



Scattered light rainfall interspersed with prevalent dry conditions anticipated across Somaliland

Rainfall Forecast (16 –22 September 2025)

NOAA-NCEP GFS indicates mostly dry conditions across Saaxil and Togdheer, with only isolated light showers (≤ 30 mm) in parts of Sanaag, Sool, Awdal and Maroodi Jeex during the week.

Rainfall Forecast (09 –15 September 2025)

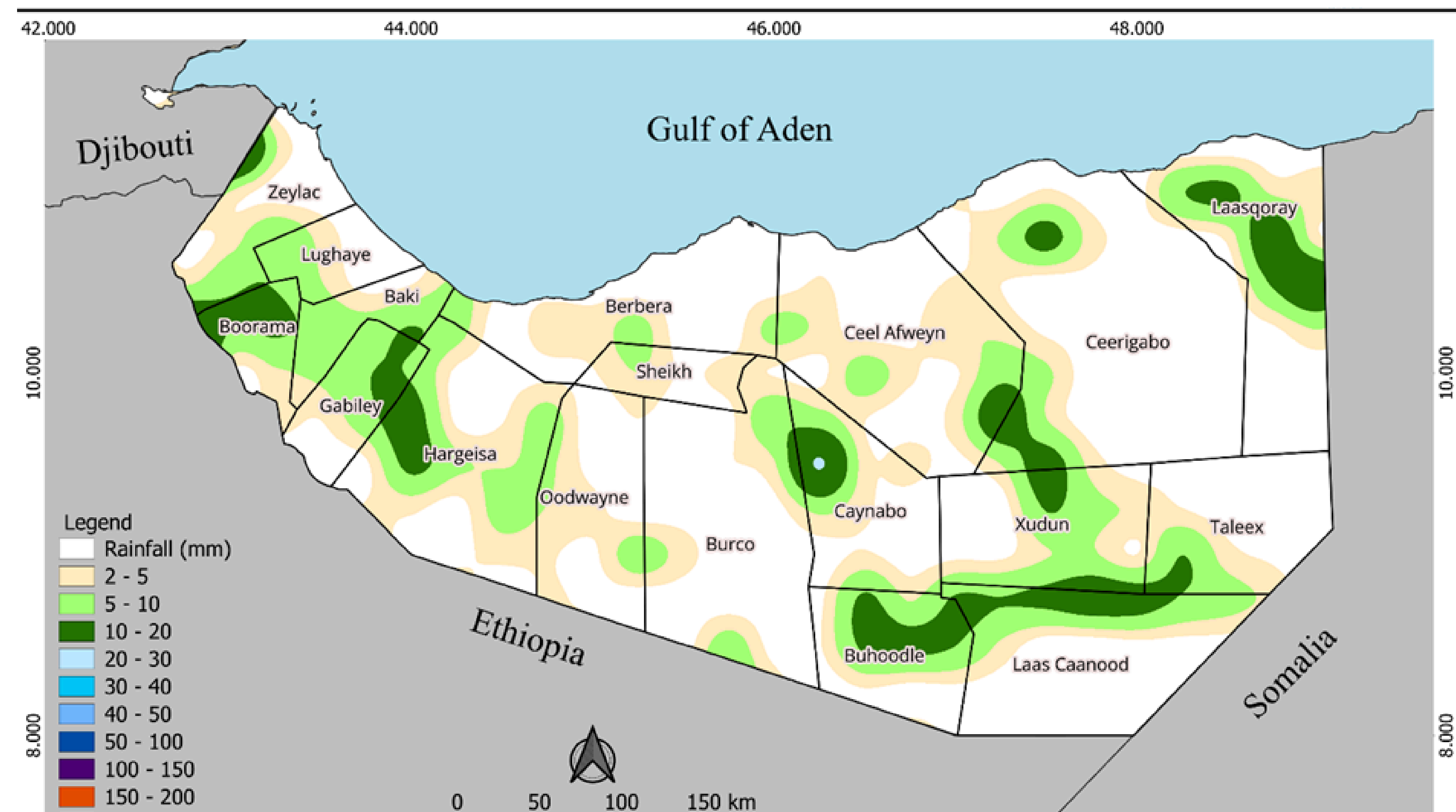
The spatial distribution of the forecast rainfall (**Map 1**) is as follows:

- **Light rainfall of less than 30 mm** is likely in a western and eastern parts of Borama District; north western parts of Zeylac district; over central Baki and northern parts of Lughaya district (Awdal region); a few eastern and western parts of Hargeisa District and most northern parts of Gabiley (Maroodi Jeex region); over central and northern parts of Buuhoodle District; central Oodwayne district (Togdheer region); a few eastern and northern parts of Ceel Afweyn district; central and northern parts of Laasqorey District and northern and south western parts of Ceerigaabo district (Sanaag region); northern and southern parts of Caynabo district, few northern and southern parts of Xudun district, a few south western parts of Taleex and a few northern parts of Laascanod District (Sool region) and both of central parts in Berbera and Sheikh Districts (Saaxil region). By the end of the forecast week, most of these areas are likely to accumulate less than 10 mm of rainfall.

- **Dry conditions** are expected to prevail elsewhere, few in southern Gabiley and northern parts Hargeisa Districts (Maroodi Jeex region); eastern parts of Taleex; northern parts of Laascanod and the border between Caynabo and Xudun Districts (Sool region); northern parts of Ceel Afweyn; southern parts of Laasqorey and a most central parts of Ceerigaabo Districts (Sanaag region); Most northern parts of Berbera and Sheikh in (Saaxil region) and few northern parts in Zeylac and southern parts of Lughaya districts (Awdal region).

Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast

- **Limited rains** in Togdheer, Sool, and Sanaag will exacerbate pasture scarcity and increase malnutrition and disease risks among pastoralists.



Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland for the week from 16 to 22 September 2025

- **Moderate rains are expected** in Awdal (Boorame, Zeylac), Maroodi Jeex (Gabiley, Hargeisa), Sanaag (Laasqorey, Ceerigaabo), and Sool (Caynabo, Xudun, Buhodle, Taleex, Laascanod). These rains may improve the recharge of shallow wells and berkads and aid rangeland vegetation regeneration.

- **Localized Relief from Drought:** Areas receiving 10–20 mm of rainfall, such as Gabiley, Hargeisa, Buhodle, and parts of Laascanod, may experience short-term relief. However, rainfall remains patchy, and drought conditions are likely to persist in Saaxil, Togdheer, and central Sanaag due to minimal rainfall forecasts.

- **Improved soil moisture in localized areas** will aid short-cycle crop germination and pasture regeneration, easing stress on livestock herders in the coming weeks, despite some recharge in western parts of the country.

- **Limited and uneven rainfall** may lead to reliance on unsafe water sources, increasing the risk of waterborne diseases.

- **Continued Vulnerability:** Households in drought-prone areas (Saaxil, central Togdheer, parts of Sanaag) are highly vulnerable to water shortages and pasture scarcity, necessitating ongoing humanitarian and government support.

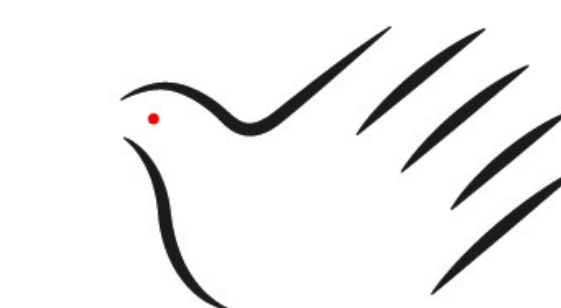
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