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List of Abbreviations

<i>ITCZ</i>	Inter tropical Convergence Zone
<i>ICAO</i>	International Civil Aviation Organisation
<i>FAO</i>	Food and Agriculture Organisation
<i>SWALIM</i>	Somalia Water and Land Information Management
<i>BMO</i>	British Meteorological Office
<i>PET</i>	Potential Evapotranspiration
<i>MDI</i>	Moisture Deficit Index
<i>LGP</i>	Length of Growing Period
<i>P</i>	Precipitation
<i>RH</i>	Relative Humidity
<i>ADRA</i>	Adventist Development and Relief Agency
<i>FSAU</i>	Food Security Analysis Unit- Somalia
<i>COOPI</i>	Cooperazione Internazionale
<i>SC UK</i>	Save the Children - UK
<i>CARE</i>	Cooperation Assistance Relief Everywhere
<i>ADRA</i>	Adventist Development Relief Agency
<i>ACF</i>	Action Internatinalre Contre la Faim
<i>GAA</i>	German Agro-Action
<i>MDGs</i>	Millennium Development Goals
<i>PSAWEN</i>	Puntland State Agency for Water, Energy and Mineral Development
<i>WVI</i>	World Vision International

Glossary of terms

<i>Deyr</i>	October to November, minor wet season
<i>Gu</i>	April to June, major wet season
<i>Hagaa</i>	July to September, minor dry season
<i>Jilal</i>	December to March major dry season in Somalia
Kharif	Strong winds experienced in July in most parts of northern Somalia.
Monsoon	Wind pattern that changes direction depending on the season. The term is applied to seasonal winds in which the wind blows from e.g. southwest monsoon originates from southwest direction.
Tropics	This is the geographic region of the earth centred on the Equator and limited in latitude by the Tropic of Cancer in the northern hemisphere, at approximately 23°30' (23.5°) N latitude, and the Tropic of Capricorn in the southern hemisphere at 23°30' (23.5°) S latitude. This region is also referred to as the tropical zone and the torrid zone .

A Note on Spellings and Units

Spellings on place names and seasons in Somalia are very variable. Attempts have been made to use the same spellings throughout this document, but there may be discrepancies! Phonetics are usually similar even if the spelling differs, although it can sometimes take some thought. H and X may be used interchangeably, as in Haggai/Xaggai, and Huddur/Xuddur. H and J are also interchanged, for example Jilaal/Hilaal and Ganale/Janale. Baidoa is often spelled Baydhabo. Luuq is variously referred to as Luuq Ganane, Lug Ganana, or a similar combination. Balcad may be spelled without the 'c'. Jowhar may be spelled Jawhar, Johar or Giohar. Kismayo can be spelt Chismayu. Hopefully most of the discrepancies have been removed.

System of International Units (S.I.) applies throughout this document.