

# 17,484 displaced due to drought and worsening insecurity in Diinsoor, Bay region



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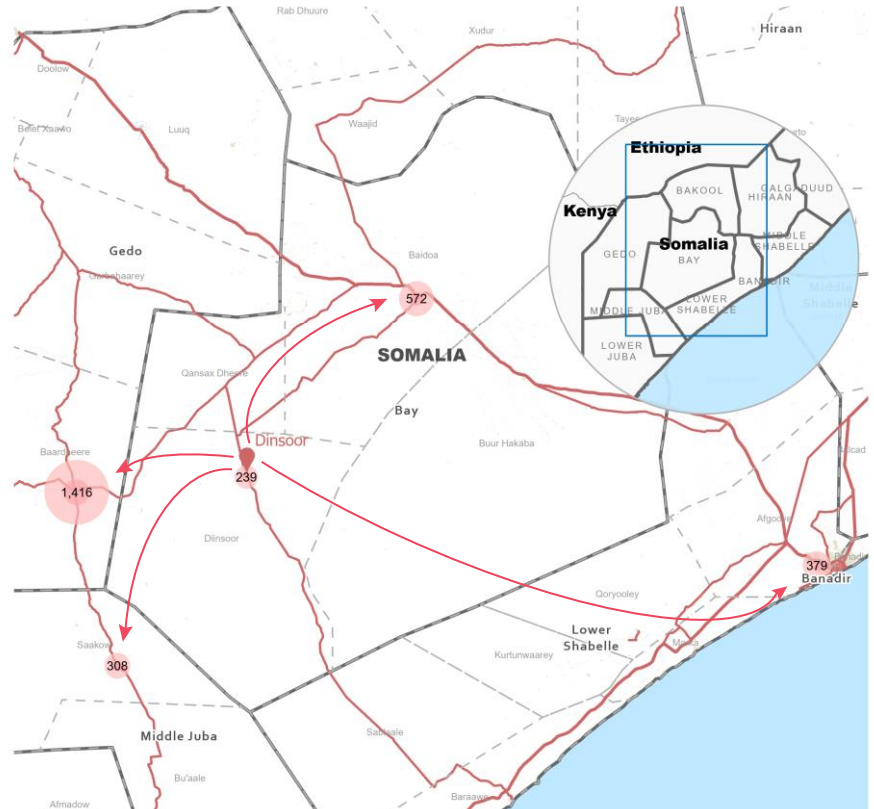
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## Background

The Protection and Return Monitoring Network (PRMN) has observed increasing trend of displacements due to the ongoing drought and increased insecurity in Diinsoor during the last week of February 2022. More than 2,914 households (approximately 17,484 individuals) have been displaced from Diinsoor to several locations, with the largest group of people arriving in Baidoa town and Bardheera, Gedo region.

The ongoing displacements was triggered by insecurity following a siege that started about three months ago, and recent eviction announcement by a non-state actor operating in the area. According to displaced communities interviewed by the PRMN monitors, continued mortar shell attacks in Diinsoor town has resulted into massive displacement of civilians to nearby villages (Gurban, Yaaq, Brawe, Kurman and Misire) and districts of Baidoa, Bardheere, Sakow, and Banadir.

The humanitarian condition of the displaced communities remains dire due to limited presence of humanitarian agencies providing lifesaving services in the affected areas. The current situation is exacerbated by the ongoing drought situation. Majority of the displaced people are reported to be children, elderly people, pregnant, and lactating mothers. Displaced families continue to face increased protection risks during movement. For instance, two elderly mothers were reported to have sustained injuries during their journey, while a three-year-old child was reported to have died due to hunger and dehydration.

The displaced families have joined existing IDP settlements in Baidoa, Bardheere and Mogadishu where they built temporary makeshift shelters. At the moment, the displaced communities have not received any assistance including food, shelter, etc. from either the government or humanitarian agencies.

#	Affected Settlements	Arrival Villages	Households
1		Bardheere	1,416
2		Baidoa	572
3	Diinsoor	Banadir	379
4		Sakow	308
5		Gurbaan, Yaqbaraawe Gurmaan and Missiree	239
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,914 (Approximately 17,484 individuals)</b>	

## Protection Issues

- **Civilian casualties during movement:** a woman was physically assaulted by her husband, a member of the non-state actor, who refused her to go to government-controlled areas. A three-year-old child was reported to have died due to hunger and dehydration.
- **Restriction of freedom of movement:** non-state actor issued an order instructing displaced communities to relocate to areas under their control and not government-controlled areas. There is also general restriction on movement in and out of non-state-controlled areas, including interrogation of civilians, and restrictions on transportation of goods and basic supplies.
- **Destruction of property and livelihood assets:** more than seven donkey carts (transport livelihood and sources) were destroyed, and a number of civilian houses were destroyed due to mortar shelling.
- **Heightened vulnerabilities:** majority of the displaced population are children, elderly, and pregnant and lactating mothers, who remain the most vulnerable groups affected by the ongoing drought.
- **Arbitrary arrest and civilian casualties:** a three-year-old child died due to thirst and hunger in addition to a number of civilian arbitrary arrests and civilian's casualties being reported.

## Urgent Needs



Food



Emergency Shelter



Non-Food Item



Communal Latrine



Safe Drinking Water



Treated Mosquito Net



Newly arrived IDPs in Baidoa

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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