



SOMALI DISASTER MANAGEMENT AGENCY (SoDMA)

Communique - Country Humanitarian Forum (CHF)

The Country Humanitarian Forum (CHF) was convened in Mogadishu on 23 September 2026 under the chairmanship of H.E. Hon. Ali Yusuf Ali, Minister of Interior, Federal Affairs and Reconciliation, with the participation of H.E. the Minister of Energy and Water Resources and H.E. the Deputy Minister of Planning, Investment and Economic Development. Held under the theme “From Early Warning to Early Action: Mobilizing Resources & Readiness Commitments for 2026 El Niño,” the Forum brought together representatives of the Federal Government of Somalia, Federal Member States and BRA, the United Nations, donors, diplomatic missions, national and international NGOs, civil society, academia, the private sector and the Somali diaspora.

The Forum reviewed the latest Deyr/El Niño risk outlook, assessed national and partner preparedness, identified critical operational and financing gaps, and considered immediate actions required ahead of the anticipated onset of the Deyr rains.

Following its deliberations, the Forum:

1. Reaffirmed Government leadership, through SoDMA, in coordinating national preparedness and response, and called on all partners to align with established Government priorities, coordination mechanisms and reporting arrangements.
2. Recognized the urgency of translating early warning into early action, particularly in high-risk areas along the Juba and Shabelle river basins, vulnerable settlements, displacement sites and other identified hotspots.
3. Agreed to prioritize operational readiness, including pre-positioning and deployment capacities for evacuation, search and rescue, shelter, WASH, health, protection, logistics, cash assistance and continuity of essential services.
4. Called for immediate mobilization of additional resources to address identified financial and operational gaps, while encouraging flexible geographic and sectoral financing to ensure resources reach the areas of greatest risk.
5. Emphasized evidence-based and inclusive preparedness, with particular attention to women, children, displaced populations and other vulnerable communities.
6. Committed to strengthening the consolidated national readiness picture, ensuring clarity on who has what resources, where they are available, and when they can be deployed.

7. Mandated SoDMA to consolidate and circulate the agreed commitments, critical gaps and priority actions, and to maintain the national readiness and 4W tracking mechanism for follow-up and accountability.
8. Agreed that progress against commitments should be regularly reviewed under SoDMA's coordination, with unresolved gaps escalated for immediate action.

The Forum extends its sincere appreciation and gratitude to UNFPA and KOICA for their generous financial and technical support towards the successful convening of the Forum and commends their continued partnership and commitment to strengthening humanitarian coordination, disaster risk management, community resilience and sustainable development in Somalia.

The Forum reaffirmed its collective commitment to act with urgency, coordination and accountability to protect lives and livelihoods and reduce the humanitarian impact of the anticipated 2026 Deyr/El Niño conditions.

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