



Somaliland Weekly Weather Forecast 9 to 15 March, 2025

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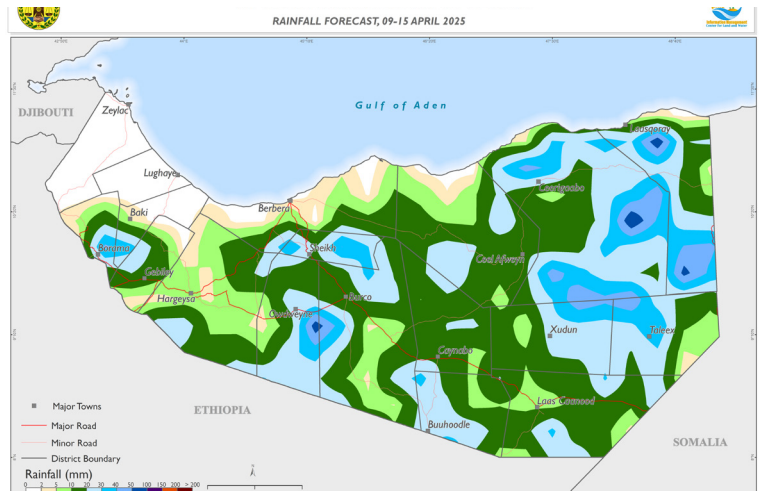
Light rainfall is anticipated in most parts of Somaliland with chances of moderate rainfall in the central parts of Ceerigaabo, Borama, Sheikh, Oodwayne and Ceel-afwayn districts. Most parts of Zeylac, Lughaye and Baki districts are likely to remain dry

Rainfall Forecast (09 - 15 April 2025)

According to NOAA-NCEP GFS, the forecast for the coming one week indicates light to moderate rainfall in most parts of Somaliland. However, the over parts of Hargeisa, Zeylac, Lughaye, Baki districts are likely to remain dry.

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 over central parts of Ceerigaabo, Ceel-afwayn and Lasqorey districts in Sanaag region; Burco and Oodwayne districts in Togdheer region; Xudun, Taleh and Buhoodle districts in Sool region; Sheikh district in Saaxil region and Borama district in Awdal region.
- Light rainfall of less than 50.0 mm is anticipated over most other parts of Somaliland including of Hargeisa and Gabiley districts in Maroodijeex region; western parts Burco district and eastern parts of Oodwayne district in Togdheer region; Caynabo and Lascanood districts in Sool region; western parts of Ceel-afwayn and western parts of Ceerigaabo district in Sanaag region; and Sheikh district in Saaxil region.
- Dry conditions are expected in the over parts of Zeylac, Baki and Lughaye districts in Awdal region including their coastal areas.



Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland from 09 to 15 April 2025

Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast

- While Gu rains are expected to commence in several parts of Somaliland, widespread drought conditions persist in some areas. The forecasted continued dryness over the northern parts of Zeylac, Lughaye, and Baki districts is likely to worsen the existing scattered moderate to severe drought conditions. The prevailing hot and dry air mass in these inland areas of Awdal region may prolong dryness, increase evapotranspiration losses, elevate the risk of heat stress, and heighten demand for water while reducing pasture availability.
- In contrast, the anticipated moderate rains in parts of Sanaag, Awdal, Sool, and Togdheer regions are likely to ease the evolving mild to moderate drought conditions. Although these areas are not yet critically affected, conditions could deteriorate rapidly if the temporal distribution of Gu rains becomes erratic.
- The likely onset of Gu rains during this forecast period reinforces the need to sustain land preparation activities and deliver timely agricultural inputs to enable early planting of fast-maturing crops and fodder. These rains are also expected to significantly replenish water sources across drought-affected areas of Somaliland. Meanwhile, in regions like Maroodijeex and Saaxil where light rainfall is forecast, partial recharge of water sources is anticipated, improving availability for domestic, livestock, and other essential uses.

