



## Somaliland Weekly Weather Forecast 14 to 20 May 2025

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**Dry conditions are forecast across much of Somaliland, with localized light and moderate rainfall expected of Laascanod, Taleex, eastern parts of Hargeisa, Burco and Oodwayne districts.**

### Weather Review for the Week Between 07-13 May 2025

Over the past first week (07 – 13 May), several areas across Somaliland experienced light rainfall. Rains of below 50 mm were received at Garbodarrar (46.0 mm), Gabiley (41.0 mm), Burco (35.0 mm), Yagoori (34.0 mm), Gumburaha (31.0 mm), Aburiin (30.0 mm) and Dilla (30.0 mm). These significant rains are likely to have contributed to both agriculture and water availability. The other stations that received light rains of below 30 mm are: Botor (27.0 mm), Geeddeebble (24.0 mm), Dararwayne (21.0 mm), Salahley (18.0 mm), Cadaadley (15.0 mm), Hargeisa (9.0 mm) Haji salah (8.0 mm), Ceel-afwayn (8.0 mm) and Malowle (7.0 mm).

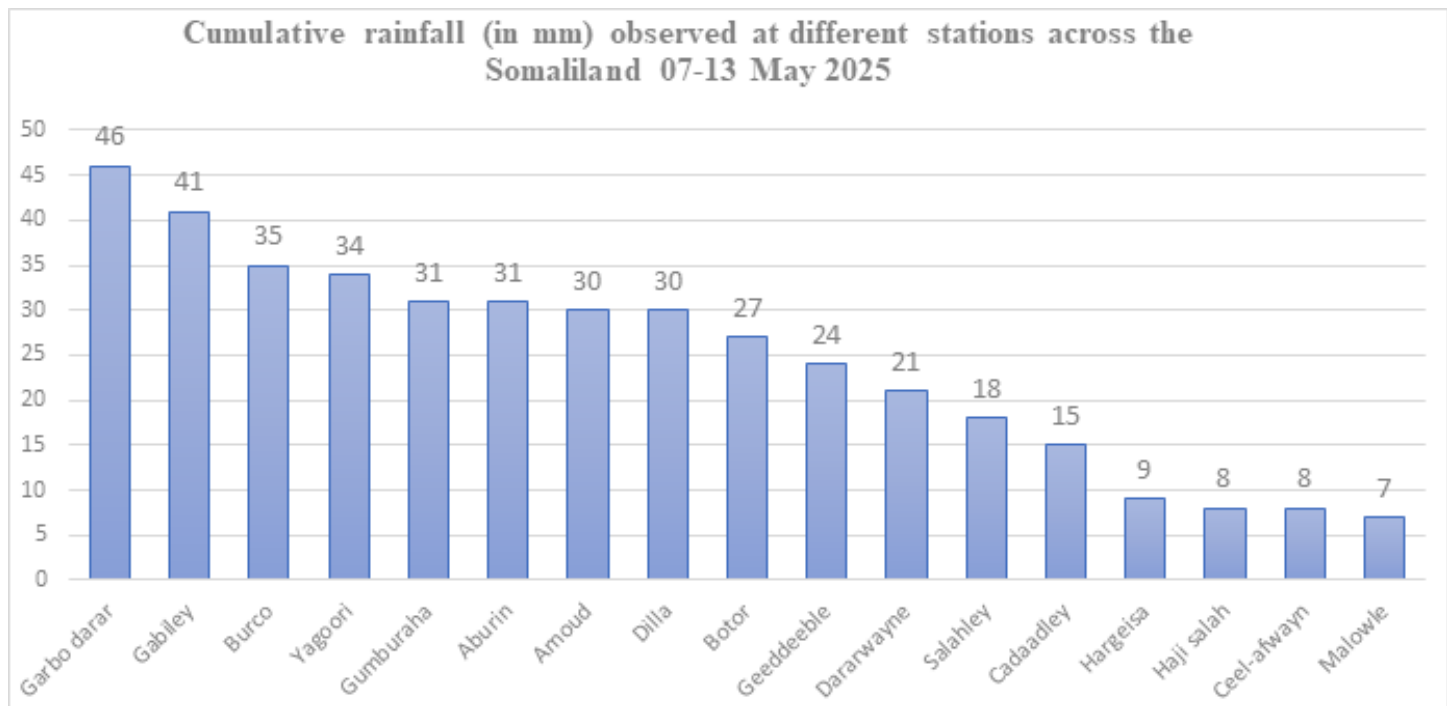


Figure 1: Cumulative observed rainfall across Somaliland between 07 to 13 May, 2023

## Rainfall Forecast (14- 20 May 2025)

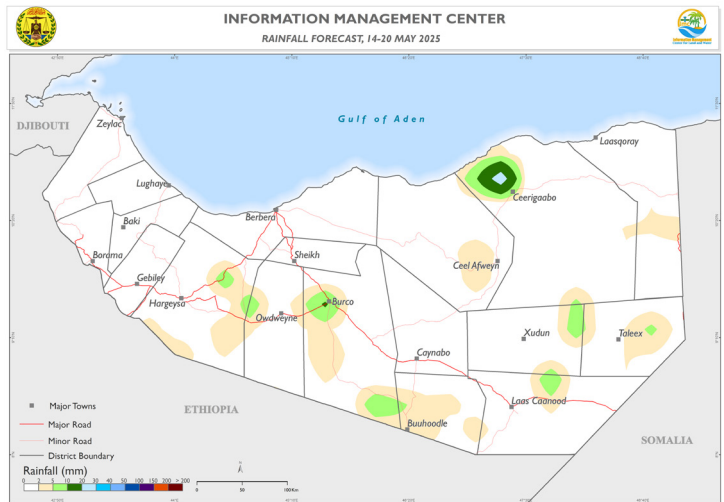
For the upcoming week, the NOAA-NCEP GFS model forecasts generally dry conditions in most parts of Somaliland. Light to moderate isolated rainfall is likely over select areas of Ceel-afwayn and Ceerigaabo districts in Sanaag region, Buhoodle, Laascaanod and Xudun districts in Sool region, Burco and Oodwayne districts in Togdheer region, eastern parts of Hargeisa district Maroodijeex region. The rains over most of these areas will range from 1 mm to 20 mm.

### 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 a few areas in the northern parts of Ceerigaabo district in (Saaxil region).
- Light rainfall of between 1.0 mm to 30.0 mm is anticipated in same parts of Somaliland including of northern parts of Ceerigaabo, Ceel-afwayn and Northern parts of Laasqorey districts in Sanaag region, eastern parts of Hargeisa district in Maroodijeex, Burco, Buhoodle and western parts of Oodwayne districts in Togdheer region, Laascaanod, Taleex and northern east parts of Xudun districts in Sool region.
- Dry conditions are expected likely to prevail over the rest of the areas in Somaliland.

*Disclaimer: Users are advised that this is a forecast and at times there may be discrepancies between estimates and actual amounts of rainfall received.*



Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland from 14 to 20 May 2025

### Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast

The rains during the first two weeks of May had a positive impact on agro-pastoral livelihoods in the western regions of Somaliland, improving soil moisture for crops and fodder while replenishing both surface and groundwater sources. However, this week's forecasted dry and hot conditions in most parts of Somaliland are expected to increase evapotranspiration, reducing soil moisture retention. While the immediate effects on crops and pasture are not expected to be severe, prolonged dryness could pose challenges in the future.

In contrast, the view parts of Somaliland, which have experienced dry conditions recently, are forecasted to receive light rainfall this week. This will help enhance soil moisture for crops and fodder and replenish surface and groundwater sources.



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