



Moderate rainfall is anticipated in a few parts of Somaliland, with chances of light rainfall in Xudun, Taleex, Laascanood, and the western parts of Caynabo. The central parts of Zeylac and the central parts of the Sheikh districts. Southern parts of Gabiley, a few southeastern parts of Hargeisa, and eastern parts of the Berbera districts are likely to remain dry.

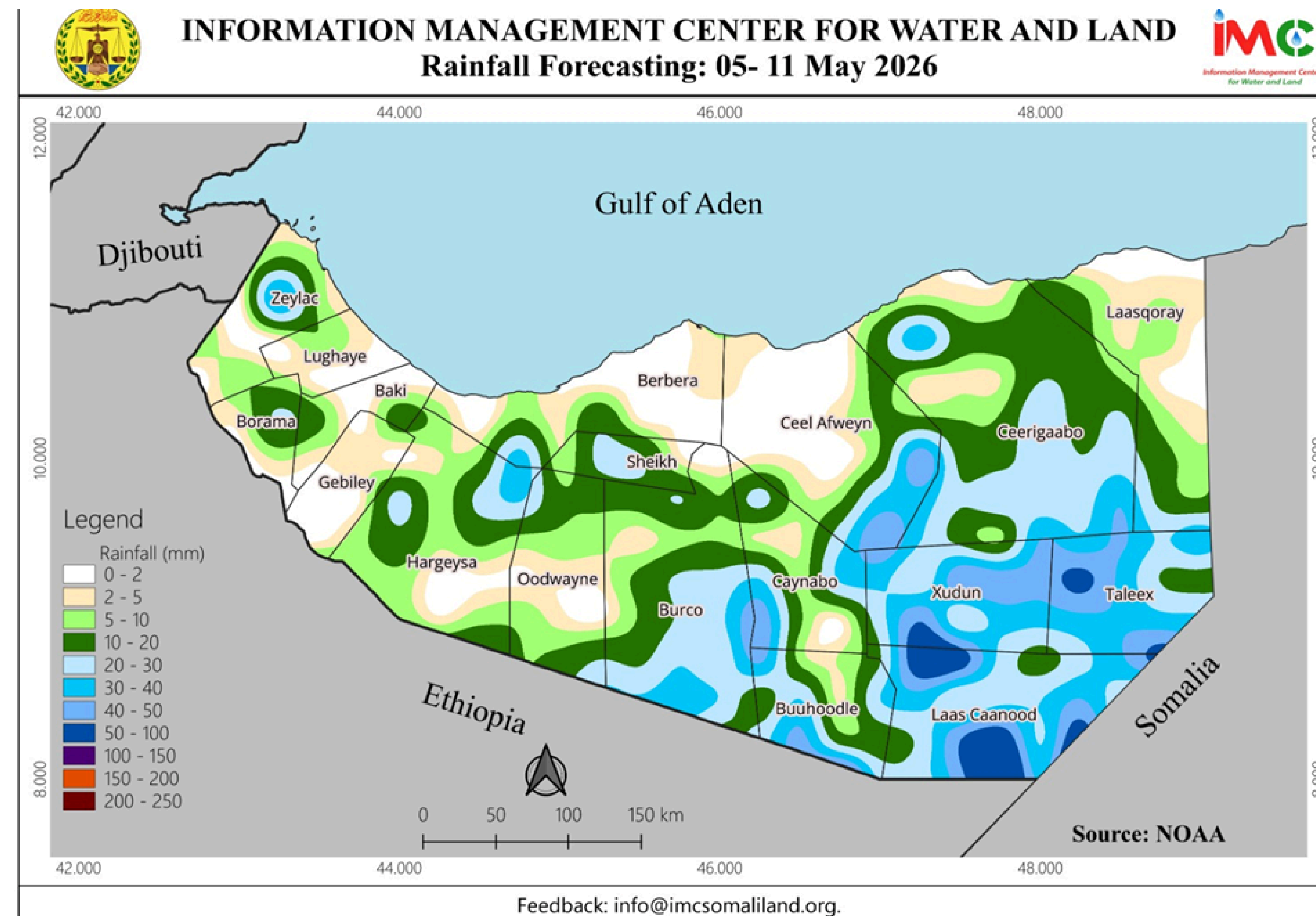
Weather Review for the Week Between 29th April and 5th May

Over the past week (29 April–05 May), several areas across Somaliland experienced light rainfall, likely improving soil moisture conditions and improving water availability for both domestic and livestock use. While moderate rains were recorded in Cadaadley (64.0 mm) in the Maroodijeex region. Light rains of below 50 mm were observed at: Magaalo-cad(41.0 mm); Seyla (40.0 mm); Alleybadey (27.0 mm); Gabiley (25.0 mm); Boodaale (16.0 mm) and Dararwayne (9.0 mm) in Maroodijeex region; Warabeye(34.0 mm), Fiji Ayub (31.0 mm), Buuhoodle (22.0 mm) in Togdheer region; Amoud (30.0 mm); Baki (16.0 mm); Dilla (10.0 mm) and Boorama (7.0 mm in Awdal region; Caynabo (20.0 mm) in Sool region; Ceel-afwayn (20.0 mm) in Sanaag region.

