



WATER CRISES IN SOUTH WEST SOMALIA

ASSESSMENT REPORT

## **BACKGROUND**

The Water Price Monitoring assessment of SWEN aims to establish a data collection, monitoring and reporting system on water market prices in order to assist humanitarian and development actors to better analyse humanitarian needs in areas particularly affected by drought.



April data collection was conducted through a quantitative survey entailing phone calls to water point administrators between 30th June-20 August in districts of Wajid, Baidoa and in Bur-hakaba. Within these districts, target areas were identified based on availability of partners and accessibility. Only those water points that charge for water in these target areas were assessed.

Prices are shown in United States Dollar (USD) cents for 120L of water. This is the daily amount used by a household of 8 members, consuming

the minimum SPHERE standard of 15L water per person per day. Price changes are subject to exchange rate.

Due to limited coverage at the district level, findings should be considered indicative.

## **KEY FINDINGS**

- In Baidoa and Bur-hakaba districts, median water prices increased by 44% and 29% respectively from June to July. In Bur-hakaba , this was mainly attributed to an increase in water quality, this was mainly attributed to increased water shortage.
- In wajid water prices increased by 45%, 5% and 4% respectively from June, July and August. This was mainly attributed Shortage water Supplies and insecurity, since water transported from other areas of Somalia cannot get safe passage into the district.