduudo, Masuubiye, Moora-gaab, Ufurow in Bay Region and Buulo-Warbo, Banbaas, Tayaglow, and Qod-Qado in Lower Shabelle have reached Mogadishu in the week ending 23 February. Another group has also arrived from Ceel-Looble, Ceel-Dhanawle and Ceel-Ure in Bakool region.

Field monitors recorded the arrivals in Kaxda and Deynille districts, in Banadir (Mogadishu) district. Please find a breakdown at the end of this report (Table 1) of the settlements the new arrivals have joined.

3. Gedo arrivals and movements to Ethiopia

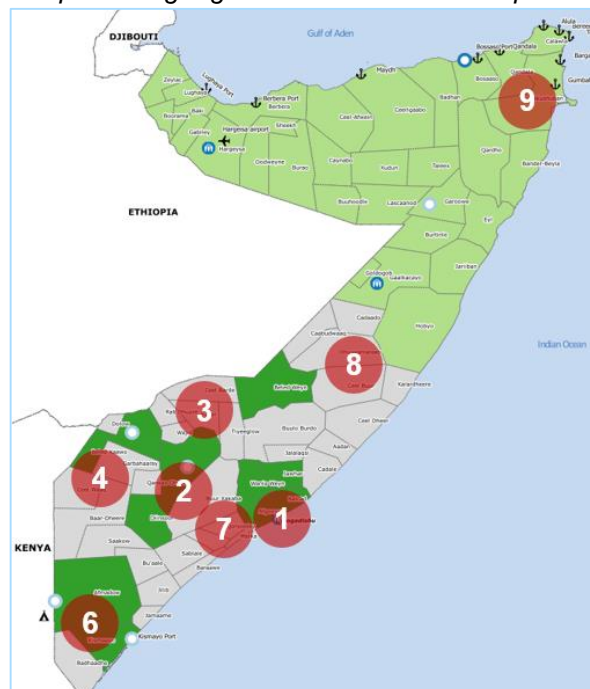
In the same period, as a result of the effects of shortage of water, crop failure and loss of livestock, almost 7,000 individuals from Bay ², Bakool ³ and Gedo ⁴ have been recorded reaching many parts of Gedo region. 4,120 arrived in Dollow while some were also monitored crossing the border to Ethiopia. More than 500 arrived at Shilin village near Dollow from Tosiley, Gobadiya, Goofo and Caracase villages; while 162 individuals reached Luuq. More than 1,100 individuals reached Bardhere from Eesow and Juungal villages, and 300 individuals arrived in Beledhawa.

4. Kismayo, Lower Juba ⁶

About 600 individuals (99 households) were reported arriving to Kismayo from neighbouring Abdalla Birolle, Bula Haji, Abdi Dhore, Yaaqraar, Yaaq Bishar, Shabelley, Turqato, KaadWeyn and Abaaq Banbale.

5. Lower Shabelle ⁷

Map showing regions mentioned in this report



About PRMN

The PRMN (Protection & Return Monitoring Network) is a UNHCR-led project which acts as a platform for identifying and reporting on displacements (including returns) of populations. The network also identifies and reports on protection risks and incidents underlying such movements.

On behalf of UNHCR, Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) and 39 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. Reports from local partners are verified by the NRC and outputs are reviewed by UNHCR prior to publication.

Tracking and publishing these displacement summaries broadens insight into population movements for analytical and programmatic purposes. PRMN has the capacity to report on the more significant population movements across Somalia but the country context may limit the network's temporal and geographic coverage.

This 'flash' report highlights only a selection of movements identified as being drought related – some of these reports may not be verified independently by UNHCR.

This report should be read in conjunction with the [Notes on PRMN Methodology](#) which outlines the approach and certain limitations.

1,050 households (6,300 individuals) were recorded arriving in Afgoye and Kyertuwarey in Lower Shabelle driven by drought from Barawe (180HHs), Sablale (250HHs), Marka (300HHs), Walanwayn (120HHs) and Qoryoley (200HHs).

6. Baidoa arrivals ²

In the first two weeks of February, more than 6,000 individuals (1,007 households) were monitored arriving in Baidoa. Most of these individuals have joined IDP settlements in Baidoa including ADC1, Towfiq 2, Alla Weyn, Salaamey Idaale, Idaale 1, and Karmari IDP camp, Alla Amin while approximately 10% individuals have joined relatives with the host communities

7. Galgaduud ⁸

1,970 households (11,820 individuals) displaced from Xananburo, Mareergur, Olol, Goloon, Lasxaadow and Afweyne-Banaan due to severe drought have arrived in Dhusomareeb town in Galgaduud region.

Dhusamareeb and Guri-ceel districts have also received 760 households displaced from south-eastern Mudug (Haradhere) and 925 households (5550 individuals) from Maxaas and Matabaan districts in Hiraa.

Other UNHCR and partner reports

a. Puntland Ministry of Interior IAD press release

The IDPs Affairs Department (IAD) of Puntland's Ministry of Interior has published figures related to more than 20,000 drought-driven displacements (primarily pastoralists) to urban and peri-urban locations in north-eastern Somalia ⁹ between November 2016 and February 2017. UNHCR Somalia works closely with MOI Puntland on IDP-related and other projects.

The full report can be downloaded from the page of the press release on the MOI Puntland website: (<http://www.moipuntland.com/details-of-drought-induced-idps-in-puntland-november-2016-february-15-2017/>).

b. UNHCR report new arrivals in Ethiopia

UNHCR in Ethiopia report that in the period 1 January to 21 February 2017, 3,936 Somali new arrivals have been recorded in Melkadida, Ethiopia, mostly originating from Bay region (73%), Middle Juba (10%) and Gedo (6%). They are reported to have fled conflicts exacerbated by food insecurity in Somalia.

Table 1 Destinations of Mogadishu arrivals 17- 23 February

Settlement	District	Number of Households	Number of Individuals
Unlay	Kaxda	34	204
Maalimay	Kaxda	35	210
Buulo-Warbo	Deynile	100	600
Al-Hidaaayo	Deynile	38	228
Sharey	Kaxda	34	204
Cubayd	Deynile	34	204
Nasri	Kaxda	39	234
Canbar	Deynile	70	420
Fulayle	Deynile	38	228
Qamiis Mushaad	Kaxda	78	468
Rajab 50	Kaxda	50	300
Banaan-Yaal	Kaxda	40	240
Macquul (Ducaysane)	Deynile	90	540
Booli-Moog	Kaxda	25	150
Dulmane	Deynile	125	750
Xayaat	Kaxda	30	180
Jabuti	Deynile	50	300
Total		872	5,460