



**Forecasted dry conditions across most of Saaxil, Togdheer, Sool, and Sanaag are expected to deepen the ongoing drought, with only light and scattered rains likely in districts such as Borama, Zeylac, Gabiley, Hargeisa, Berbera, and Lughaya—insufficient to support recovery or ease water stress.**

### Weather Review for the Week Between 29 July and 04 August

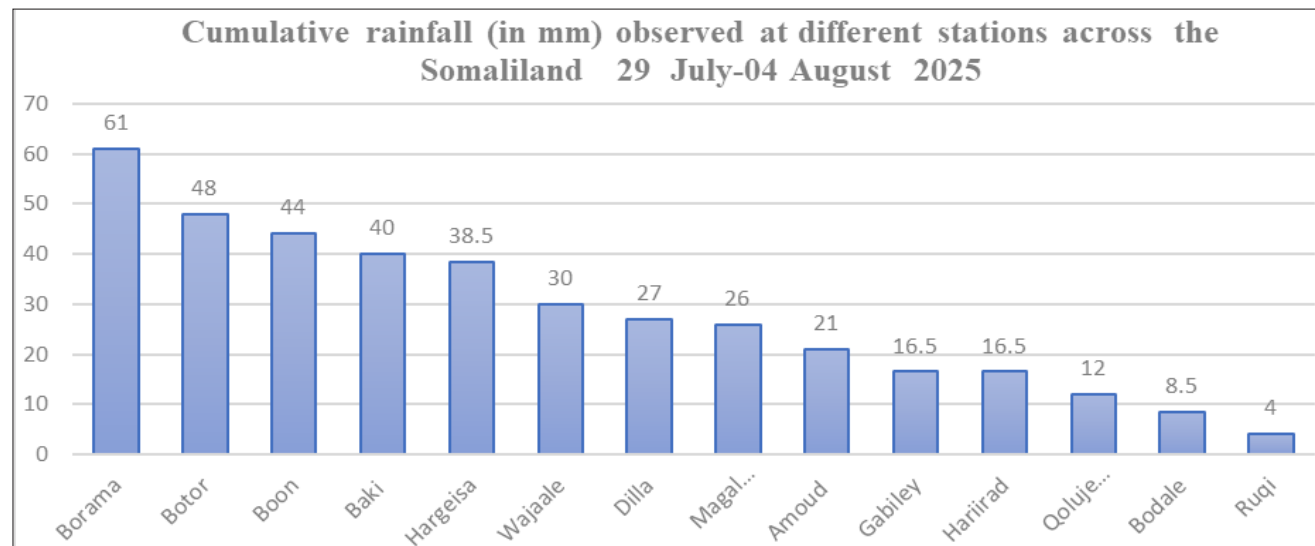
During the past week (29 July – 4 August), dry conditions generally persisted in Saaxil, Togdheer, Sool, and Sanaag regions with light rains being observed in some parts of Awdal and Maroodi jeex region. While moderate rains were recorded at Borama (61.0 mm) in Awdal region, light rains of below 50 mm were observed at: Boon (44.0 mm), Baki (40.0 mm), Dilla (27.0 mm), Magalo cad (26.0 mm), Amoud (21.0 mm), Hariirad (16.5 mm), Qolujeed (12.0 mm), Ruqi (4.0 mm) in Awdal region and Botor (48.0 mm), Hargeisa (38.5.0 mm), Wajaale (30.0 mm) and Gabiley (16.5 mm) in Maroodi jeex region.

### Rainfall Forecast (5 –11 August 2025)

According to NOAA-NCEP GFS, dry conditions are likely to prevail over most parts of Saaxil, Togdheer, Sool and Sanaag regions of Somaliland during the upcoming week. Light rainfall of up to 50.0 mm is likely over some areas in Awdal and Maroodi jeex regions.

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

**Light cumulative rainfall between 30.0 mm and 50.0 mm** is expected in the northern parts of Gabiley district in Maroodi jeex region and Baki district in



Cumulative rainfall (in mm) observed at different stations across Somaliland from 29 July to 04 August 2025

Awdal region. Rains of similar intensity are likely over very narrow strips in the southern and northern parts of Zeylac district and southwestern parts of Borama districts in Awdal region.

**Light rainfall of less than 30.0 mm** is likely over most other parts of Baki, Zeylac, Borama, and Lughaya districts in Awdal region; most other parts of Gabiley district and northern parts of Hargeisa districts in Maroodi jeex region; western parts of Berbera district in Saaxil region. The rains over Berbera and northwestern parts of Sheikh district in Saaxil region, northern parts of Oodwayne district in Togdheer region and central eastern parts of Ceel Afweyn district and far northern parts of Ceerigaabo districts in Sanaag region are likely to cumulate to less than 10.0 mm by the end of the forecast week.

