KEY MESSAGES

- A total of 252 new arrivals were recorded this week, the highest number in the last ten weeks and 217 exits were observed, the lowest number in the last seven weeks at Baidoa checkpoints. For those arriving, insecurity and lack of food were cited as the main factors for displacement while those leaving the IDP sites left to return to their farms. The high number of arrivals with low number of exits is mainly due to the Gu (rain) season coming to an end.

- Most new arrivals came from the district of Baidoa (54%), 26% from Dinsoor district, 16% from Qansaxdeher District and 4% from Afgoy district. They were heading to the IDP sites of Hafata (39%), Dheedkiyal (37%), Abagbeday (13%), and Mogor Maayow (11%).

- 26% of those exiting were from Balanbash, 24% from Ban ideedi, 14% from Doboolow, 12% from Bur Caday, 12% from Duste, 7% from Hafata and the remaining (5%) exited from Jazira. 40% of those exiting were returning to Qansah Dhere district and 60% were returning to the outskirts of Baidoa villages within Baidoa District of Bay region. All families said they are intending to return back to the IDP sites in the future.

MTT enumerators interview IDPs arriving in Baidoa last week. © Hassan Adan, IOM Somalia 2018
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.