KEY MESSAGES

• A total of 426 new IDPs were recorded arriving in Baidoa this week, with only 153 IDPs recorded exiting the town. This is the highest number of new arrivals recorded in over 3 months and lowest recorded of exit since End-March at the Baidoa checkpoints. The increased numbers of entry and the reduced number of exits this week is attributed with insecurity and Gu season coming to an end. This will likely reduce significantly the number of IDPs exiting from Baidoa who primarily go back to manage farmland.

• Reasons for IDPs coming to Baidoa remain the same three drivers as cited for the past few months namely: insecurity (47%), lack of food (41%), and health reasons (12%)

• Same as the past few weeks, arrivals this week came from the districts of Baidoa (58%), Hudur (25%) and Qansahdhere (17%). They were heading to the IDP sites of Danwadag (86%), Hagarka Madigeri (7%) and Homey Gadud (7%).

• All those leaving the IDP sites are returning to their farms. (52%) of those exiting were from Rabay Gaduuda,(26%) from Boodoan, (16%) from Hinshilow and the remaining (6%) exited from Bakool Gab. with 52% returning to Qansahdhere District and 48% heading to Hudur District. (85%) said that they intended to return to the IDP sites after cultivating. These households who said that they intend to return have only been in the sites 1-3 months, while those who have been in the sites more than 6 months said that they did not intend to return.
**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.