



Light rainfall is anticipated in most parts of Somaliland with chances of moderate rainfall in the central parts of Hargeisa and Ceerigaabo districts. Most parts of Zeylac, Lughaye and are likely to remain dry

Weather Review for the Month of September

During the past month, light to moderate rains were observed in some parts of Awdal and Maroodi jeex region. Dry conditions generally persisted in Saaxil, Sool and Sanaag regions. Significant monthly cumulative rains of above 100 mm were recorded at Hargeisa (212.0 mm), Taysa (142.0), Gabiley (120.0 mm), Laasadacawo (115.0 mm) and Alleybadey (106.0 mm) in Maroodi jeex region, and Qolujeed (117.0 mm), Amoud (111.0 mm) and Boorama (111.0 mm) in Awdal region, Ceerigaabo (154.0 mm) in Sanaag region and Sheikh (105.0 mm) in Saaxil region. Moderate monthly cumulative rains of above 50 mm were observed at Wajaale 93.0 mm), Gacanlibaax (91.0 mm), Cadadley (81.0 mm), Aburiin (72.0 mm), Botor (64.0 mm), Magalo cad (63.0 mm), Malowle (54.0 mm), Salaxley (54.0 mm), Seyla (50.0 mm), Dhubato (45.0 mm), Dararwayne (43.0 mm), Geeddeeble (40.0 mm) and Balligubadle (39.0 mm) in Maroodi jeex region, Xeeqo (90.0 mm), Boon (69.0 mm), Baki (60.0 mm), Dilla (59.0 mm), Xariirad (45.0 mm), Ruqi (22.0 mm) in Awdal region, Beer (75.0 mm), Burco (55.0 mm), Oodwayne (39.0 mm) and Balidhiig (25.0 mm) in Togdheer region, Caynabo (48.0 mm) and Waridaad (36.0 mm) in Sool region and Dhahar (51.0 mm), Ceel-afwayn (15.0 mm), Garadag (21.0 mm) and Badhan (30.0 mm) in Sanaag region. Light monthly cumulative rains of below 50 mm were observe at Dararwayne (40.0 mm), Balligubadle (35.0 mm), Salaxley (35.0 mm) and Gacanlibaax in Maroodijeex region, and Magalo cad (43.0 mm), Ruqi (27.0 mm) Xariirad (21.0 mm) in Awdal region, and Burco (41.0 mm) and Oodwayne (39.0 mm) in Togdheer region, and Doxaguban (18.0 mm) and Boodale (12.0 mm) in Saaxil region.

Rainfall Forecast (7 –13 September 2025)

According to NOAA-NCEP GFS, moderate rainfall of above 50 mm is anticipated over the central and northern parts of Hargeisa, Burco, Ceerigaabo and Laascanod districts with -

