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**Severe Drought Response – Major
SoDMA-Led National Engagements
Consolidated Report
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President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud Visits SoDMA's National Emergency Operations Centre and Directs National Drought Response Measures

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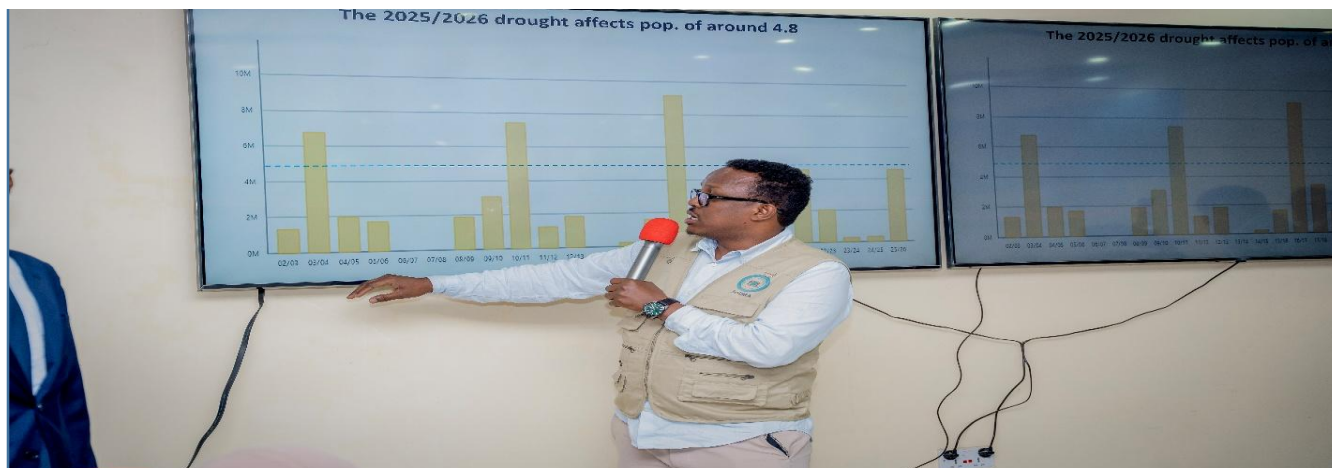
The President of the Federal Republic of Somalia, **H.E. Dr. Hassan Sheikh Mohamud**, conducted a high-level visit to the National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) of the Somali Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA) to review and assess national drought preparedness and response efforts, at a time when worsening drought conditions continue to affect large parts of the country.



The visit took place at a critical moment, as Somalia continues to experience severe and widespread drought impacts, including large-scale displacement, environmental degradation, loss of livelihoods, and escalating humanitarian needs, with growing concern that the situation could further deteriorate into famine without urgent and coordinated action.

Government Direction on Drought Response Priorities

During the visit, the President received a comprehensive briefing from SoDMA officials on the evolving drought situation, including the most severely affected areas, displacement trends, environmental impacts, and emerging risks to lives and livelihoods. Officials underscored that drought conditions have reached an alarming level, necessitating immediate national and international mobilization to prevent further humanitarian deterioration.



In response, **President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud** formally directed all government institutions to prioritize drought response as a national priority, instructing ministries, agencies, and public institutions to realign their mandates, work plans, and resources in support of coordinated drought preparedness and response efforts led by SoDMA. The President further underscored the importance of strong coordination between the Federal Government, Federal Member States, and local administrations, emphasizing that effective collaboration across all levels of government is essential to ensure the timely, efficient, and equitable delivery of assistance to drought-affected populations.



Call for National Solidarity and International Support

President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud issued a strong call for national unity and collective responsibility, urging Somali government officials at all levels, the private sector and business community, humanitarian and charitable organizations, the Somali diaspora, and international partners and donors to stand together in support of drought-affected communities and to contribute resources, expertise, and solidarity to avert a humanitarian catastrophe. The President emphasized that drought response is not solely a government responsibility, but a shared national and international obligation, requiring coordinated engagement and sustained commitment from all segments of Somali society and the global community.

Tax and Fee Exemptions for Humanitarian Assistance: The President emphasized that the removal of fiscal and administrative barriers is critical to accelerating the importation, customs clearance, and delivery of life-saving humanitarian assistance to drought-affected populations, ensuring that aid reaches communities without delay or additional financial burden. He further noted that this measure aligns Somalia with international best practice and regional precedents, where heads of state in drought-affected countries have taken decisive, high-level actions to fast-track humanitarian imports and support the rapid scale-up of emergency response operations.



Strengthening National Emergency Preparedness and Leadership

The visit reaffirmed the Government of Somalia's commitment to strengthening national emergency preparedness, early warning, and response systems, with SoDMA serving as the central federal authority responsible for coordinating drought preparedness, emergency response, and humanitarian assistance nationwide.

President Hassan Sheikh Mohamud commended SoDMA's role in coordinating national response efforts and reiterated the Government's determination to ensure that national systems remain at the center of drought response, supported by partners in a coordinated and complementary manner.

