



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)

Fertility rate (2009)

(average for Somalia)

6.4

(Source: http://www.unicef.org/infobycountry/somalia_statistics.html)