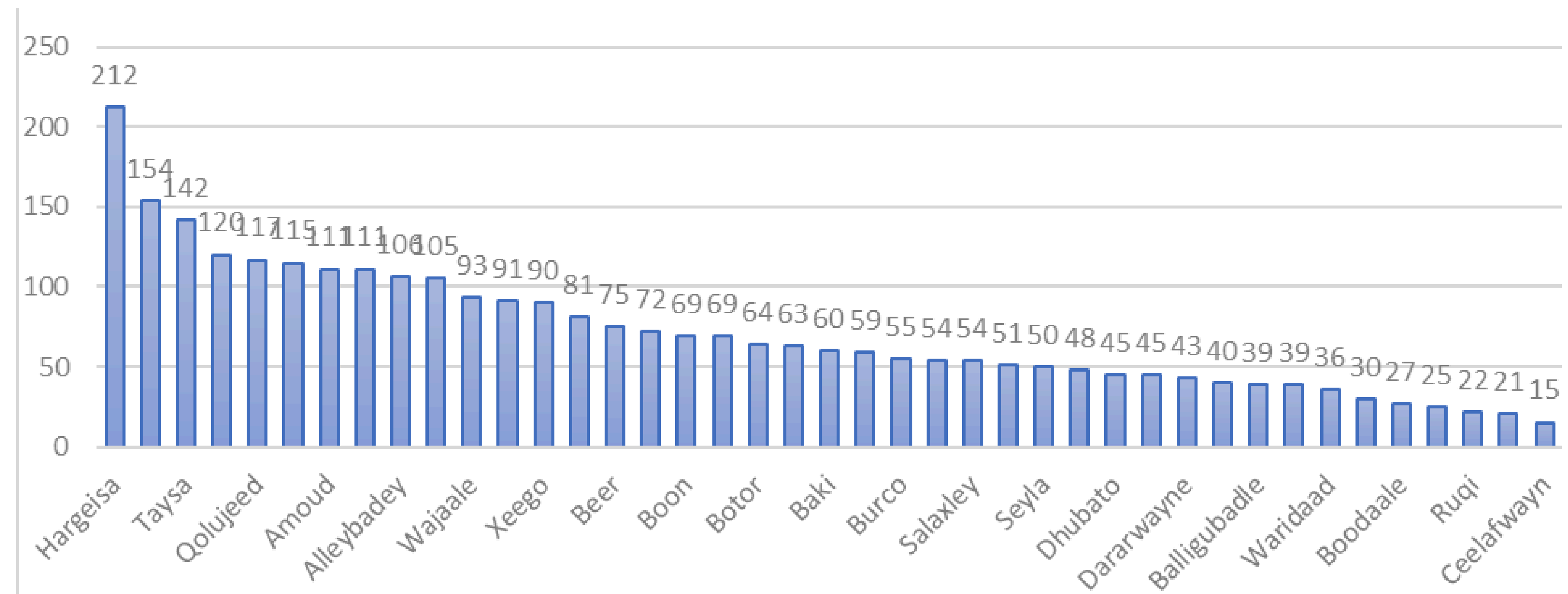


Figure 1: Cumulative rainfall (in mm) observed at different stations across Somaliland in the month of September 2025

light rainfall of 50.0 mm and less expected over the rest of the areas in Awdal region and some western 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 Zeylac and Lughaya Districts Awdal region regions. of Somaliland.

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 central and northern parts of Hargeisa district in Maroodi jeex region, few southern parts of Berbera and few western parts of Sheikh district in Saaxil region, few of north eastern parts of Oodwayne in Togdheer region and few north eastern parts of Ceerigaabo district and few western parts of Ceelafwayn district in Sanaag region.
- Light cumulative rainfall between 30.0 mm and 50.0 mm is expected in fa few areas in the north western parts of Gabiley district and southern parts of Hargeisa district in Maroodi jeex region, few southern parts of Berbera district and central parts of Sheikh in Saaxil region, west and central parts of Oodwayne district, central of Burco district and most central parts of Buhoodle district in Togdheer region, central parts of Caynabo district, few central parts of Xudun district, western parts of Taleex district and southern and western parts of Laascanod district in Sool region and both eastern and western parts of Ceel-afwayn, western and few southern parts of Ceerigaabo district and north western parts of Laasqorey district in Sanaag region.

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- Light rainfall of less than 30.0 mm is likely over most eastern parts of Borama district, over Baki district north eastern parts of Lughaya district in Awdal region; most over parts of Gabiley district and both northern and southern parts of Hargeisa districts in Maroodijeex region; most northern parts of Berbera district and western parts of Sheikh district in Saaxil region, Both northern and southern parts of Burco district, few southern parts of Oodwayne and few central Buuhoodle district in Togdheer region, most southern parts and few northern parts of Ceerigaabo district, few northern parts of Ceel afwayn and few northern parts of Laasqorey district in Sanaag region and both southern and northern of Caynabo district, western and eastern parts of Xudun district ,Most western parts of Taleex district and eastern parts of Laascanod district in Sool region
- Dry conditions are expected to prevail over the rest of the areas in Somaliland particularly most over parts of both Zeylac and Lughaya districts in Awdal region, few central and northern parts of Laasqorey and few northern parts of Ceerigaabo districts in Sanaag region and few northern and western parts of Berbera district in Saaxil region.

Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast

Generally, the moderate rains may offer temporary relief from the persistent drought in parts of Somaliland. However, the relief depends on the observed Karan rains, and the forecast temperature and rate of evapotranspiration. Drought conditions and heat stress are therefore likely to persist in the northern half of Awdal, and most parts of Sool and Sanaag regions.