NEOC'S National Coordination Hub and Real-Time Drought Monitoring

During the visit, the President was briefed on the operations of SoDMA's National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC), which is currently fully functional as the national coordination hub for drought preparedness and response. The NEOC is undertaking daily collection, analysis, and consolidation of drought-related data from federal and state-level sources, including early warning indicators, displacement trends, sectoral needs, and response activities.



OTHER HIGH-LEVEL DROUGHT RESPONSE ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Event 1: Approval of the National Disaster Risk Management Fund Regulation

Date: 05 February 2026


The Council of Ministers convened its regular session and received detailed briefings from SoDMA on the severe drought affecting Somalia, particularly its impacts on access to safe water and food. Chaired by the Prime Minister, H.E. Hamza Abdi Barre, the Council approved the Regulation establishing the National Disaster Risk Management Fund. The regulation provides a unified legal and administrative framework to strengthen disaster preparedness, prevention, and response, enabling predictable and accountable financing for emergencies. This milestone strengthened national resilience, enhanced transparency and governance, improved coordination between government and public contributions, and reinforced donor confidence in Somalia's disaster risk management architecture.



Event 2: Government Call to Action on the National Drought Emergency

Date: 05 February 2026

On 05 February 2026, following continued briefings on the worsening drought and its severe impacts on water availability, food security, and livelihoods and approval of National Disaster Management Fund, the Council of Ministers of the Federal Government of Somalia convened and formally issued a renewed national call to action (Baaq). The call to action emerged directly from the Cabinet meeting, underscoring the gravity of the drought situation and the urgent need for a unified, whole-of-government and whole-of-society response. The Cabinet-led Baaq reaffirmed drought response as an immediate national priority, sustained high-level political leadership, and sent a clear signal of urgency to government institutions, humanitarian partners, the private sector, and the general public. By elevating the drought crisis to the highest decision-making level, the Government strengthened momentum for accelerated resource mobilization, coordinated implementation of response measures, and enhanced protection for vulnerable communities facing critical water and food shortages, under the leadership and coordination of SoDMA



BAAQA XUKUUMADDA

5 Febraayo, 2026

Golaha Wasiirrada Xukuumadda Federaalka Soomaaliya, oo maanta yeeshay kulankiisii caadiga ahaa, islamarkaana si qoto dheer u falanqeyey warbixinta xaaladda abaarta ee ay soo bandhigtay Wasaaradda Qorsheynta iyo hay'adaha kale ee ay khuseeyso. Warbixintu waxay muujisay in abaartu ay sabab u tahay yaraanta ama maqnaanshaha roobabkii deyrta, taas oo keentay saameyn baaxad leh oo ku dhacday nolasha dadka, iyo xoolaha.

Sida lagu xaqiijiyay warbixinta, abaartu waxay saameysay in ka badan 74 degmo, ku dhawaad 4.8 milyan oo qof, iyadoo ay barakacen in ka badan 200,000 qof, halka in ka badan laba milyan oo xoolo ahna ay si ba'an u saameysay. Arrintan ayaa si toos ah u halis gelisay amniga nolasha, cunnada, iyo maciishadda shacabka Soomaaliyeed.

Kadib gorfeyn qoto dheer, Golaha Wasiirrada waxa uu si cad u qeexay in xaaladda abaartu ay gaartay heer aad u daran oo u baahan gurmud heer Qaran ah, isku-duubni, iyo jawaab mideysan oo heer dowladeed iyo mid bulsho leh. Golaha Wasiirrada waxa uu adkeeyay in abaartu tahay arrin mudnaan qaran leh, loona baahan yahay in si wadajir ah loola tacaalo.

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Sidaas darteed, Golaha Wasiirrada waxa uu baaq qaran u dirayaa dhammaan shacabka Soomaaliyeed si ay uga qaybqaataan gurmudka, is-garab istaagga, iyo taakuleynta dadka walaalahood ah ay abaartu saamaysay; sidoo kalena, waxey baaq caalami ah u jeedinayaan beesha caalamka, hay'adaha samafalka, iyo saaxiibada caalamiga ah si ay si mug leh uga jawaabaan baahiyaha bani'aadannimo ee ka dhashay abaarta.

Ra'iisul Wasaaraha Xukuumadda Jamhuuriyadda Federaalka Soomaaliya, Mudane Xamze Cabdi Barre, ayaa faray dhammaan hay'adaha ay quseeyso arrinta abaartu, gaar ahaan hay'adaha fulinta iyo kuwa gargaarka, in ay xoojiyaan dadaallada gurmudka ah; mideeyaan qorsheyaasha iyo howlgalka; isla markaana ay mudnaanta kooxaad siiyaan badbaadinta shacabka Soomaaliyeed ee ay abaartu saamaysay.

Xukuumaddu waxa ay mar kale ku celinaysaa go'aankeeda ah in ay si buuxda uga go'an tahay wax ka qabashada abaarta, iyadoo kaashanaysa shacabka Soomaaliyeed iyo saaxiibada caalamiga ah, si loo yareeyo saameynta musibadan loona badbaadiyo nolasha iyo mustaqbalka dadka Soomaaliyeed.

