



SOMALILAND WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST 17 TO 23 OCTOBER, 2024

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Dry conditions forecast across much of Somaliland, with localized light rainfall expected in parts of in Ceerigaabo, Dayaha, Buhoodle and Laascanod Districts.

Rainfall Forecast (17- 23 October 2024)

As the Inter Tropical Convergence Zone (ITCZ) shifts further south in October, rains are expected to spread both eastwards and southwards from Somaliland. As the NOAA-NCEP GFS, forecasts mostly dry conditions in most regions of Somaliland including Maroodijeex, Awdal and Saaxil during the upcoming week. Light rainfall of up to 30.0 mm is expected over isolated areas in Ceerigaabo district in Sanaag region, and Laas Canood district in Sool region and southern parts of Burco district in Togdheer region. Although the residual effect of ITCZ is still expected to lead to cloudiness, the rest of Somaliland is expected to be dry.

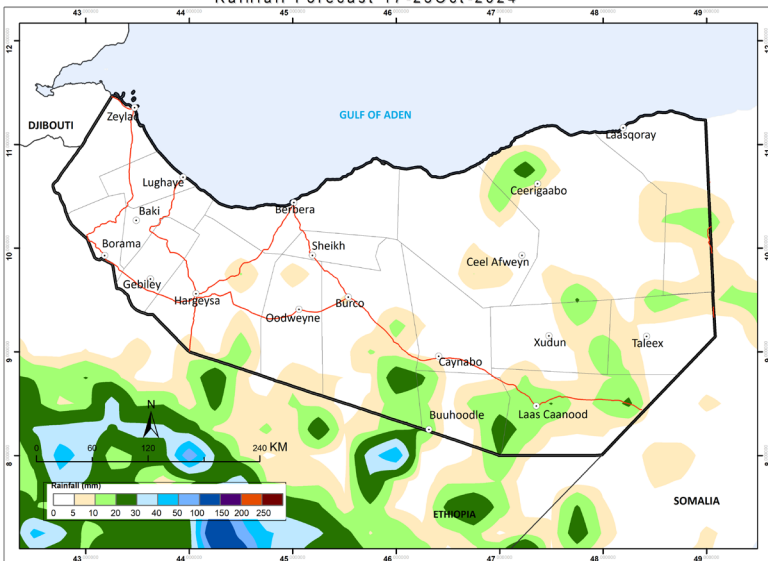
The spatial distribution of the forecast rainfall (Map 1) is as follows:

- Light rainfall of between 5.0 mm and 30.0 mm is anticipated over Dayaha, Ceerigaabo and Garadag districts in Sanaag region, Laascanod and Xudun districts in Sool region, Buhoodle and Ballidhiig districts in Togdheer region.
- Dry conditions are expected to prevail over the other parts of Somaliland.

Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast

The observed moderate rainfall over the agropastoral livelihood zones in the central parts of Somaliland, coupled with the relatively good Gu and Karan rains over most parts are likely to lead to lagged partial replenishment and recharge of surface and groundwater water sources, and better soil moisture retention that is still likely to offer an opportunity for sustained livelihood activities. As the rain spreads southwards and eastwards, the conditions will be ideal for such agropastoral livelihoods as crop and fodder harvesting. Traditionally, the timings would also be right for such agropastoral livelihood activities such as land clearance after harvesting paving way for Deyr seasonal crop planting. However, it is advisable that short season crops and fodder should be considered in view of the forecast below normal rains.

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Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland from 17 to 23 October 2024

Disclaimer: Users are advised that this is a forecast and at times there may be discrepancies between estimates and actual amounts of rainfall received.

