UPDATE | Displacements caused by military offensive in South-Central Somalia

Overview
Preliinary reports indicate that around 6,420 civilians were reported as displaced since ‘Operation Indian Ocean’, an AMISOM/SNAF offensive launched on 25 August 2014 targeting Al Shabaab strongholds in South Central Somalia. Most recent displacements are seen with 700 displaced in Lower Shabelle and Middle Juba, in addition to the around 5,700 civilians displaced during August after the first week of the offensive. The majority are seeking refuge in Shabelle Hoose and Bakool regions. The newly displaced are reported to be in need of humanitarian assistance.

Displacement inside Shabelle Hoose region
Around 1,850 civilians were displaced in Shabelle Hoose region, mainly from Buulo Mareer in Marka district to Qoryooley town in Qoryooley district. From Kurtunwaarey, 1,200 civilians were displaced to Qoryooley in Qoryooley district and another 570 civilians moved to Shalaambood in Marka district.

Displacement from Bakool to Hiraan region
Approximately 2,100 persons were displaced in Tayeeglow in Bakool region fleeing to Belet Weyne in Hiraan region.

Displacements from Bay and Shabelle Hoose regions to Juba Dhexe region
Saakow and Salagle towns in Juba Dhexe have seen an influx of new IDPs arriving from multiple locations in and around the region due to the military offensive.

Diplacements from Shabelle Hoose to Juba Hoose region
Approximately 210 individuals moved to Jamaame from Baraawe in Shabelle Hoose.

Diplacements during ‘Operation Eagle’
‘Operation Eagle’ was the first phase of the joint military operation between the African Union’s AMISOM forces and the Somali National Armed Forces (SNAF). It was launched in late February 2014 and is estimated to have caused the displacement of nearly 73,000 persons within South-Central Somalia.

Sources
UNHCR

The figures used in this map will have to be further verified and reflected in the Population Movement Tracking (PMT) system.

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