

## **REGIONAL REPORT: MUDUG REGION**

### *INTRODUCTION*

The Mudug region is the most centrally located region in Somalia. It is equidistant from Galkaiyo by 750 kms. to Mogadishu, Hargeisa, Bossaso and Harar in Ethiopia. Its land area - one of the largest in Somal - is 60,000 sq. kms. and it is bordered to the east by the Indian Ocean, to the west by Ethiopia, Nugal region on the north and to the south by Galgadud region. Its five districts; Galkaiyo (regional capital), Jerriban, Hobyo, Galdogob and Harardere and 52 villages have a combined population estimated at 109,220.

### *EDUCATION*

There are eight primary schools in Galkaiyo, five in Goldogob, six in Jerriban, five in Hobyo and four in Harardere. There is a total student population of 2120 with 80 teachers, 41 of whom are qualified. The one regional secondary school in Galkaiyo is completely destroyed and has to be rebuilt if there is to be a secondary school. There are hundreds of koranic schools throughout the region with both a koranic and secular curriculum. Primary school structures are still intact but many would need rehabilitation. There is a general lack of educational materials and school equipment. UNICEF has provided some school kits in the form of exercise books, chalk and blackboards. UNESCO has organized workshops for primary school teachers in Galkaiyo, Jerriban and Goldogob. WFP operates a food-for-work project for primary school teachers.

In early October, an Educational Committee was formed to channel project proposals for food-for-work for teachers and school rehabilitation projects.

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