Rainfall Forecast (05-11 May 2026)

According to the NOAA-NCEP GFS, light rain is expected in Xudun, Taleex, Laascanood, and the western parts of Caynabo. The central parts of Zeylac and the central parts of the Sheikh districts. Dry conditions are expected across the Laascanood district, Xudun district, Caynabo district, and Taleex district in the Sool region.

- Light cumulative rainfall between 30.0 mm and 50.0 mm is expected in Over Xudun district; Taleex district; Laascanood district and western parts of Caynabo district in Sool region; few southwestern parts of Ceel-afwayn district; most south parts of Ceerigaabo district and few southern parts of Laasqorey district in Sanaag region; most of southwestern parts of Burco district; few southern parts of Berbera district and most central parts of Sheikh district in Saaxil region; few both northeastern and few western parts of Hargeisa district in Maroodijeex region and central parts of Zeylac and few eastern parts Boorama district in Awdal region.



Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland from 05 to 11 May 2026

- Light rainfall of less than 20.0 mm is likely most northern parts of Ceerigaabo district and few southwestern parts of Laasqorey district in Sanaag region; few northeastern parts of Buuhoodle district; most northern parts of Burco district and both northern and southern parts of Oodwayne district in Togdheer region; most northern parts of Hargeisa district in Maroodi jeex region; central parts of Boorama district; few northern parts of Zeylac district; few western parts of Lughaya and few both south and eastern parts of Baki district in Awdal region and most western parts of Berbera and few both eastern and western parts of Sheikh district in Saaxil region. The rains northern parts of Gabiley; few southern parts of Lughaya district; few northern parts of Berbera district and most northern parts of Laasqorey are likely to cumulate to less than 10.0 mm by the end of the forecast week.

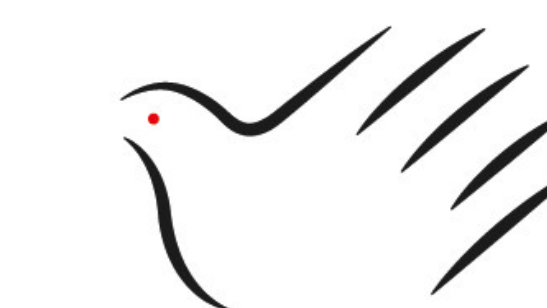
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- Dry conditions are expected to prevail over the rest of the areas in Somaliland, particularly the southern parts of the Gabiley district and southeastern parts of Hargeisa in Maroodi Jeex region; eastern parts of the Berbera district in Saaxil region, and most northern parts of the Ceel-afwayn district in Sanaag region.

