The grid divides Somalia in to 404 rectangles each corresponding to The internationally recognized topographic map files. Each of these rectangles is then sub-divided in to 80 square cells, 10 across and 8 down. Each square cell is approximately 5 km by 5km, 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 Clinics, schools or settlements as a guide.

- Note that the alpha-numeric reference code (e.g. NA-38-015)

- 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-38-015-5H).

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