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### Weather Review for the Week Between 20 August and 26 August

During the past week (20 August – 26 August), light rains were received in some parts of Awdal and Maroodijeex regions with dry conditions prevailing in most parts of Saaxil, Sool and Sanaag regions. Light rains of below 40 mm were reported at: Qolujeed (25.5.0 mm), Baki (15.0 mm), Boon (13.0 mm), Xariirad (7.0 mm), Zeylac (6.0 mm), Borama (5.5 mm), Dilla (3.0 mm) and Lughaya (2.0 mm) in Awdal region; Gabiley (35.5 mm), Wajaale (21.0 mm) and Cadaadley (3.0 mm) in Maroodijeex region and Berbera (27.0 mm) and Sheikh (2.0 mm) in Saaxil region.

### Rainfall Forecast (26 August –01 September 2025)

According to NOAA-NCEP GFS, moderate rains are expected over the northern parts of Hargeisa and the western parts of Awdal, with light rains in most other parts of Awdal, Maroodi Jeex, and Saaxil regions. Dry conditions are expected across most of the Togdheer, Sool, and Sanaag districts.

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

**Moderate cumulative rainfall between 50.0 mm and 100.0 mm** is expected in the northern parts of Hargeisa district in Maroodi jeex region and the western parts of Baki district in the Awdal region.

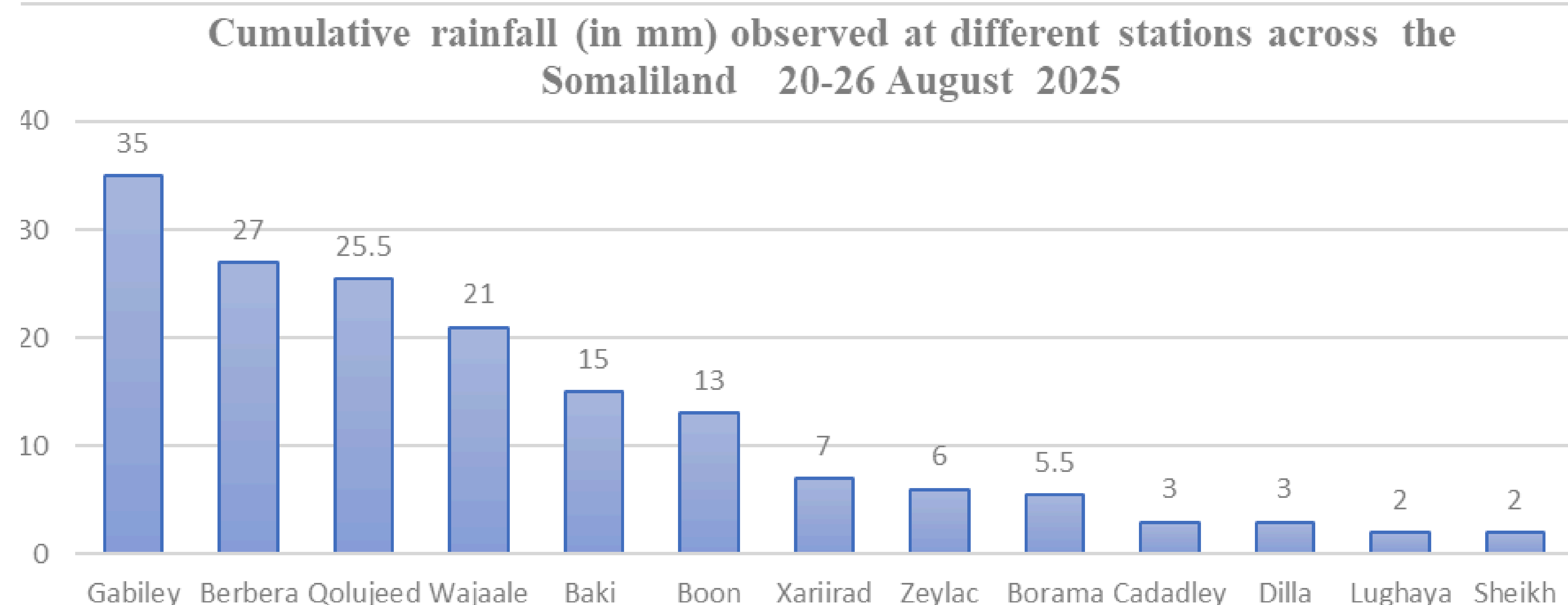


Figure 1: Cumulative rainfall (in mm) observed at different stations across the Somaliland 20-26 August 2025

**Light cumulative rainfall between 30.0 mm and 50.0 mm** is expected in fa few areas in the northern parts of Gabiley district and southern parts of Hargeisa district in Maroodi jeex region, over most parts Baki, Borama, Lughaya and southern parts of Zeylac districts in Awdal region and most western parts of Berbera district in Saaxil region.

**Light rainfall of less than 30.0 mm** is likely over most other parts of Zeylac district and few northern parts of Lughaya district in Awdal region; most central parts of Gabiley district and southern parts of Hargeisa districts in Maroodijeex region; most eastern parts of Berbera district and over central parts of Sheikh district in Saaxil region. The rains over northwestern parts of Burco district northern parts of Oodwayne district in Togdheer region and western parts of Ceel Afweyn district 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 Burco and Oodwayne districts in Togdheer jeex region; Taleex, Laas Caanood, Xudun, and Caynabo districts in Sool region; most parts Ceel Afweyn, Ceerigaabo and Laasqoray districts in Sanaag region.