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Event 3: High-Level Humanitarian Coordination Meeting with International

Date: 14 January 2026

SoDMA convened a high-level humanitarian coordination meeting bringing together federal government institutions and international partners to review worsening drought and food insecurity trends across Somalia. The engagement focused on aligning response priorities, strengthening coordination mechanisms, and reinforcing a unified approach to resource mobilization and implementation. By positioning SoDMA as the central coordination authority, the meeting reduced fragmentation, duplication, and operational gaps while strengthening the common operational picture and evidence-based prioritization of assistance. This engagement also enhanced donor confidence through coordinated planning, clearer accountability, and reaffirmed commitment to government-led drought response.



Event 4: National Drought Management Coordination Committee (NDMCC)

Engagement and Situation Reporting

Date: 22 January 2026

SoDMA engaged the quarterly National Drought Management Coordination Committee (NDMCC), with discussions centered on drought response coordination, humanitarian situation analysis, and systematic data sharing. During the meeting, SoDMA's National Emergency Operations Centre (NEOC) presented the January 2026 drought situation report, highlighting the most affected areas, emerging risks, displacement trends, financing gaps, and the urgency of immediate support. This engagement anchored national decision-making in real-time evidence and shared analysis, strengthened inter-agency coordination, improved transparency, and laid the groundwork for broader national mobilization and escalated response efforts in February.

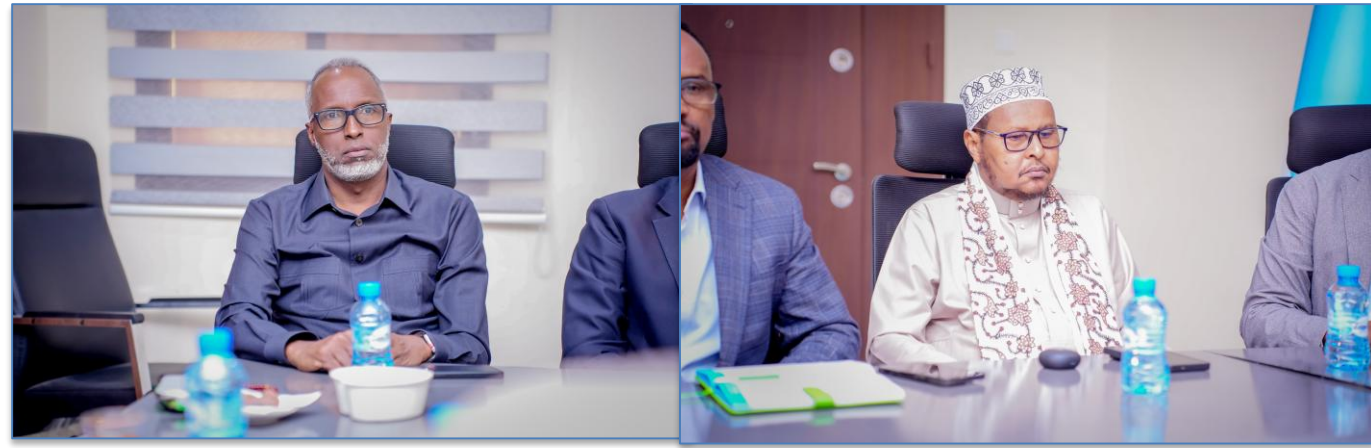


Event 5: Emergency National Drought Relief Committee Meeting

Date: 02 February 2026

In response to the worsening drought situation, SoDMA convened an Emergency National Drought Relief Committee meeting that brought together government institutions, religious scholars, business leaders, and other stakeholders. The engagement provided a rapid decision-making platform to review the latest drought situation, identify urgent gaps, and accelerate national mobilization. By engaging influential societal actors alongside government leadership, the meeting reinforced national solidarity, strengthened coordination between relief financing and operational delivery, and emphasized collective responsibility for protecting lives and livelihoods.





Event 6: Drought Response Coordination Meeting with Ministries and Public Institutions

Date: 30 January 2026

SoDMA hosted a drought response coordination meeting with ministries and public institutions to review the impacts of the drought, identify priority areas for immediate intervention, and harmonize response plans across sectors. This engagement strengthened whole-of-government action by clarifying roles and responsibilities, reducing duplication, and ensuring resources were directed to the most affected and underserved areas. The meeting also promoted coordinated planning across water, food security, health, and logistics sectors, enabling faster and more coherent decision-making and response implementation.



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Event 7: High-Level Field Assessment Mission to Dhoobley

Date: 12 January 2026

On 12 January 2026, a high-level delegation led by the Somali Disaster Management Agency (SoDMA) Commissioner, Mahmoud Moallin Abdulle, together with the UN Deputy Special Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator, George Conway, conducted a field visit to Dhoobley in the Lower Jubba Region.

The mission aimed to directly assess the severity of the drought and its humanitarian impact on affected communities. The delegation met with Jubbaland authorities, visited drought-affected and displaced households—many of whom had lost their livestock—and held consultations with community members to identify urgent needs. The visit confirmed that drought conditions in Dhoobley are severe and underscored the need for immediate action and strengthened coordination between government institutions and humanitarian partners to protect lives and livelihoods.



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