

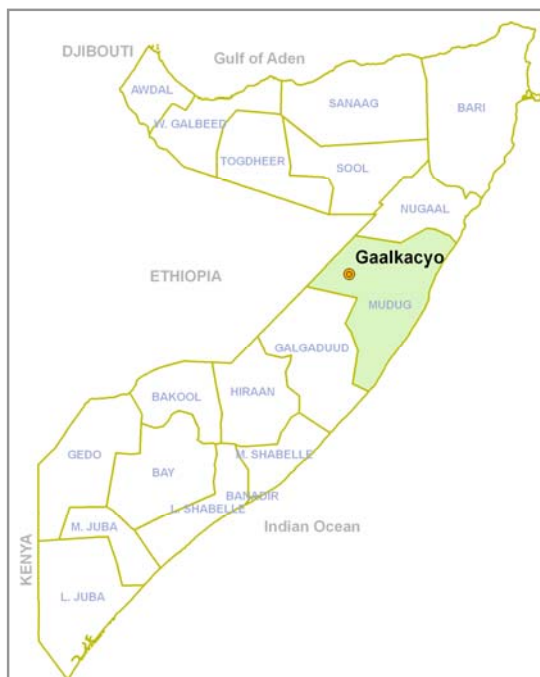
## Basic Facts:

<b>Estimated population</b>	350,099 of which 255,694 are rural residents and 94,405 urban (Source: UNDP 2005)
<b>Regional Authority</b>	Mudug region is divided into two administrations: North Mudug under the control of Puntland authorities and South Mudug under the Galmudug State
<b>Regional Capital</b>	Gaalkacyo – some 730km northeast of Mogadishu –
<b>Districts</b>	Gaalkacyo, Galdogob, Hobyo, Jariiban, Xarardheere
<b>Livelihoods/Income</b>	livestock (milk, ghee, meat and camels) and minor fisheries
<b>Population at risk</b>	172,000 people or 49 percent of the region’s population are in need of humanitarian assistance
<b>Internal Displaced</b>	7,000 households IDPs – mainly from Mogadishu –

## Context

The regional capital of Mudug, Gaalkacyo, hosts two major clans, the Darood and Hawiye. The town has an invisible “green line” that divides it into two spheres based on clan affiliation. The Darood are in north part of the town, which is under the administration of Puntland; while the Hawiye clan is in south Gaalkacyo up to the coast of Hobyo under the administration of Galmudug State.

Gaalkacyo is a very important commercial center, as it connects to the southern and northern parts of the country. The town also serves the whole eastern area of Ethiopia. Its relative economic boom and security attracted many IDPs from South/Central Somalia and parts of Ethiopia. It is estimated that Gaalkacyo hosts the largest number of IDPs in the entire region of Puntland, or is a close second to the sea port of Bossaso.



## Main Humanitarian Issues:

### Food Security & Livelihoods

Mudug region is one of the hardest effect regions by the ongoing and sustained humanitarian crisis in Somalia. The Food Security and Nutrition Analysis Unit’s (FSNAU) seasonal food security assessment report (August 2009) concluded that an estimated 183,000 rural pastoralists and agro-pastoralists and 32,000 urban inhabitants are in either Acute Food and Livelihood Crisis (AFLC) or Humanitarian Emergency (HE), which represents more than 50 percent of the total population (excluding IDPs). This deterioration is due to a poor seasonal rainfall performance (the fifth consecutive failure), which has deepened the drought, exacerbated an already severely depleted pasture rangeland, and has resulted in a persistent hyperinflation. The overall result is a significant of pastoralists and their livestock. Throughout the region, there are thousands of pastoral families who have lost their livestock over the past five years, and have become a burden on their relatives in towns, or have joined existing IDP settlements in the Gaalkacyo.

District	District Population	Food Security		Total	Total in need as % of total population
		Acute Food & Livelihood Crisis	Humanitarian Emergency		
Gaalkacyo	82,867	15,000	26,000	41,000	49%
Galdogob	33,366	9,000	5,000	14,000	42%
Hobyo	54,438	6,000	40,000	46,000	84%
Jariiban	32,866	5,000	2,000	7,000	21%
Xarardheere	52,157	7,000	36,000	43,000	82%
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>255,694</b>	<b>42,000</b>	<b>109,000</b>	<b>151,000</b>	<b>59%</b>
Urban	95,405	32,000	0	32,000	34%
<b>Total</b>	<b>350,099</b>	<b>93,000</b>	<b>109,000</b>	<b>183,000</b>	<b>52%</b>

### **Nutrition**

According to FSNAU, the nutrition situation in Mudug region is critical with global acute malnutrition rates of 18.4% and 20.8% depending on location, which is 3.4% to 5.8 percent above the emergency threshold. This situation is attributed to a variety of factors, including the acute food insecurity situation, ongoing displacement, and high morbidity burden coupled with a complete lack of access to basic services.

### **IDPs**

IDPs in the region are mainly from Mogadishu, but are clan affiliated which is why they have come to the region. Within Gaalkacyo town there are some 12 IDP settlements hosting an estimated 7,000 families. However, a great majority of the IDPs are integrated into the host communities.

### **Humanitarian Access & security**

Following recent peace agreement between the two main clans (2008), the security situation in Gaalkacyo has improved except for minor criminal activities, which have no impact on humanitarian access and activities.

### **International Organisation in Mudug Region**

#### **UN Agencies**

UNHCR  
UNOCHA  
UNFPA  
UNDSS  
UNICEF  
WFP

#### **INGOs**

Danish Refugee Council  
Norwegian Refugee Council  
Relief International  
Islamic Relief  
Gothenburg Initiative  
MSF – Holland  
International Rescue Committee