



## 1. Rainfall Forecast for May 2026

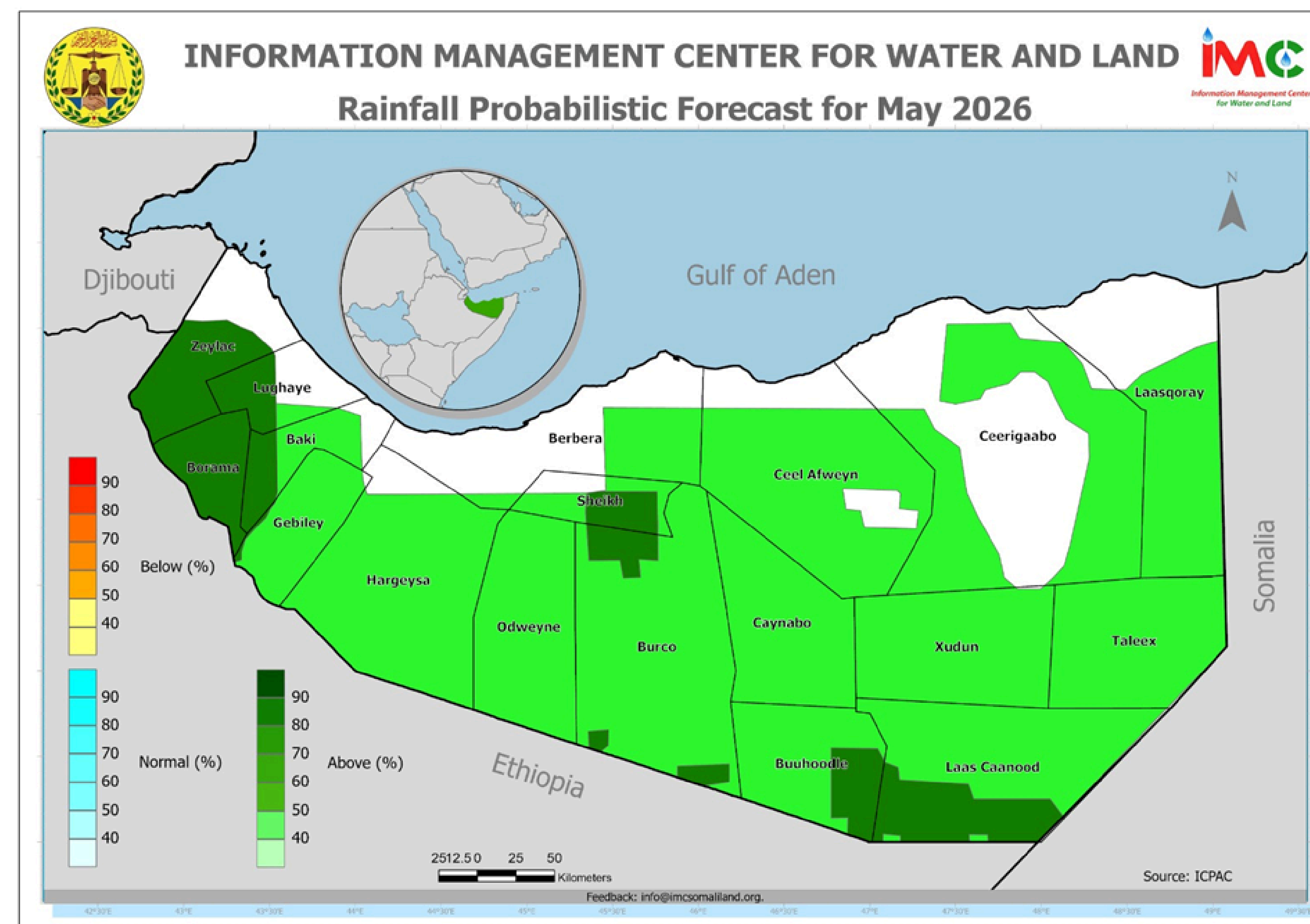
According to the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre (ICPAC), in the month of May 2026 is expected to be characterized by above-normal rainfall and above-normal temperatures. There is an 80% likelihood that few parts of Somaliland (**dark green in Map 1**) will experience above-normal rainfall. These areas include the Borama district; most southern parts of the Zeylac district, a few southwestern parts of the Lughaya district, and a few southern parts of the Baki district in the Awdal region; a few eastern parts of the Sheikh district in the Saaxil region; a few northern parts and southern parts of the Burco district, and a few eastern parts of the Buuhoodle district in the Togdheer region, and most southern parts of the Laascanood district in Sool region.

