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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 the Alphabetic reference of the square cell.
- Note the Numeric reference of the square cell.
- When reporting your position, quote the full grid reference by combining the two references (e.g. NA-38-071-3C).
- Each square cell is approximately 5 km by 5 km, representing an area of 25 square km.
- Each of these rectangles is then sub-divided 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 grid divides Somalia into 404 rectangles, each corresponding to the internationally recognized topographic map files.
- The grid reference of each square cell is given in the form of a letter followed by a number (e.g. NB-38-068 for the southwest corner of the rectangle).

Legend:
- Settlements
- UNICEF Schools 98-99
- Airfields
- District Capitals
- National Boundary
- 100,000 Grid
- Regions
- Humanitarian Reference Grid
- Districts
- Rivers from Landsat
- Road Type from Topo Maps
- Tracks and Trails
- Major roads

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