



Somaliland Weekly Weather Forecast 21 to 27 May 2025

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Dry conditions are forecast across much of Somaliland, with localized light rainfall expected over Xudun, Taleex and Buhodle districts

Weather Review for the Week Between 14 and 20 May

Over the past week (14 – 20 May), the following stations received light rainfall of below 50 mm: Balligubadle (47.0 mm) and Cadadley (9.0 mm) in Maroodijeex region, Sheikh (37.0 mm) and Oodwayne (31.0 mm) in Togdheer region, Yagoori (28.0 mm) and Xudun (10.0 mm) in Sool region. The rains particularly at Balligubadle rains are likely to have led to improved water availability and soil moisture conditions which if sustained can favor crop and pasture establishment.

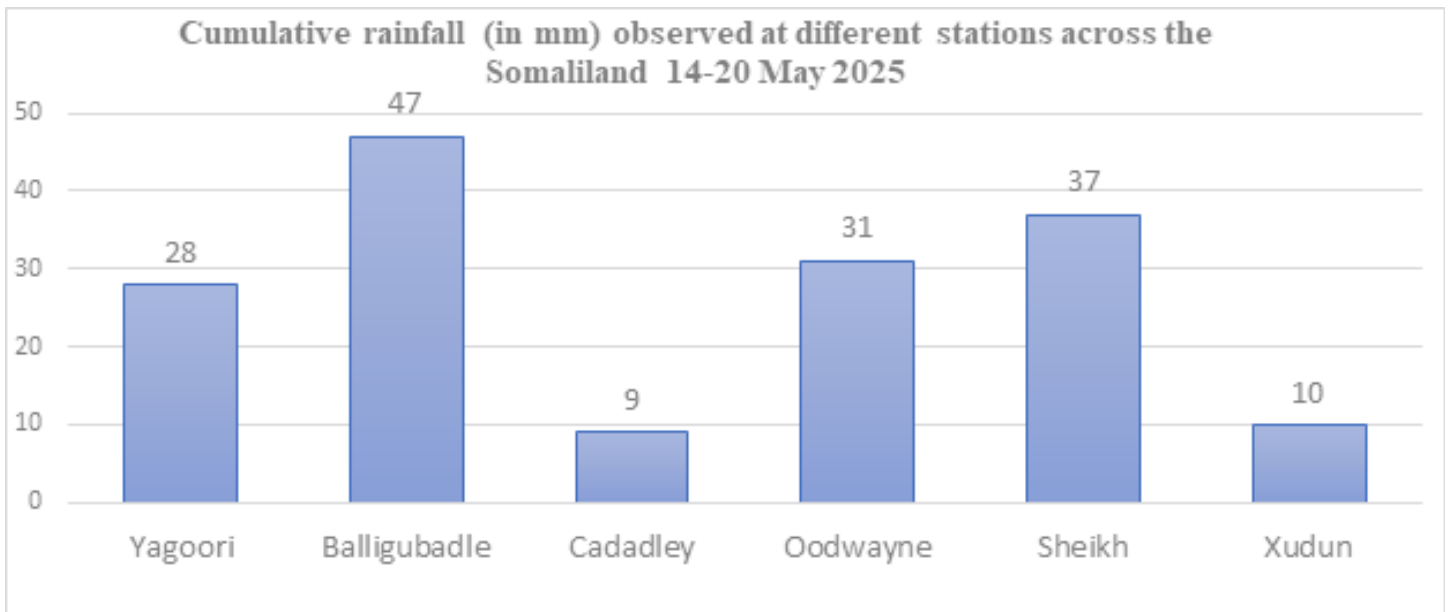


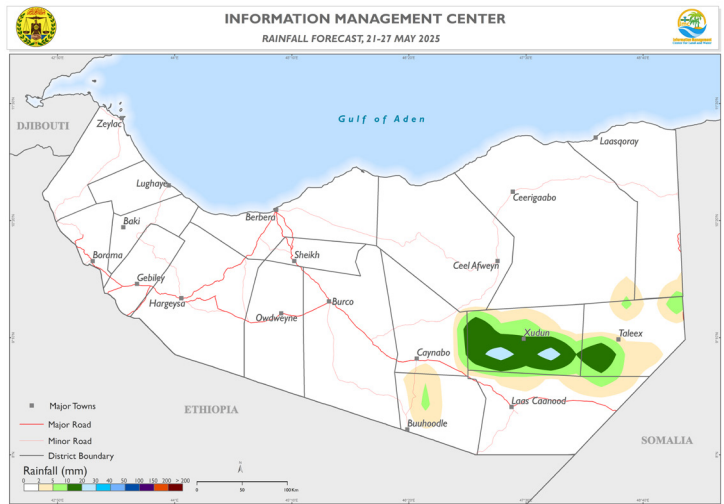
Figure 1: Cumulative observed rainfall across Somaliland between 07 to 13 May, 2023

Rainfall Forecast (21- 27 May 2025)

For the upcoming week, the NOAA-NCEP GFS model forecasts generally dry conditions in most parts of Somaliland. Light rainfall of less than 50 mm is likely over select areas of Xudun and Taleex districts in Sool region. Light rains of less than 10 mm are likely in the neighbourhood of these areas extending over to Buhoodle district in Togdheer region.

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

- Light cumulative rainfall of less than 50 mm is expected in a few areas in the northern and eastern parts of Taleex and over Xudun districts in (Sool region), Buhoodle district in Togdheer region.
- Dry conditions are likely to prevail over most parts of Awdal, Maroodijeex, Saaxil, Togdheer and Sanaag regions.



Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland from 21 to 27 May 2025

Impacts Associated with the 21 to 27 May 2025 Weekly Forecast

Last week, light rainfall was recorded across stations in Balligubadle, Cadadley, Oodwayne, Sheikh and Xudun. This rainfall is likely to have led to enhancement of soil moisture for crops and fodder and replenishing both surface and groundwater sources, thereby positively impacting agropastoral livelihoods. However, the forecasted hot and dry conditions for the upcoming week are likely to increase evapotranspiration, potentially offsetting last week's soil moisture gains. Therefore, implementing water conservation measures and protecting existing crops and fodder is essential.

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