There is a 45 % likelihood that most parts of Somaliland (**light green in Map 1**) will observe above normal rains. These areas include most northern parts of Baki district and few eastern parts Lughaya district in Awdal region; Over Gabiley district and Hargeisa district in Maroodijeex region; Burco district; Oodwayne district and most parts of Buuhoodle district in Togdheer region; Over Caynabo district; Xudun district; Taleex district and most northern parts of Laascanod district in Sool region; northern parts of Laasqorey district; Most of the northern parts of the Ceel-afwayn district and a few eastern and western parts of the Ceerigaabo district in the Sanaag region and few eastern parts of the Berbera district and a few western parts of the Sheikh district in the Saaxil region.

There is a 40% chance that near normal rain (**light blue Map 1**) will be received in most parts of Somaliland. These areas include a few northern parts of the Zeylac district; a few northern parts of Lughaya and Baki districts in the Awdal region; most parts of the Berbera district and northeastern parts of the Sheikh district in the Saaxil region; a few northern parts of the Ceel-afwayn district; most central and a few northern parts of the Ceerigaabo district; and a few northern parts of the Laasqorey district in the Sanaag region.

## 2. Temperature Forecast for May 2026

The temperature forecast for May 2026 in Somaliland shows a distinct spatial pattern, highlighting expected above-average and below-average temperature probabilities across different parts of the country. This forecast is crucial for early planning in agriculture, water management, and pastoral activities. The spatial variation of the probabilistic temperature forecast is as follows:



Map 1: Somaliland Probabilistic Rainfall Forecast for (May) 2026

- There is a (55 %) likelihood above normal temperature (yellow colour in Map 1), over Ceerigaabo district; Laasqorey district and Ceel-afwayn district in Sanaag region; Over Caynabo district; Xudun district; Laascanood district and Taleex district in Sool region; Buuhoodle district; both southern parts of Burco and Oodwayne districts in Togdheer region; over Sheikh district and eastern parts of Berbera district in Saaxil region; most southern parts of Zeylac district; few southern parts of Lughaya district; western parts of Boorama district and northern parts of Baki district in Awdal region and few both northern parts Gabiley and Hargeisa districts in Maroodi jeex region.

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- There is a (45 %) likelihood of normal temperature (white colour in Map 1), few northern parts of Ceerigaabo district; northern parts of Laasqorey district and few northern parts Ceel-afwayn district in Sanaag region; central parts of both Burco and Oodwayne districts in Togdheer region; most eastern and southern parts of Berbera district in Saaxil region and few southern parts both Baki and Boorame districts and few northern parts of Zeylac and Lughaya districts in Awdal region.
- There is decreased likelihood (50 %) of below normal temperatures (light blue colour in Map 1) Both southern parts of Gabiley district and Hargeisa district in Maroodi jeex region. The inclusion of district capitals and primary roads helps in planning localized advisories and response actions.

