KEY MESSAGES

- This week there were 120 new arrivals and 299 exits at the Baidoa checkpoints. The number of arrivals reported this week was higher than last week’s, but current figures remain low. The key driving factors for displacement into the IDP sites as usual were insecurity and lack of food, and while those leaving cited management of their farms.

- As for why IDPs were entering Baidoa this week, all the new entries cited either insecurity (47%), lack of food (34%) or rejoining with families (19%) as their reasons for displacement into Baidoa. The few reporting insecurity cited the reason to be escaping from AS, as they were caught with or burning charcoal in those areas which is prohibited by AS management.

- As reported in this week, (65%) of those entering came from the district of Qansaxdhere and (35%) from Baidoa district. They were heading to the IDP sites of Abal (57%), Eesaw (17%), Sarmaandhere (13%) and Qansaxdhere (13%)

- All exits left the IDP sites to return to their farms. (27%) of those exiting went to Bodaan, (24%) to Barhanoy, (16%) to Bakool Gab, (15%) to Ufurow, (11%) to Jurow, (4%) to Moorgabay and the remaining (3%) exited to Awal. (40%) of the exits were returning to Hudur district, (25%) returning to Baidoa district, (25%) were returning to Qansaxdhere district and (10%) were returning to Dinsoor district. All of the families said they intend to return to the IDP sites in the future.
 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 4 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 household. © Hassan Adan, IOM Somalia 2018