

REGIONAL PROFILE: BAKOOL REGION

INTRODUCTION

The Bakool region lies approximately 420 km from Mogadishu. It is bordered on the East by Hiran region, on the North by Ethiopia, on the West by Gedo region, and on the South by Bay region. Bakool is made up of five districts: Hudur, Wajit, Tieglo, El Barde and Rabdhurre.

The population of the region is estimated to be around 400,000 with 120,000 people in Hudur district. The majority of the population belongs to the Hadama sub-clan who are mainly in Hudur and Wajit; other sub-clans include Jiron in Wajit, Laway in Hudur, Lesan in Hudur and Gilible in Tieglo. In El Barde there are some Darood, Ogaden, Bantu, and Hawiye.

EDUCATION

There is at least one primary school in each district. Hudur has two primary schools, one rehabilitated by Concern. The third school building in Hudur is the site of the UNICEF MCH. There is no secondary or tertiary education in the region. The Baidoa UNESCO office provides books to many of the schools and WFP provides food-for-work for many teachers. Concern has rehabilitated the school building in Wajit. Twelve teachers in the region have been trained by UNESCO; there are approximately 30 qualified teachers in the region. The region has both formal and Koranic schools. These are organized by communities and have an estimated student population of 1,300.

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