The grid divides Somalia into 404 rectangles each corresponding to the internationally recognized topographic map files. Each of these rectangles is then subdivided into 80 square cells, 10 across and 8 down. Each square cell is approximately 5 km by 5 km, representing an area of 25 square km. The square cells are referenced from A to K horizontally and from 1 to 8 vertically.

To report your position:
- Locate the square cell you are in on the map using estimated distance and direction from a known point such as a clinic, school or settlement as a guide.
- Note that the alphanumeric reference code (e.g. NA-38-067)
- Note the numeric reference of the square cell.
- Note the alphabetic reference of the square cell.

- When reporting your position, quote the full grid reference by combining the two references (e.g. NA-38-067-5).

The system has been designed for reporting of geographic location in the field, without the use of a GPS.

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Map Projection: Geographic Coordinates, WGS 84 datum

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Data sources: SWALIM, UNHCR, FSAU, Topographic Maps

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