



### **Position:**

Central Somalia

### **Area:**

58,903 Sq mt

(Source: FAO country profile and mapping information system)

### **Population:**

- 350,099 people
- 255,694 rural residents
- 94,405 urban residents (Source: Population estimates by region/district UNDP Somalia, August 1

### **Main Centers:**

- Galkayo
- Hobyo
- Xarardere

### **IDPS**

69,554 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,
- Minor fisheries.

(Source: 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

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