



Somaliland Weekly Weather Forecast 23 to 29 April, 2025

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Dry conditions are forecast across much of Somaliland, with localized light and moderate rainfall expected in parts of Ceerigaabo, Lasqorey, Ceel-afwayn, Buhodle, Lascanod and Xudun districts.

Weather Review for the Second Dekad (10 - 20 April 2025)

During the past second dekad (10–20 April), several areas across Somaliland experienced light rainfall, with overall dry conditions prevailing. However, rainfall at key stations was significant, improving water and soil moisture availability. Noteworthy amounts were recorded in Balidhiig (57.0 mm), Amoud (55.0 mm), Baki (41.0 mm), Caynabo (36.0 mm), Ceerigaabo (34.0 mm), Cadadley (33.0 mm), Oodwayne (28.0 mm), Waridad (27.0 mm), Aburin (23.0 mm), Badhan (12.0 mm), Balligubadle (12.0 mm).

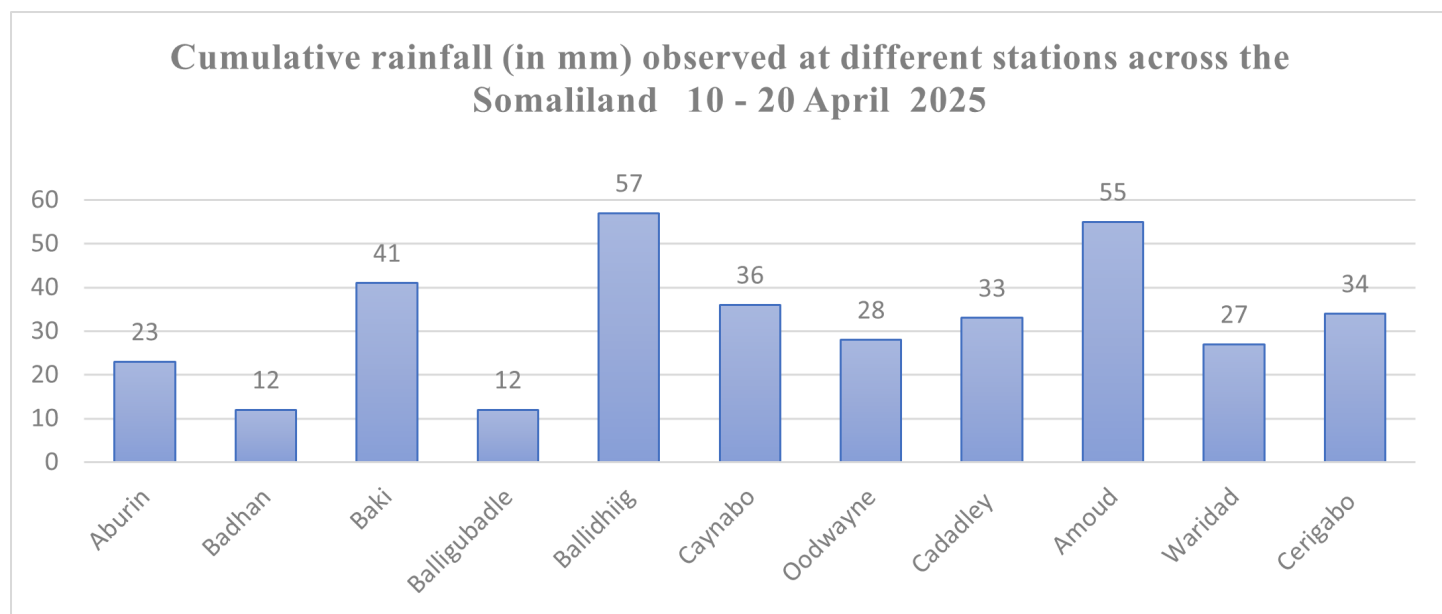


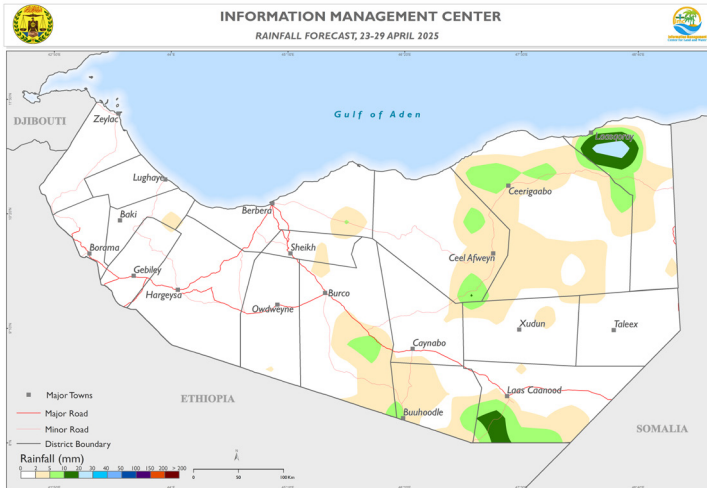
Figure 1: Cumulative observed rainfall across Somaliland between 10 and 20 April 2025

Rainfall Forecast (23 - 29 April 2025)

For the upcoming week, the NOAA-NCEP GFS model forecasts mostly dry conditions in most parts of the country including, with light to moderate isolated rainfall in select areas of Lasqorey, Ceerigaabo districts in Sanaag region, Buhoodle, Laascanod and southern parts in Xudun districts in Sool region and southeast in Burco district in Togdheer region, eastern parts of Berbera and southern parts in Sheikh Saaxil region. While these areas are likely to receive cumulative rainfall of up to 20 mm, most of the country will remain dry.



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Map 1: Rainfall forecast over Somaliland from 23 to 29 April 2025

Impacts Associated with Weekly Weather Forecast

The rains during the second dekad of April had a positive impact on agro-pastoral livelihoods in the eastern and 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 western parts 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 eastern parts of Somaliland, which have experienced dry conditions recently, are forecasted to receive light to moderate rainfall this week. This will help enhance soil moisture for crops and fodder and replenish surface and groundwater sources.

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

1. Light rainfall of between 5.0 mm to 30.0 mm is anticipated over same parts of Somaliland including of Ceerigaabo and Ceel-afwayn in (Sanaag region), Buhodle, Laascanod and southern parts of Xudun Districts (Sool region), southern parts Sheikh and eastern parts of Berbera districts (Saaxil region).
2. Moderate cumulative rainfall between 50.0 mm and 100.0 mm is expected over Laasqorey district in (Sanaag region).
3. Dry conditions are expected likely to prevail in other parts of 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.



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