Intense Clan Conflict in West Mudug Displaces Over 5,820 Individuals

Displaced Families	970
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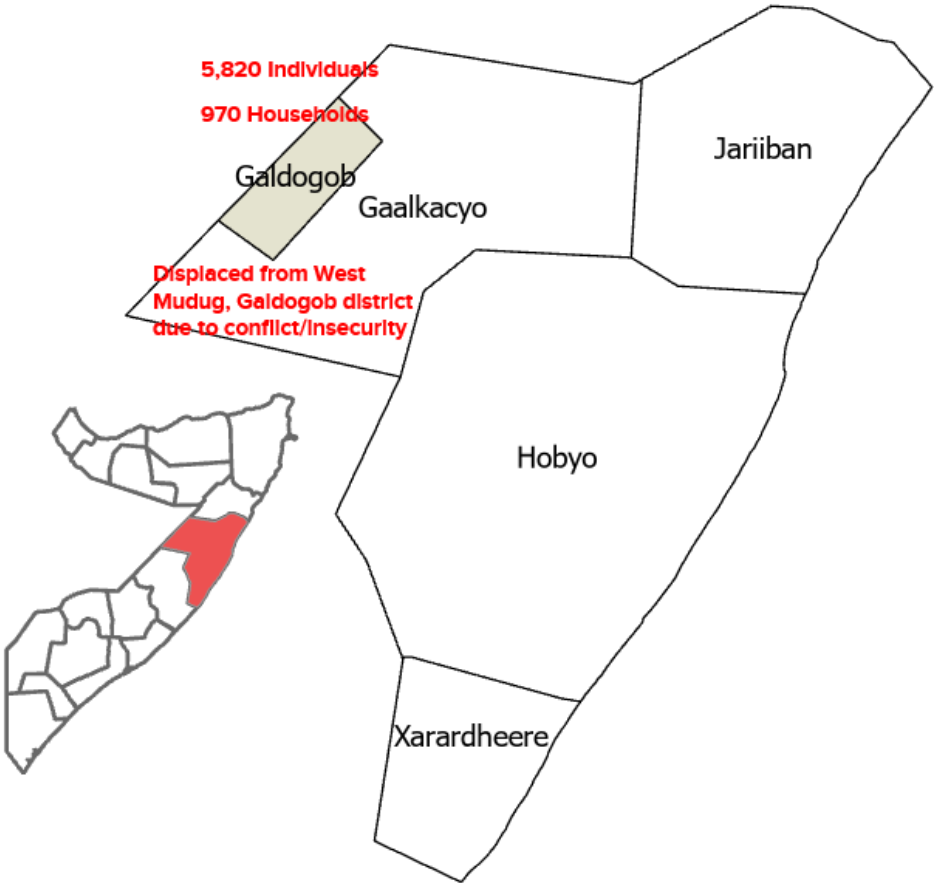
Deaths	6
Injuries	0
Coordinates	7.0314° N, 47.0170° E
Incident Date	June 25 - 29, 2024
Overall Severity (Protection)	Low priority (2)
Access	Level 3 (Moderate restrictions)



Situational Overviews

Previous Location	Current Location	# Households
Xasasaale,	Gowlalo	90
Laancalawo,	Sadex-higlo	120
Buulalay,	Ceel-akhwaan	40
Taaroge,	Gowlalo	70
Afmadow	Sadex-higlo	70
Miigaagta	Ceel-akhwaan	145
Laanwaalay	Laama Ari Goob	85
Kal-miigaag	Dhuxul Shidka	50
Ina Dhabaray	Laama Ari Goob	30
Jic bor	Goldogab	130
Nugal Gibin	Qansaxle	100
Jiingada,	Ahmed Khair	40
970 HHs with approximately 5,820 individuals		

In West Mudug, heavy clan conflicts have erupted between two clans, Sa'ad and Lelakase sub-clans. This conflict has been ongoing intermittently for the past four months, but the most intense and damaging fighting has occurred over the reported 5-day period. The conflict began over the digging of a well in the Jiicboor village, Galdogob district, which the opposing clan opposed. The clashes have severely impacted all areas of the fighting and nearby locations. The most affected areas include: Xasasaale, Laan-calawo, Buulalay, Taaroge, Miigaagta, Laan-waalay, Kal-miigaag, Ina-dhabaray Jiicboor, Nugal-gibin, Jiingada, Dhuxul-Shidka, and Laama Ari.

The conflict has displaced 970 households from these affected villages. Most of these families have relocated to neighboring villages. In addition to the casualties among the fighting militias, there have been six reported civilian casualties, including three children.

The fighting has severely impacted the lives of the people, forcing many to leave their homes, disrupting children's education, and restricting people's freedom of movement. Communities at the highest risk include men, who face retaliation killings, as well as women, children, and the elderly, who endure hardships while fleeing their homes primarily on foot. They leave behind most of their household property in their search for safety.

Protection Risks

Attacks on Civilians and Unlawful Killings: Since June 2024, the Galgaduud and Mudug Regions have been facing repetitive episodes of inter-clan violence. If the current situation keeps escalating, it will directly impact the civilian population, particularly women, children, and the elderly. It is required that there be an immediate cessation of hostilities between the clan militias. Additionally, as immediate action, Protection partners should prioritize the following response priorities for the displacement in West Mudug:

- ✓ Establishment/scale-up of Protection Desks covering the 12 locations hosting the newly displaced population.
- ✓ Establishment/scale-up of community-driven self-protection initiatives.

Forced Displacement: The risk of further displacement in West Mudug due to intra-clan violence is still present. Humanitarian actors need to scale up their response, which should be efficiently coordinated. PRMN has recommended that the National Inter-Cluster Coordination Groups activate the Inter-sectoral Response Framework (IRF).

Priority Needs

Food | Emergency Shelter | Protection | Non-Food Item | Safe Drinking Water

The PSMN (Protection & Solutions Monitoring Network) is a UNHCR-led project in partnership with NRC 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), 26 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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