KEY MESSAGES

- In the third week of March, a total of 42 entries and 4 exits recorded at Kabasa and Qansaxley camps in Dolow. This week entries are much higher than last week where in the last week only 27 entries were recorded.

- Most of the new arrivals in this week cited lack of food as their reason for displacement (89%). The remainder cited rejoining family (11%).

- Most of the new arrivals came from Ethiopia (78%). With the exception of last week, this has been the trend for new arrivals since MTT data collection began. The rest of the new arrivals came from within Somalia from the districts of Diinsoor (11%) and Baidoa (11%).

- Continuing the trend seen since October 2017, the majority of the new arrivals went to Qansaxley IDP site (78%), and only 22% went to Kabasa IDP site. Since there is no more space for new plots in Kabasa, most arrivals are directed to Qansaxley for more space and better services. Those that enter into Kabasa are joining their family members who already have plots.

- The one household exiting from Qansaxley cited food insecurity as their reasons for leaving. They were heading Garbaharey district.
**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 Dolow.

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 Dolow, IOM enumerators are positioned at the 2 main IDP sites, Kabasa and Qansaxley, 7 days a week from sunrise to sunset. The teams identify people who are moving in or out of the sites 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 Dolow, 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.