

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

Weather Review for the Week Between 6 and 12 August

During the past week (6 –12 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 regions. Light rains (below 30 mm) were recorded at: Qolujeed (2.0 mm), Geerisa (2.0 mm), Boon (5.0 mm), Baki (7.0 mm), and Dilla (14.0 mm) in Awdal region and Gabiley (5.0 mm), Caada (9.0 mm), Alleybadey (20.0 mm), Wajaale (25.0 mm) and Malowle (27.0 mm) in Maroodi jeex region.

Rainfall Forecast (12 –18 August 2025)

According to NOAA-NCEP GFS, moderate rainfall of above 50 mm is anticipated over the western half of Zeylac district with light rainfall of up to 50.0 mm likely over the rest of the areas in Awdal region and some northern parts of Maroodijeex and Saaxil regions and northwestern parts of Sanaag region during the upcoming week. Dry conditions are likely to prevail over most parts of Togdheer, Sool and Sanaag regions of Somaliland.

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

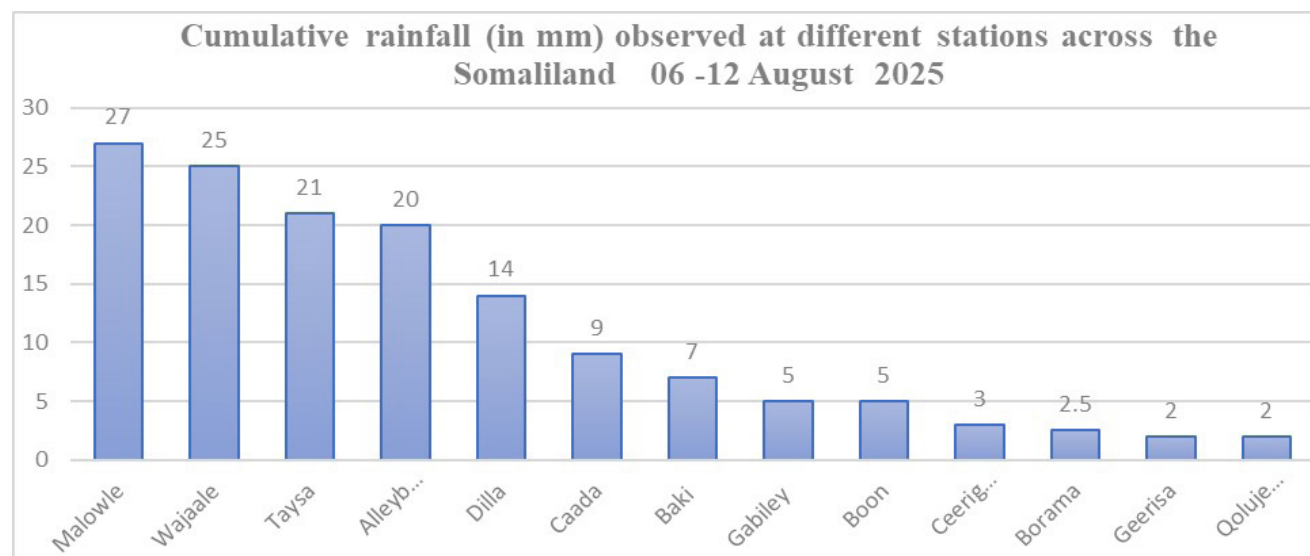


Figure 1: Cumulative rainfall (in mm) observed at different stations across Somaliland from 06 - 12 August 2025

Moderate cumulative rainfall between 50.0 mm and 100.0 mm is expected in the western half of Zeylac district in Awdal region. The rain at the border are likely to intensify to above 100 mm by the end of the forecast week.

Light rainfall of between 20.0 mm to 50.0 mm is likely over most parts of the eastern half of Zeylac district and the northern half of Lughaye district.

