KEY MESSAGES

- A total of 141 new arrivals and 297 exits were observed this week marking the lowest number of exits recorded in the last four weeks at Baidoa checkpoints. The number of arrivals were slightly lower than last week. The key driving factors for new arrivals were insecurity and lack of food, while those leaving cited management of their farms.

- The newly arrived internally displaced persons cited insecurity (47%), lack of food (35%) or rejoining their families (18%) as their reasons for displacement. All new arrivals came from within the District of Baidoa. They were heading to following the IDP sites: Ceel Baay 2 (38%), Casha Gaaba (29%), Afgoy (21%), and Ufurow (12%).

- When it comes to exits, all have left the IDP sites to return to their farms. From those leaving, 19% were from Buula Jadiid, 17% from Rajo, 15% from Alibaadi, 13% from Bilan Abees, 10% from Hidaayo Yarey, 7% from Muri, 7% from Xafaate, 6% from Hassan Muumin and the remaining 6% from Duste. All IDPs are returning to outskirts of Baidoa villages within Baidoa District and all them are intending to return back to the IDP sites in the future.
METHODOLOGY

Movement Trend Tracking (MTT) is a movement monitoring exercise that tracks people who are moving in or out of sites on a semi-permanent or permanent basis. MTT aims to gauge the pulse of movements in and out of sites in Baidoa.

MTT figures should not be considered official updates to the population figures of the sites. Rather, the data represents the intentions of IDPs and points towards general trends in their movements.

In Baidoa, IOM enumerators are positioned at the 3 main checkpoints in and out of town (shown on the map on the right) from 6:30am until 5:30pm, 7 days a week.

From these checkpoints, the teams identify people who are moving in or out of Baidoa with luggage. Interviews are done with the individual or the head of household.

MTT aims to complement existing information management products on displacements and movements in Baidoa, by providing site level specific data on population movements on a regular basis, to assist agencies operating in sites and settlements with key information on: demographics of movement, area of origin, area of return/onward movement, reasons for movement and movement trends over time.

IOM MTT enumerators identifying IDPs exiting from IDP sites and conducting interviews with the heads of households. © Hassan Adan, IOM Somalia 2018