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## Severe Drought Conditions Displace Thousands Across Bari, Mudug, Nugaal and Sanaag Regions



Displaced Families

**4,857**



Displaced Individuals

**29,142**



Deaths

**0**



Injuries

**0**

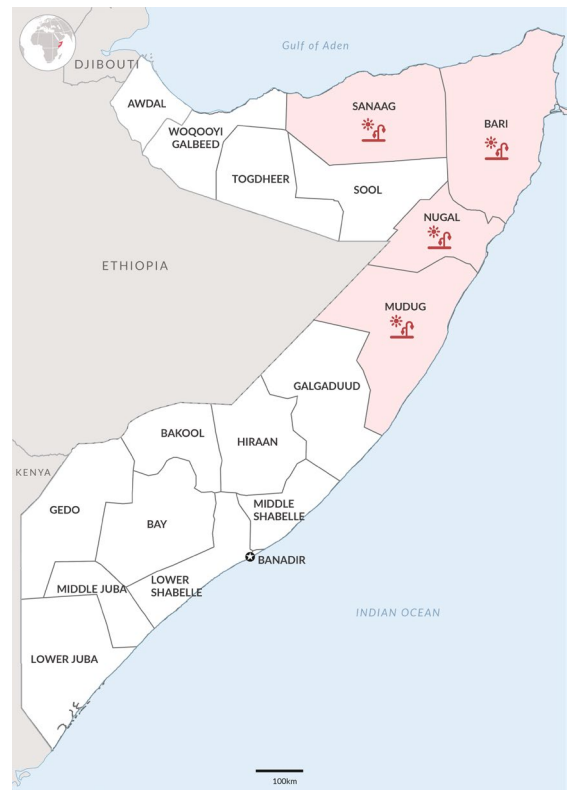


Coordinates



Incident Date

**21 Oct – 4 Nov 2025**



## Background

Severe drought conditions are currently affecting large parts of central and northern areas of Somalia, particularly the regions of Nugaal, Mudug, Bari and Sanaag. The failure of the *Gu* rainfall season has led to drying up of key water sources, including *birkas*, shallow wells and boreholes. Escalating food insecurity, reduced access to water and pasture and major disruptions to livelihoods and farming activities have increased vulnerability of communities. The massive loss of livestock has significantly impacted pastoralist communities in these areas.

| Previous Location                              | Arrival locations | Households |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------|
| Eyl                                            | Galdogob          | 500        |
| Dongarayo                                      | Harfo             | 492        |
| Dongarayo                                      | Galdogob          | 618        |
| Dongarayo                                      | Bursaalah         | 390        |
| Burtinle                                       | Bursaalah         | 994        |
| Garowe                                         | Galdogob          | 1,220      |
| Jariiban                                       | Galdogob          | 56         |
| Qardho                                         | Galdogob          | 351        |
| Qardho                                         | Habyo             | 150        |
| Dhahar                                         | Galdogob          | 86         |
| <b>4,857 HHs. (Approx. 29,142 individuals)</b> |                   |            |

The Protection and Solutions Monitoring Network (PSMN), which is closely tracking displacement trends in affected regions, has recorded the displacement of approximately 4,857 households (29,142 individuals) between 21 October and 4 November 2025. The displaced populations are moving toward districts in West Mudug Region, including Hobyo, Bursaalah and Galdogob, where limited rainfall was received during the last *Gu* season. Additional reports indicate that 1,825 households have crossed the border into Ethiopia mainly towards Galhamur, Bokh and Galaddi districts situated in Doolo Zone, in search of water and pasture.

The newly displaced families have set up temporary settlements in villages situated in rural areas, where community leaders are coordinating movements and guiding new arrivals to locations with better access to water and grazing land. Leaders are also providing awareness on safe border crossings and advising families

to avoid high-risk areas, particularly the south-eastern parts of Galdogob, where clan-related tensions have been reported.

## Protection Risks

**Destruction of Livelihoods and Property:** The ongoing drought has led to the extensive loss of livestock and agricultural produce, creating severe food and water insecurity for drought-affected communities.

**Forced Displacement and Family Separation:** Thousands of people have been forced to abandon their homes and farms in search of water and pasture for their remaining animals. During the displacement process, families have been separated, leaving vulnerable individuals, particularly children, women, and the elderly at heightened risk of exploitation and neglect.

**Psychological And Emotional Distress:** The loss of livestock and agricultural produce, and disruption of basic health and education services has significantly increased psychological and emotional distress among affected individuals and families.

## Urgent Humanitarian Needs

**Emergency Shelter:** Newly displaced families are currently without adequate shelter in their new settlements, leaving them exposed to harsh weather conditions. Immediate provision of temporary emergency shelters is required.

**Water:** Despite limited rainfall in some receiving areas, acute water shortages persist due to the high influx of displaced households. Immediate water trucking and rehabilitation of existing water points are urgently needed, to avert tensions with host communities over limited water resources in arrival locations.

**Food Assistance:** The loss of livestock and crop production has left the communities affected without sustainable food sources. Urgent food distribution and nutrition support are required to prevent malnutrition, particularly among children, pregnant and lactating women, and persons with chronic illnesses.



*Photos: Displaced communities arriving in Bursaalah village with surviving livestock in search of water and pasture © NRC/2025*



The Protection & 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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