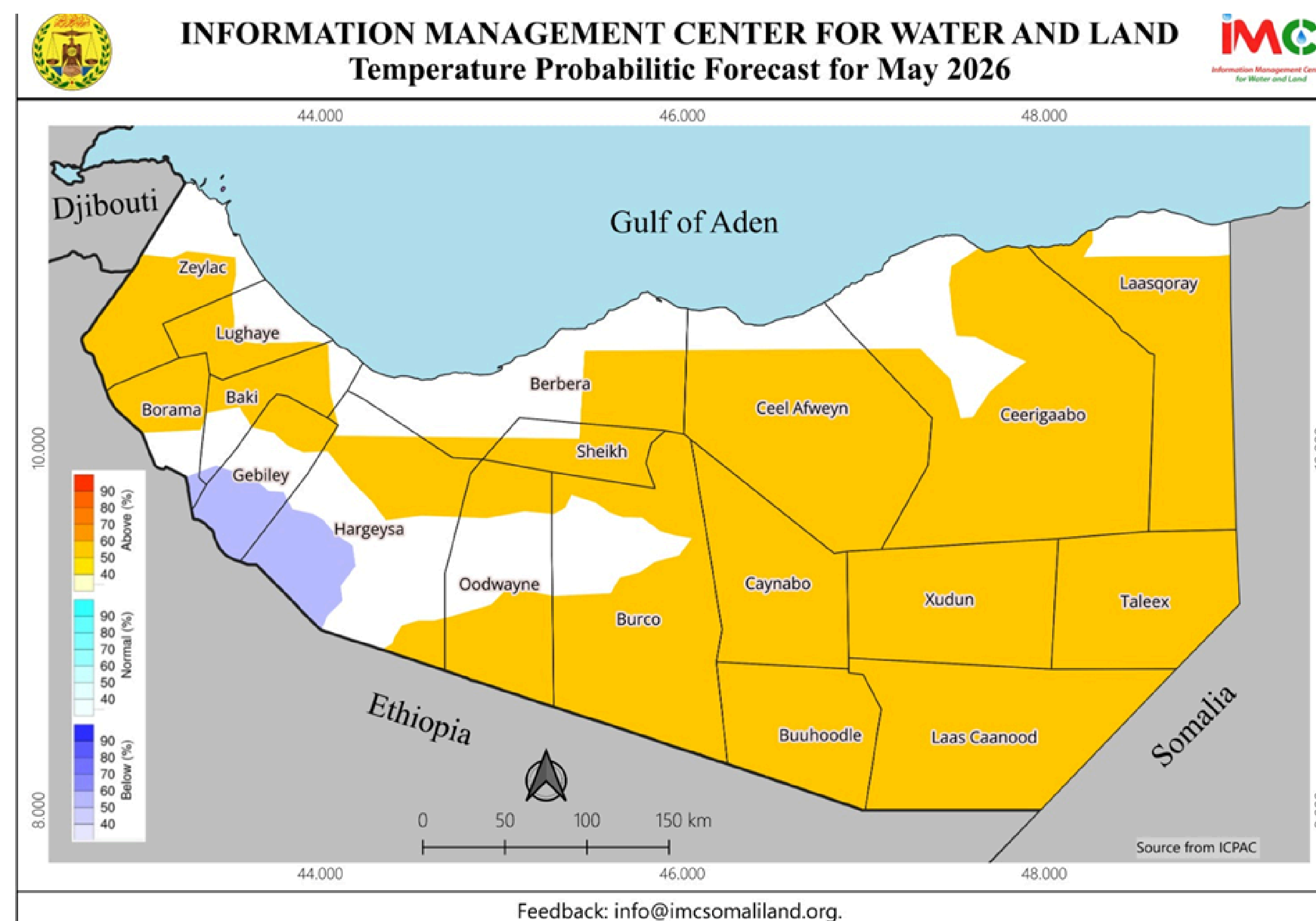
### Recommendation

#### 1. Agriculture & Food Security Recommendations (Above Normal Rainfall)

- Promote timely planting to take advantage of adequate soil moisture.
- Encourage the use of improved and water-tolerant crop varieties to reduce the risk of waterlogging damage.
- Strengthen drainage systems in flood-prone farms to prevent crop loss
- Support soil and water conservation measures (contour bunds, terraces, water harvesting).
- Establish early warning and rapid response mechanisms for flood-affected farming communities.
- Support post-harvest storage improvements to reduce losses from excess moisture.
- Beginning after the month of May, as the JJAS season sets in, characterised by strong winds and high evaporation, it is expected that both crops and soil may be affected by wind erosion.

#### 2. Livestock & Pasture

- Strengthen livestock disease surveillance and vaccination, especially for water-borne and vector-borne diseases (e.g., RVF risk and parasites).
- Improve veterinary outreach services in areas prone to flooding.
- Support destocking or market access planning in case excess rainfall disrupts livestock markets and roads.
- Enhance early warning systems to monitor flood risks and disease outbreaks.



Map 2: Somaliland Temperature Probabilistic Forecast For (May) 2026

#### 3. Water Resources

- Promote rainwater harvesting and storage to capture excess runoff for future dry periods.
- Conduct regular water quality testing to prevent outbreaks of water-borne diseases.
- Promote watershed management and soil conservation to reduce erosion and sedimentation of water bodies.
- Strengthen coordination between water authorities and disaster management agencies for rapid response.

#### 4. Humanitarian Impact

- Strengthen flood preparedness and contingency planning in flood-prone districts.
- Improve access to healthcare services, especially in areas at risk of flooding and disease outbreaks.
- Support temporary shelter and relocation planning for populations in low-lying and riverine areas.

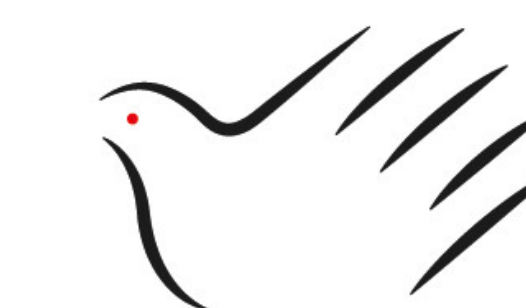
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