Light rainfall of below 20.0 mm is likely over most parts of Baki and Borama districts in Awdal, northern parts of both Gabiley and Hargeisa districts in Maroodijeex

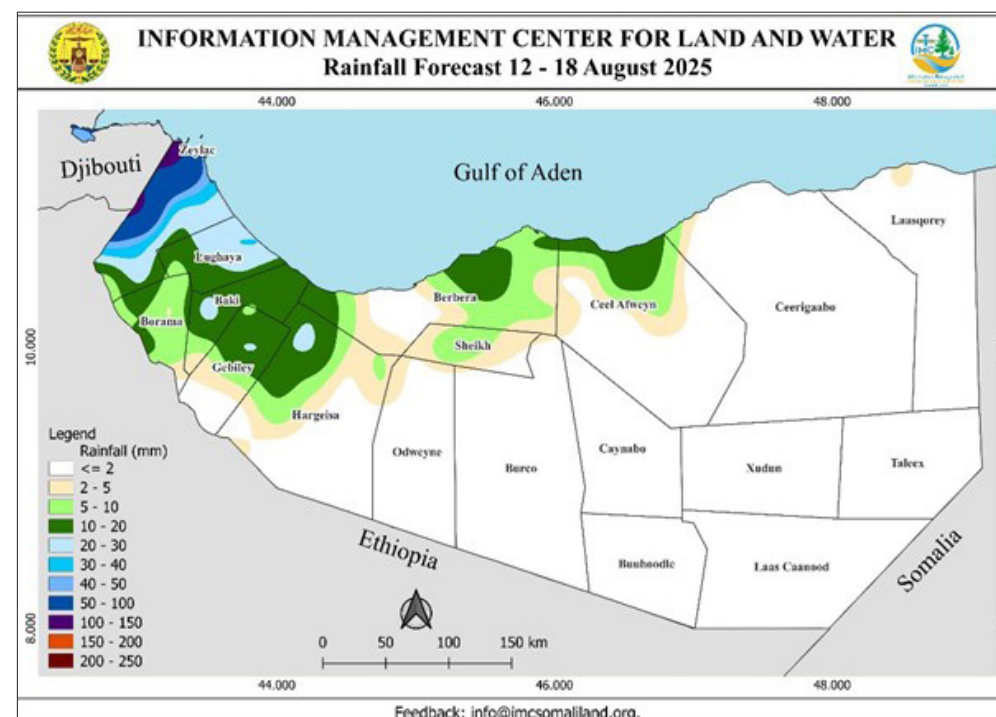
region; northwestern parts of Berbera district and central parts of Sheikh district in Saaxil region, and northern parts of Ceel-afwayn in Sanaag region.

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; central parts of Berbera district in Saaxil region; Buuhoodle, Burco and Owdweyne districts in Togdheer region; Taleex, Laas Caanood, Xudun, and Caynabo districts in Sool region; southern parts of Ceel Afweyn, Ceerigaabo and Laasqoray districts in Sanaag region.

Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast

During last week, the light rainfall of 20.0 mm and above was recorded at Alleybadey, Wajaale and Malowle in Maroodi jeex region is likely to have provided temporary relief. The rest of the areas in Awdal and Maroodijeex received very insignificant light rainfall. The other regions particularly coastal areas and Togdheer, Sool and Sanaag regions remained dry prolonging the prevailing drought conditions. The following actions are therefore recommended:

- Water Trucking: Prioritize coastal and eastern regions (Sool and Sanaag)
- 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
- Continued collaboration and data sharing among MOLRD, MOWRD, MOECC, MOAD, IMC, NADFOR, FAO, and NGOs to monitor rainfall and vegetation index
- Water Point Management: Direct livestock to use temporary water sources formed by the rain to reduce pressure on boreholes
- Disease Vigilance: Watch for outbreaks of waterborne and vector-borne livestock diseases (e.g., Rift Valley fever, foot rot)
- Community Alerts: Share early warnings with vulnerable communities about possible flood-prone zones
- Safe Water Storage: Prevent contamination of collected rainwater
- Hygiene Promotion: Educate communities about preventing waterborne diseases (cholera, diarrhea)



Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland for the week from 12 to 18 August 2025

The Somaliland Information Management Center in collaboration with the Ministry of Agricultural Development ensures the production of weekly weather forecasts, monthly climate outlooks and drought updates.