KEY MESSAGES

- On 22 December 2017, IOM began collecting data on IDP movements in and out of the two main IDP sites in Dolow: Kabasa (population: 5,500 HHs) and Qansaxlay (population: 2,900 HHs). This analysis report summarizes the first 6 weeks of data collected.

- A total of 1,150 entries compared to just 18 exits were recorded over the reporting period.

- The majority of the new arrivals to Kabasa and Qansaxlay cited lack of food as their reason for displacement (73%). Others cited insecurity (13%) and rejoining family (13%).

- Most of the new arrivals were coming across the border from Ethiopia (72%), with the remainder coming from a scattering of nearby districts: Dolow (7%), Luuq (7%), Belet Xaawo (3%), Baardheere (3%), Diinsoor (3%), and others.

- 57% of the new arrivals went to Qansaxlay IDP site, while 43% went to Kabasa IDP site. This is noteworthy since the Kabasa site has been closed to new arrivals since October because of lack of space for new plots. Most of the Kabasa new arrivals are joining family members in existing plots.

- Only 6 households (18 individuals) left the IDP sites in Dolow over the course of 6 weeks. Half left Kabasa and half left Qansaxlay. Likewise, half left due to lack of food, and half left to rejoin family elsewhere. Three of the families were headed to Luuq, while the others were headed for Baidoa, Sakow, and across the border to Ethiopia.
**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 Qansaxlay, 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.