

## **REGIONAL PROFILE: LOWER AND MIDDLE JUBA REGIONS**

### *INTRODUCTION*

The Lower and Middle Juba regions comprise the districts of Kismayo, Jilib, Jamaame, Hagar, Afmadow, Badaadhe, Bua'ale and Sakow. There is contention however as to whether Sakow belongs to Gedo or Middle Juba. They have a combined area of 1085 square kilometres with a coastline of 530 kilometres. The regions are bordered on the south by Kenya, on the north by the Gedo region, Bay and Lower Shabelle regions. With an estimated population of one million people, the predominant clans are the Haarti and the Ogaden. The vegetation is primarily semi-arid savannah with thorn bushes. The valley, however, is one of the most fertile lands in Somalia and constitutes one of the principal bread-baskets of the country. There is an average annual rainfall of 400mm, with marked variations according to the seasons.

### *EDUCATION*

There are 50 primary schools in all the districts which are either UNICEF-sponsored or funded. The agency also conducts courses for teachers and headmasters for all the schools. There is however, a proliferation of Koranic schools in all the districts and some of them receive support from UNICEF.

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