

Escalating Clan Conflict in Buuhoodle District, Togdheer Region Displaces Over 26,000 Individuals



Displaced Families

4,425


Displaced Individuals

26,550


Deaths

0

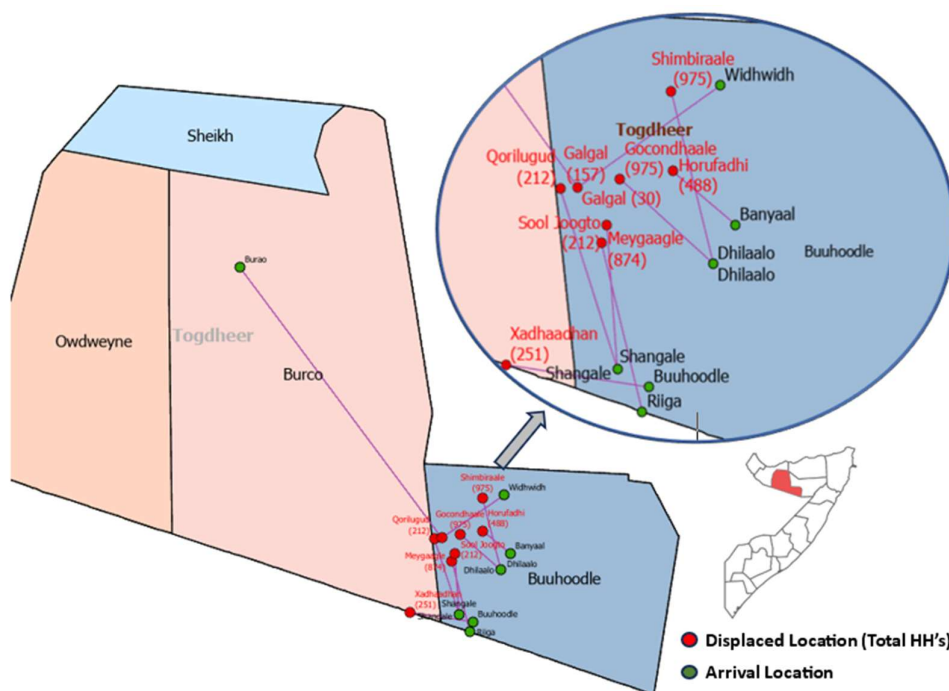

Injuries

0


Coordinates

**3°41'53"N
42°35'50"E**


Incident Date

Nov 1 - 2, 2024


Situational Overviews

Between 1 – 2 November violent clashes have erupted between Dhulbahante-affiliated SSC and Habar Jeclo **SSB militia**, a sub-clan of the Isaaq clan, in Qorilugud and Gadgad, within Buuhoodle district, Togdheer region. The conflict is reportedly driven by political tensions linked to both Somaliland and **SSC**, as well as clan disputes. Fighting has been ongoing for two days, causing widespread displacement of approximately 4,425 households, approximately 26,550 individuals, among local populations.

The conflict has led to significant displacement, particularly in areas including Qorilugud, Shangeed, Gocondhaale, Maygaagle, Galgal, Harufadhi, Sooljoogto, Xadhadhan, and Shimbiraale. Though Galgal remains the primary battle site, residents from nearby locations (20–25 km away) are also being displaced due to the risk of the conflict spreading. Affected populations include pastoralist communities who have had to abandon their livestock in the conflict zone. No civilian casualties have been reported thus far. The situation remains highly volatile, with a significant risk of further conflict. Children are particularly at risk of mobilization and forced recruitment into clan militias, as tensions between the clans remain unresolved.

Previous Location	Current Location	#Households
Qorilugud	Shangle IDP	212
Shangeed	Buhodle	251
Gocondhaale	Dhilalo	975
Maygaagle	Riiga	874
Galgal	Widhwidh	157
Harufadhi	Banyaal	488
Sooljoogto	Shangle IDP	212
Xadhadhan	Buhodle	251
Shimbiraale	Dhilalo	975
Galgal	Buroa	30
4,425 HHs with approximately 26,550 individuals		

Protection Risks

Forced Displacement: 26,550 individuals have been displaced in Buuhoodle district and with ongoing violent clashes, and mobilization on both sides, there is a high likelihood of further escalation and additional forced displacement. The potential for intensified clashes raises concerns about the safety and protection of affected communities.

Forced recruitment and association of children in armed forces and groups: reports from local health centers indicate the presence of children among wounded and deceased militia members, signaling a risk of child recruitment. Should the conflict continue, this risk may increase.

Attacks on civilians and unlawful killings: given the inter-connectedness of the two clans, with shared family and social ties, there is a substantial risk that civilians could become targets based on their clan affiliation.

Urgent Needs

The newly displaced people in Buuhoodle District require humanitarian assistance, and as such, there is a need for humanitarian actors to scale up their response and activate the Inter-sectoral Response Framework (IRF) in the affected areas. To note, the CCCM cluster in Puntland is actively working with partners on ground to monitor the situation and advocate for response where necessary.

Newly displaced IRF response package:

 Protection	 NFI Shelter & NFI	 Food	 WASH
Services - Identification and referral of protection cases. - Inclusion of People with Special Needs (PSN): elderly and disability - Community-led protection initiatives - Protection desks and complaint feedback mechanisms.	Commodities - NFI kits - Shelter kits (tarps, blanket, sleeping mat, mosquito net, jerrycan, kitchen set and solar lamp)	Commodities - Ready-to-eat foods and/or one-off HH food assistance. - Ready to use therapeutic and supplementary foods	Commodities - Hygiene kits - Oral Rehydration Salts Services - Safe drinking water

The PSMN (Protection & Solutions Monitoring Network) is a UNHCR-led project in partnership with NRC which identifies and reports on displacements as well as protection risks and incidents underlying such population movements. On behalf of UNHCR and the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC), 26 local partners in the field in Somalia (South Central regions, Puntland and Somaliland) undertake data gathering (primarily through interviews with affected communities and key informants) and monitoring at strategic locations.

For detail statistical information on displacement and protection trends, please refer to PSMN interactive dashboard <https://prmn-somalia.unhcr.org> and on GitHub <https://unhcr.github.io/dataviz-somalia-prmn/index.html>.

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