**Dry conditions** are expected to prevail over the rest of the areas in Somaliland particularly southern parts of both Gabiley and Hargeisa districts in Maroodi jeex region; Sheikh district and over most parts of Berbera district in Saaxil region; Buuhoodle, Burco and central and southern parts of Owdweyne district in Togdheer region; Taleex, Laas Caanood, Xudun, and Caynabo districts in Sool region; Ceel Afweyn, Ceerigaabo and Laasqoray districts in Sanaag region.

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## Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast

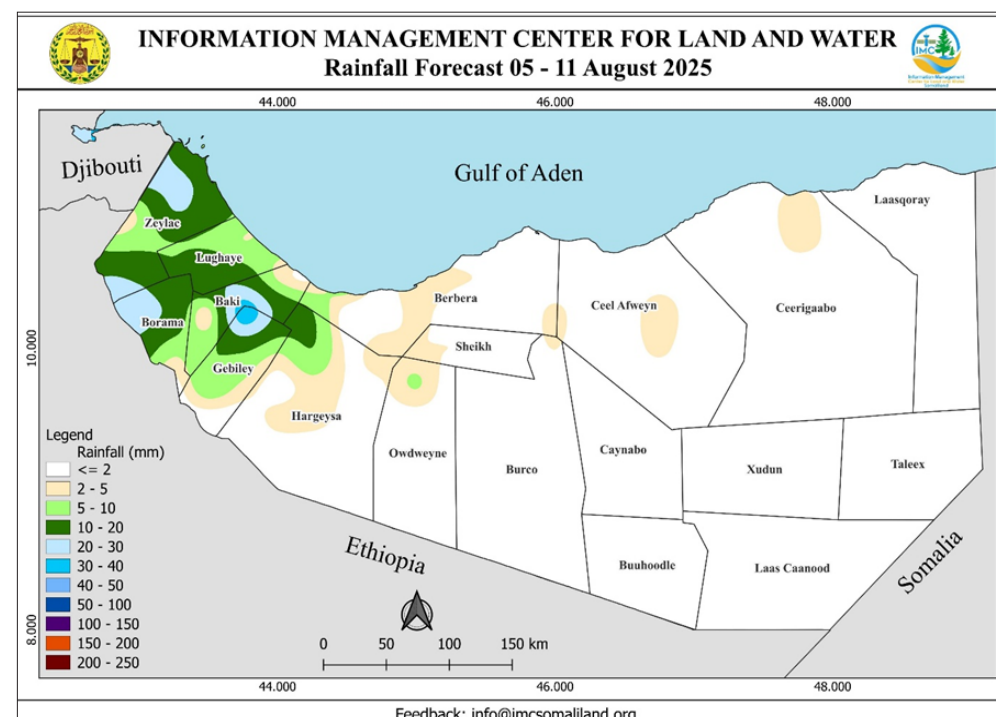
During the first half of Hagea rainy season, many parts of the country particularly Saaxil, Sanaag, and Awdal experienced widespread drought (dry and hot) conditions. Light rainfall received in the last week across stations in Hargeisa, Boorama, Baki, Wajaale, Gabiley, Amoud, Qolujed, Dilla and Botor is likely to have provided temporary relief.

Given these ground realities and the forecast persistence of dry conditions over much of Somaliland, the following impacts are expected:

- Environmental degradation may accelerate as communities continue coping through unsustainable means (e.g., tree-cutting for shelter/fuel)
- Risk of malnutrition is rising, especially among children, as indicated by caller concerns
- The limited rainfall forecast in parts of Baki, Gabiley, and Boorama will offer minimal short-term relief, insufficient for agricultural or water recovery
- The drought situation is worsening in the eastern regions such as Sanaag, with extreme heat and very little rainfall.

The following actions are therefore recommended:

- Water Trucking: Prioritize eastern regions (Sanaag, Sool, Awdal).
- Livestock Feed Distribution: Especially in rural Saaxil and Sanaag.
- Health Support: Deploy mobile clinics to address waterborne diseases and malnutrition.
- Establish Local Drought Task Forces in each region to work with traditional leaders.
- Data sharing among MOWRD, MOECC, MOAD, IMC, NADFOR, FAO, and NGOs to monitor rainfall and vegetation index.



Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland for the week from 5 to 11 August 2025

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