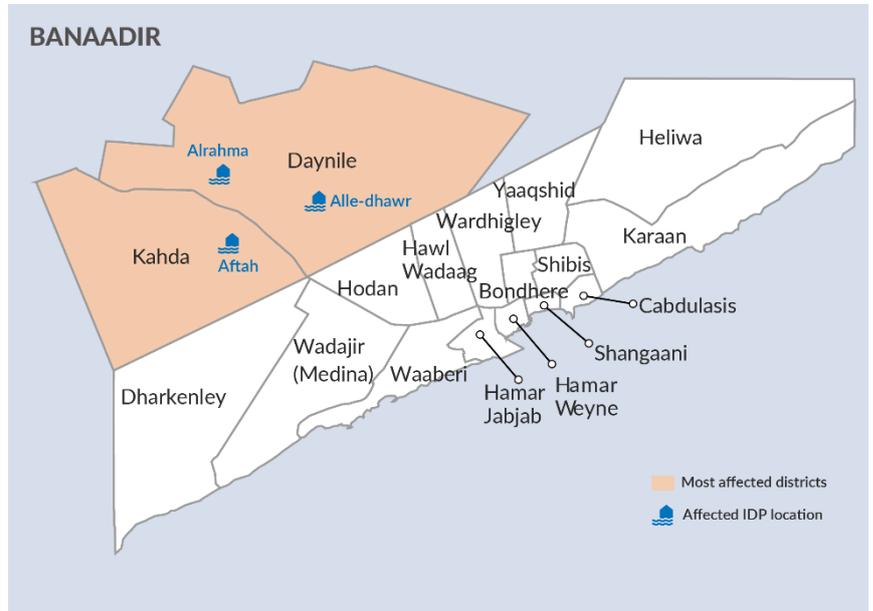


Heavy Rains and Devastating Floods Displace Over 2,600 IDPs in Mogadishu, Banaadir Region



Background

In Mogadishu, Banaadir region, heavy rainfall which occurred late on 9 May 2025 and continued for several hours, resulted in devastating floods that affected the city – in particular the IDP sites. The Protection and Solutions Monitoring Network (PSMN) made quick observations regarding the areas most affected. Based on their vulnerabilities and poor-quality

Previous Location	Arrival locations	Households
Dayniile (Arahma and Alle-dhawr sites)	Adjacent site within Dayniile	228
Garasbaley (Dogobley)	Adjacent site within Garasbaley	170
Kahda (Aftah)	Adjacent site within Kahda	50
(Total 2,688 individuals)		448 households

shelters, which were unable to withstand the heavy downpour and volume of floodwater, the most impacted IDP sites are located in Kahda, Dayniile and Garasbaaley districts. As of 10 May 2025, a total of 448 households, comprising approximately 2,688 individuals were affected. These families were forced to leave their homes due to flooding and sought safety in less affected areas or have been provisionally accommodated by host communities in locations adjacent to the IDP sites. Most of these households lost their temporary shelters, as the floods destroyed basic infrastructure including homes and latrines and cut off nearly all roads leading to the sites making access difficult. The floods have left many people without shelter, including highly vulnerable individuals such as the elderly, children, and newborns, who are unable to cope under open and prevailing harsh conditions. In addition, the floods also resulted in civilian casualties —10 individuals were reportedly injured due to falling objects and destroyed structures, and at least four people have lost their lives. These displaced households are in urgent need of emergency response support, including temporary shelters, clean potable water and food assistance.

Protection Risks

Psychological distress: Displaced persons, especially women, children and the elderly are experiencing emotional distress due to the loss of shelter and exposure to the harsh weather.

Forced displacement and movement restrictions:

- Over 2,600 individuals have been forcibly displaced from their homes due to floodwaters. Continued rainfall could further exacerbate the situation of the IDPs in Daynile and Kahda.
- Key access roads to affected IDP sites are submerged or rendered impassable, isolating the population and hindering humanitarian response efforts.

Urgent Needs



Food



Emergency Shelter



Non-Food Item



Communal Latrine



Safe Drinking water

Shelter

Flood waters have settled in makeshift shelters across IDP settlements in Aftah (Kahda), Dogobley (Garasbaley), Al-Rahma and Alla-dhawr (Dayniile), causing extensive damage. Emergency shelter support—including tents, plastic sheets and household kits—is urgently required to provide immediate protection against exposure to adverse weather and reduce associated protection risks such as gender-based violence, theft of personal property, harassment, and family separation.

WASH

Most community latrines were destroyed by the floods, significantly increasing protection concerns and the risk of waterborne diseases due to contamination of water sources. This leaves residents reliant on unsafe water and heightening risks of waterborne diseases such as cholera and acute watery diarrhea. Urgent support is needed to construct/rehabilitate emergency latrines and provide essential WASH services to prevent further deterioration of public health and dignity.

Health

The contamination of floodwaters with waste and damaged latrines has elevated the risk of waterborne diseases. In addition, psychological distress has been reported among affected populations, as observed by PSMN monitors. Deployment of mobile health teams and provision of first aid and psychosocial support are urgently required.

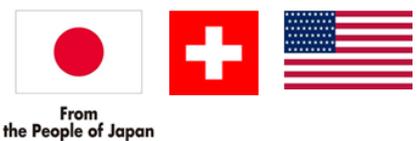
Food Security

The floods have destroyed small businesses and shops, and washed away recently distributed food supplies, severely affecting food security in the area. With access to urban centers restricted, communities face critical challenges in obtaining food. Immediate provision of hot meals and food assistance is urgently needed to support affected families.



Left Flood-submerged shelter of an IDP family. Right: A shelter in Garasbaaley IDP camp severely affected by flooding.
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Disclaimer: This alert serves as a call for urgent and coordinated humanitarian response. For that purpose, preliminary information is reported outlining immediate priority needs. Assessments of the situation are ongoing and updates will be shared as further information becomes available.



The Protection and Solutions Monitoring Network (PSMN) is a UNHCR-led project that identifies and reports on displacements, as well as the protection risks and incidents driving such population movements. On behalf of UNHCR and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), 10 local partners across Somalia conduct data gathering—primarily through interviews with affected communities and key informants—and monitor displacement trends at strategic locations.

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