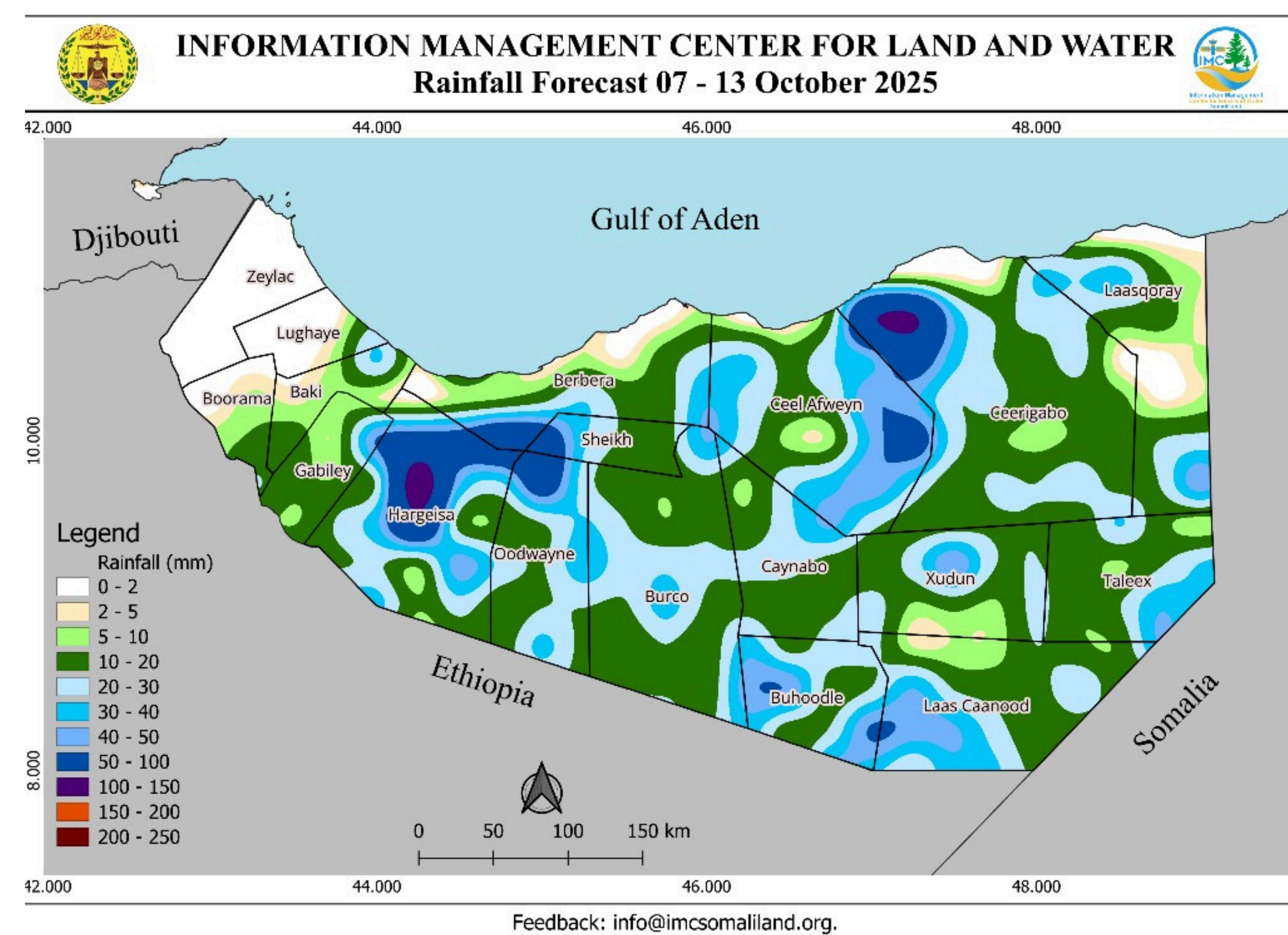
Specific impacts include:

1. Agriculture and Rangeland

- The expected rains may support pasture regeneration and improve water availability for livestock, especially in western and central regions (Hargeisa, Oodweyne, Burco).
- Farmers in agropastoral areas could benefit from favorable soil moisture for planting and germination.

2. Livestock and Water Resources

- Pastoral areas in Togdheer and Sanaag may see improved grazing conditions.
- Temporary ponds and shallow wells could recharge, easing water stress for communities and herders.



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3. Flood and Flash Flood Risk

- Localized flash floods may occur in low-lying areas around Hargeisa, Ceel Afwayn, and Oodweyne, where heavier rainfall (100-150 mm) is forecasted.
- Urban drainage systems in Hargeisa should be monitored closely.

4. Roads and Transport

- Possible road inaccessibility in rural and unpaved routes, especially in Togdheer and parts of Sanaag, due to muddy conditions.

5. Health and Livelihoods

- Stagnant water may increase the risk of waterborne diseases such as diarrhea and malaria in areas receiving heavy rain.
- Communities are advised to clear drainage systems and store clean water.

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