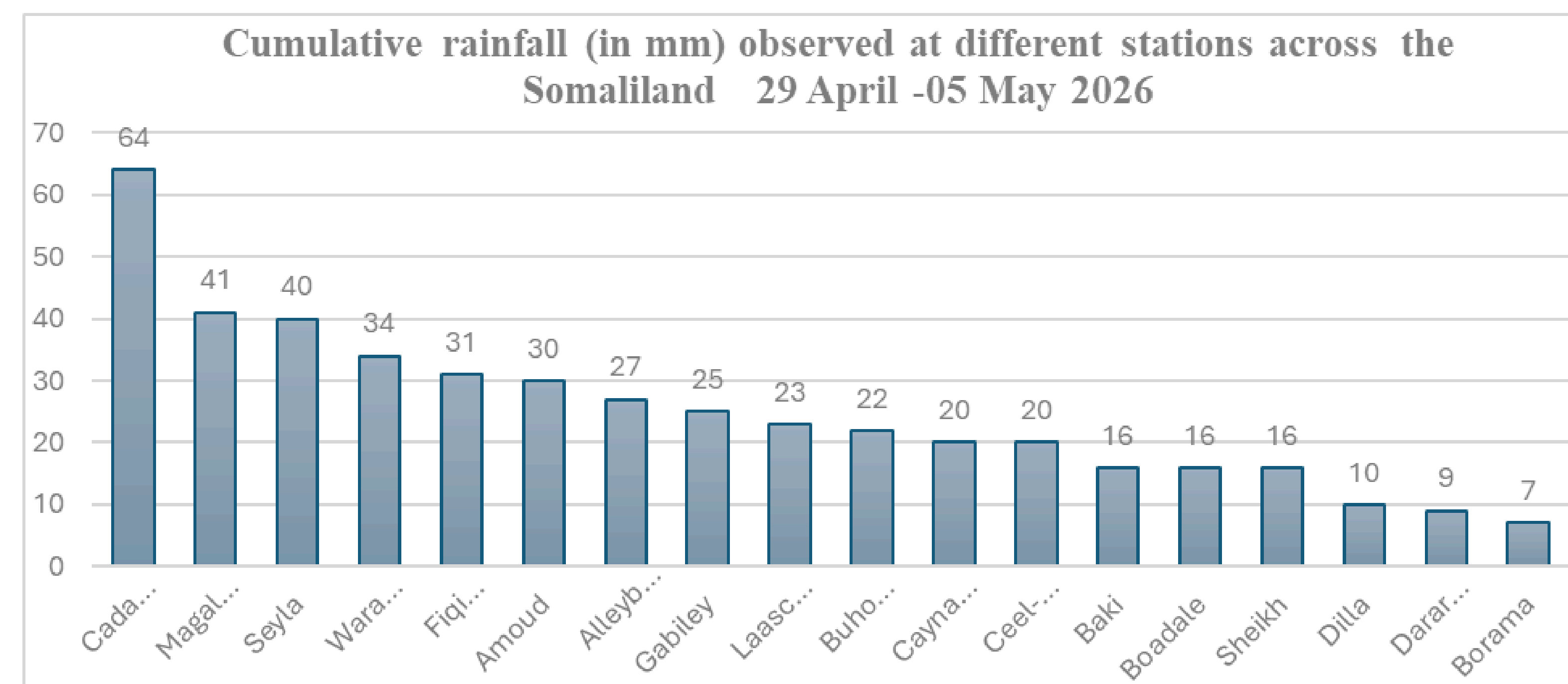
Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast:

1. Agricultural Impacts

- Improved soil moisture: The light to moderate rains (especially 64 mm in Cadaadley and ~40 mm) have enhanced soil moisture, supporting crop germination and early growth.
- Favorable planting conditions: Most (Awdal, Maroodijeex, Togdheer) now have adequate moisture for rain-fed farming activities, particularly short-cycle crops.
- Uneven distribution risk: Areas with lower rainfall (e.g., Boorama, Dararwayne) may still face moisture stress, leading to uneven crop performance.
- Upcoming forecast impact: Continued rainfall in eastern regions (Sool, Togdheer, and Sanaag) will further support crop development.

2. Livestock and Pasture

- Pasture regeneration is likely in the Awdal region and some Maroodijeex region areas, improving grazing conditions. Pasture regeneration: Rainfall has triggered rangeland recovery, improved the availability of grass and browse.
- Water access improved: Berkads and shallow water sources are being replenished, reducing trekking distances.
- Livestock body condition: in livestock health and productivity (milk/meat).
- Migration patterns: Reduced need for long-distance migration in areas with moderate rainfall, though eastern areas may attract livestock movement due to higher forecast rainfall.



3. Water Resources

- Recharge of surface water sources.
- Urban water supply improvement is possible in Hargeisa if nearby catchments receive runoff. Water Resources Impacts
- Recharge of water sources: Surface water (berkads, ponds) and some shallow wells have improved.
- Short-term water security: Most communities now have temporary relief in water availability.
- Spatial inequality: With <20 mm rainfall may still face localized water shortages.
- Forecast implication: recharge in eastern regions (Sool, Sanaag).

4. Environmental Impacts

- No major flood signals, but localized runoff/flooding possible in high-intensity spots (e.g., Sheikh highlands).
- Dry remains vulnerable to drought continuation.

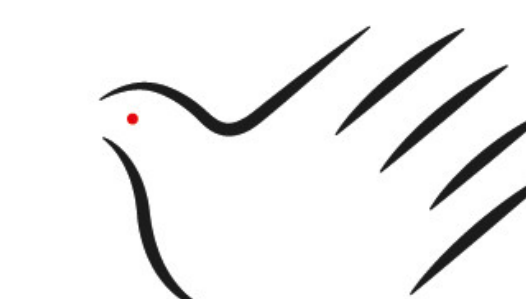
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