



SOMALILAND WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST 20 TO 26 NOVEMBER, 2024

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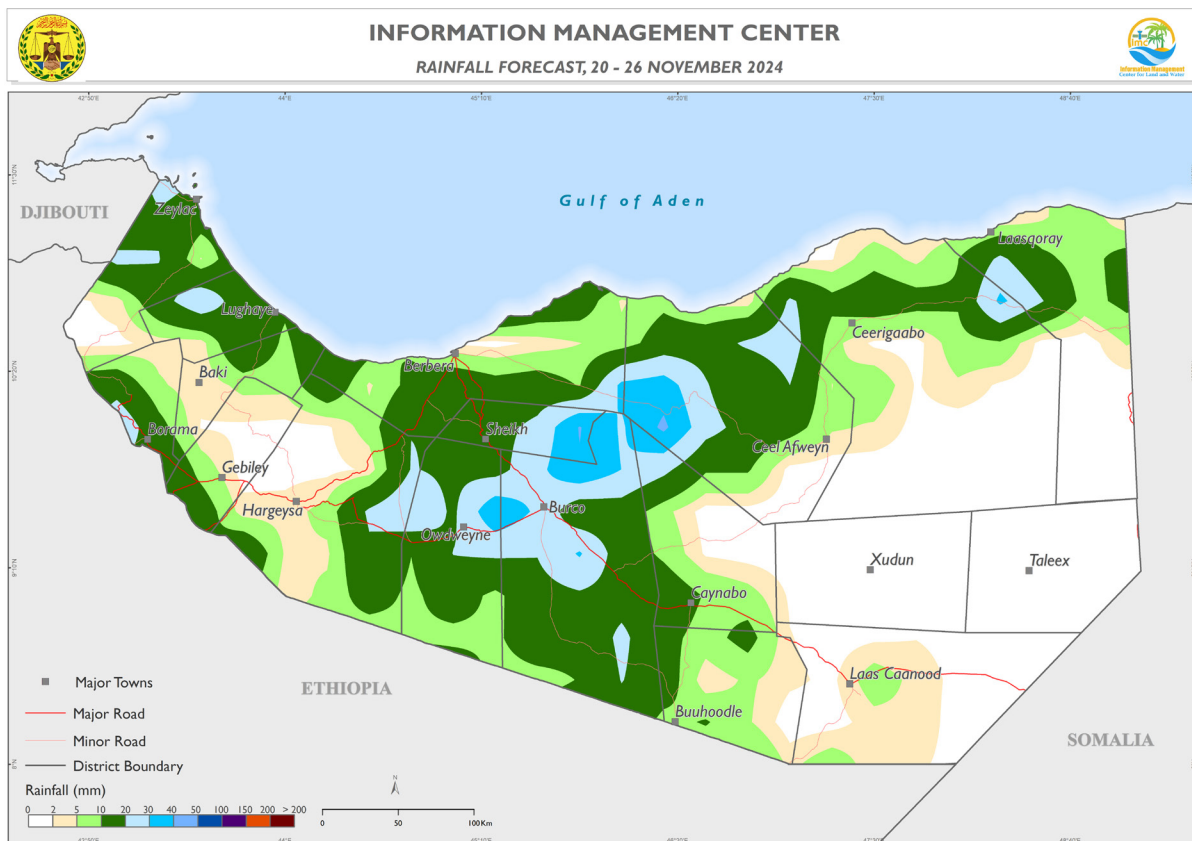
Light rainfall expected over most parts of Somaliland with chances of moderate rains over central districts and dry conditions in the eastern areas.

Weather Review for the Week Between 13 and 19 November 2024

Over the past week (13 – 19 November), general dry conditions were observed across most parts of Somaliland with light rainfall over some areas in Togdheer region and its border areas with Sool. Based on actual measurements at individual stations, light rainfall (2.0 mm) was recorded at Aynabo station in Togdheer region.

Rainfall Forecast for the Week Between 20 and 26 November 2024

According to NOAA-NCEP GFS, most parts of Somaliland are likely to experience light rainfall, with chances of moderate rains over Burco, Sheikh, Ceel Afweyn, and Oodweyne districts. In contrast, the eastern regions, including Xudun, Taleex, Laas Caanood districts in Sool region, Ceerigabo district in Sanaag region, and parts of Hargeysa and Gabiley districts in Maroodijeeex are anticipated to remain dry.



Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland from 20 to 26 November 2024

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

Moderate Rainfall (40.0 mm to 50.0 mm) is anticipated over the central parts of Burco and Oodweyne districts in Togdheer region. In Awdal region, the northwestern parts of Lughaye and western parts of Borama districts are likely to experience moderate rainfall. Furthermore, moderate rainfall is expected in the eastern parts of Hargeisa along its border with Oodweyne in Maroodijeex region, the western and eastern parts of Ceerigaabo district in Sanaag region, and Sheikh district in Saaxil region.

Light Rainfall (2.0 mm to 30.0 mm) is likely across most parts of the country, including Hargeisa and Gabiley districts in Maroodijeex region, Baki, Borama, Zeylac, and southern parts of Lughaye districts in Awdal region. Light rainfall is also forecasted for Taleex and Xudun districts in Sool region, Berbera district in Saaxil region, Buhoodle district in Togdheer region, Caynabo and Lascanod districts in Sool region, as well as Ceerigaabo and Ceel Afweyn districts in Sanaag region.

Dry Conditions are likely over eastern and western parts of Laas Caanood, Xudun, and Taleex districts, eastern parts of Caynabo district, southern parts of Ceerigaabo and Laasqoray districts in Sanaag region. Similarly, dry conditions are expected in the central parts of Gabiley and Hargeisa districts in Maroodijeex region, as well as the southern parts of Zeylac district in Awdal region.

Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast

Last week's observed dry and hot conditions are likely to have negatively impacted agro-pastoral livelihoods across Somaliland by reducing soil moisture for crops and pastures and depleting water sources. This week, light to moderate rainfall in parts of Sanaag, Maroodijeex, Togdheer, and Awdal regions is expected to slightly replenish water sources and enhance soil moisture, benefiting crops, pastures, and livestock. Districts such as Burco, Oodweyne, and parts of Hargeisa are likely to see moderate rainfall, which will support agricultural activities and pasture regeneration. In contrast, regions such as Sool and eastern Sanaag are expected to remain dry, potentially increasing water and pasture challenges for agro-pastoral communities. While these dry conditions might facilitate activities such as weeding, they could hinder the growth of crops and fodder still in early stages. To address these challenges, it is essential to focus on water conservation and measures to preserve existing crops and fodder, ensuring continued support for livelihoods in affected areas.

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