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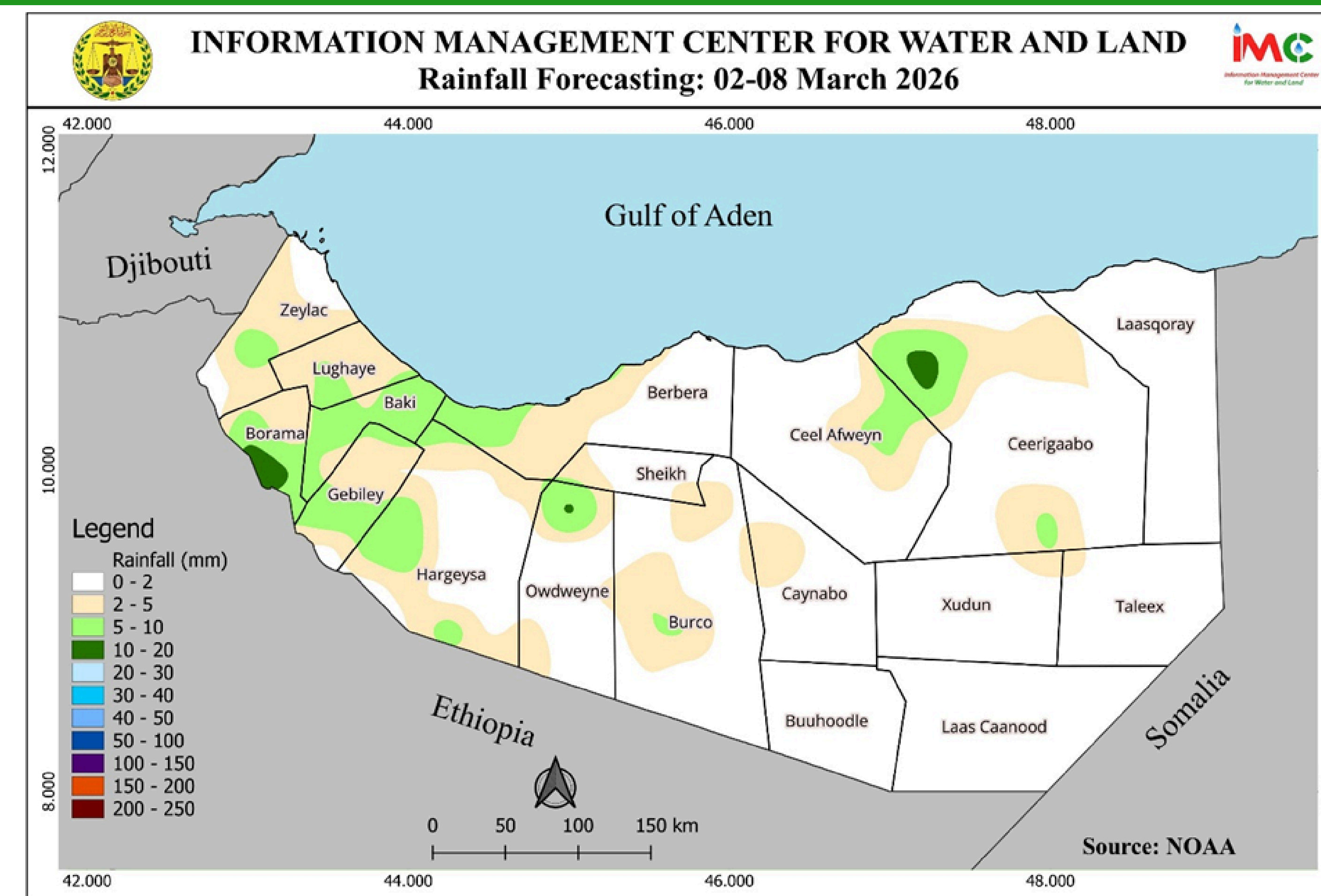
For the upcoming week, the NOAA-NCEP GFS model forecasts generally dry conditions in most parts of Somaliland. Light isolated rainfall is likely over select areas of the Ceel-afwayn and Ceerigaabo districts in the Sanaag region, the Burco and Oodwayne districts in the Togdheer region, the Lughaya, Zeylac, Baki, and Borama districts in the Awdal region, and the Gabiley and western parts of the Hargeisa district in the Maroodijeex region. The rains over most of these areas will range from 1 mm to 20 mm.

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

- Light rainfall of between 1.0 mm to 20.0 mm is anticipated in some parts of Somaliland including of Borama district, Baki district, Lughaya district and most parts of Zeylac district in Awdal region; Gabiley district and most north western parts of Hargeisa district in Maroodijeex region; most western parts of Berbera district and few western parts of Sheikh district in Saaxil region; few northern and south eastern parts of Oodwayne district and Central and few northern parts of Burco district in Togdheer region; few western parts of Caynabo district and few border between Xudun district and Taleex district in Sool region and most north eastern parts of Ceelafwayn district and north western parts of Ceerigaabo district in Sanaag region.
- Dry conditions are expected to prevail over the rest of the areas in Somaliland.

### Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast

Following an extended period of below-average rainfall and recurrent drought conditions across much of Somaliland, the light rainfall forecasted in some western and northern coastal areas is expected to bring localized but meaningful relief to agro-pastoral communities.



Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland from 02 to 08 March 2026

The anticipated light rains (approximately 0–20 mm in parts of Awdal, Maroodijeex, and localized areas of Sanaag) are likely to:

- Improve short-term soil moisture conditions, supporting early land preparation and crop germination where planting has started.
- Stimulate regeneration of pasture and browse, providing temporary relief for livestock that have been under stress due to prolonged dry conditions.
- Partially replenish berkads, shallow wells, and other surface water sources, reducing water trucking needs in affected areas.
- Reduce dust levels and slightly moderate extreme daytime temperatures.

However, given the long dry spell preceding this rainfall:

- The impact on groundwater recharge is expected to be minimal unless additional consistent rains follow.
- Pasture recovery will remain limited and uneven, particularly in central and eastern regions where dry conditions persist.
- High temperatures in many inland areas may increase evapotranspiration rates, causing rapid moisture loss from soils.
- Livestock body conditions are unlikely to improve significantly without sustained rainfall in the coming weeks.

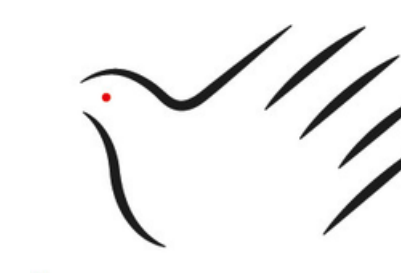
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