



### **Position:**

South Somalia

### **Area:**

SSq Km 34,333

(Source: FAO country profile and mapping information system)

### **Population:**

- 329,811 people
- 260,698 rural residents
- 69,113 urban residents

(Source: Population estimates by region/district UNDP Somalia, August 1 2005)

### **Main Centers:**

- Beledweyne

### **IDPS**

50,618 people

(Source: IDPs in Somalia- Fact sheet, OCHA 2009)

### **Climate**

Arid to semi-arid, prone to severe draught and floods. There are four seasons:

- Jilaal (December to March): warm and dry,
- Gu (April to June): main rainy season,
- Haggai (July to September): cold, cloudy and dry,
- Deyr (October to December): secondary rainy season.

## **Livelihood**

- Livestock: camel, sheep, goats and cattle
  - Agriculture: sorghum, maize
- (Somalia Livelihood Zones, FSAU Somalia, Oct 2004)

## **Primary school enrolment (2005-2009)**

(average for Somalia)

- 42% Male
  - 23%Female
- (Source: UNICEF statistics- 2009)

## **Life expectancy at birth**

(average for Somalia)

50.4

(Source: International Human Development Indicators, UNDP 2010)

## **Malnutrition**

(average for Somalia)

36% of under five children suffering from moderate and severe underweight

(Source: [http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/somalia\\_statistics.html](http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/somalia_statistics.html) )

## **Fertility rate (2009)**

(average for Somalia)

6.4

(Source: [http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/somalia\\_statistics.html](http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/somalia_statistics.html) )