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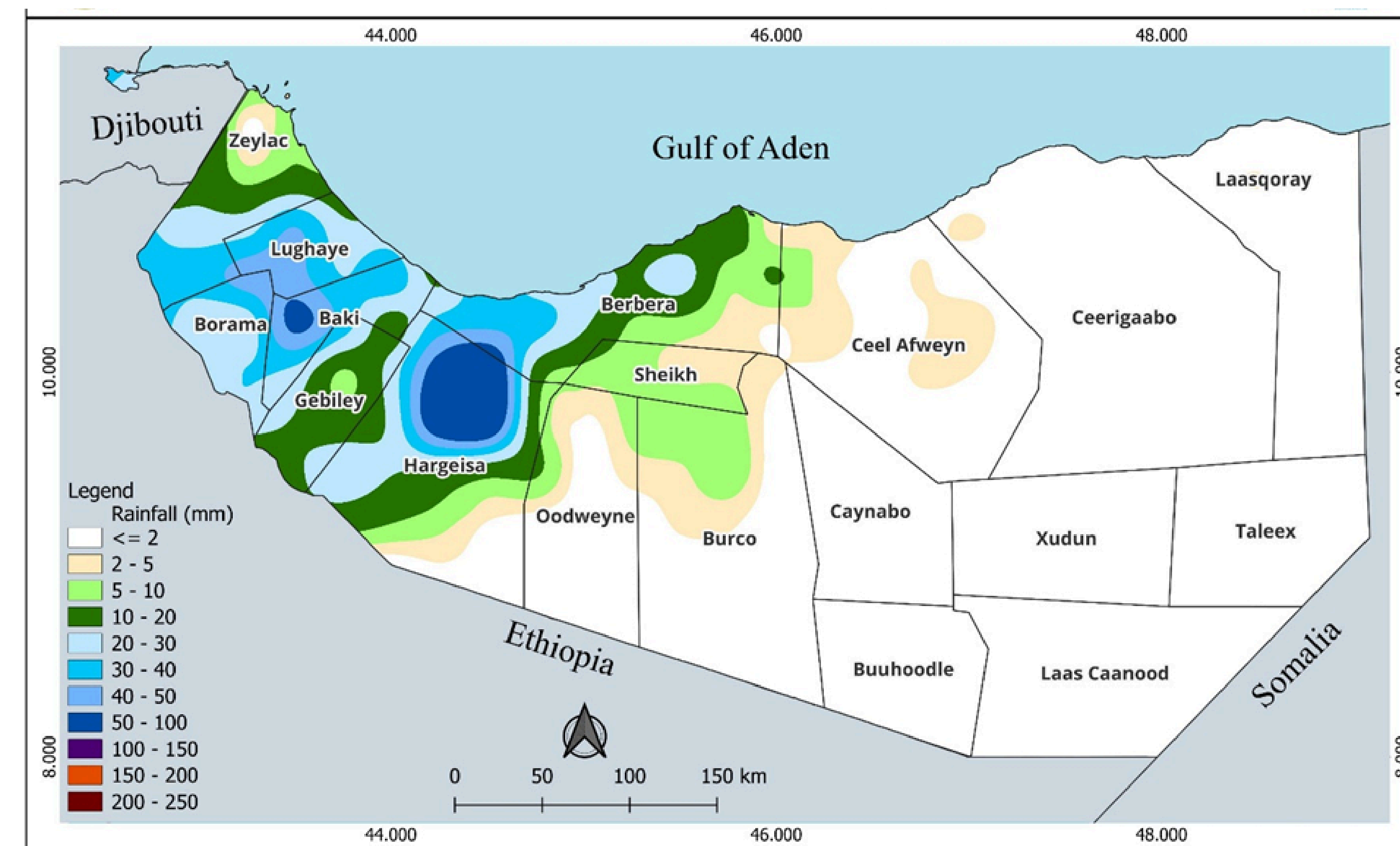






## Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast

- **Localized Relief in MaroodiJeex & Awdal:** Moderate to light rains in northern Hargeisa, parts of Gabiley, Borama, Lughaya, and western Berbera may temporarily improve rangeland conditions and partially recharge shallow water sources.
- **Agricultural Limitations:** Rainfed farming remains at high risk, as the forecast rainfall is insufficient for crop germination or sustained growth.
- **Pastoralist Stress in Dry Areas:** In Togdheer, Sool, and Sanaag, limited rains will intensify pasture scarcity, heighten livestock migration, and increase vulnerability to malnutrition and disease.
- **Persistent Drought Conditions:** Most of Togdheer, Saaxil, Sool, and Sanaag will continue facing severe water shortages, forcing households to travel longer distances in search of water and straining livelihoods.
- **Community Preparedness:** Disseminate forecast information to guide pastoral migration planning and grazing management decisions.
- **Water and Health Risks:** Promote safe storage and chlorination of collected rainwater in MaroodiJeex and Awdal; monitor for waterborne diseases and livestock health threats such as foot rot and pneumonia.
- **Institutional Coordination:** Strengthen joint monitoring and data sharing among IMC, MOAD, MOECC, MOWRD, MOLRD, NADFOR, FAO, NGOs, and local administrations to update drought severity maps and plan early interventions.
- **Public Safety Advisory:** Pastoralists, transport operators, and herders should avoid crossing flooded roads, rivers, and grazing areas to reduce risks during rainfall events.
- **Pre-Season Planning:** Following the release of the OND 2025 forecast at GHACOF 71, IMC, MOAD, SRCS, Save the Children, and NADFOR will convene the Somaliland Climate Outlook Forum to support joint pre-season planning and targeting.



Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland from 26<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

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