

Background

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

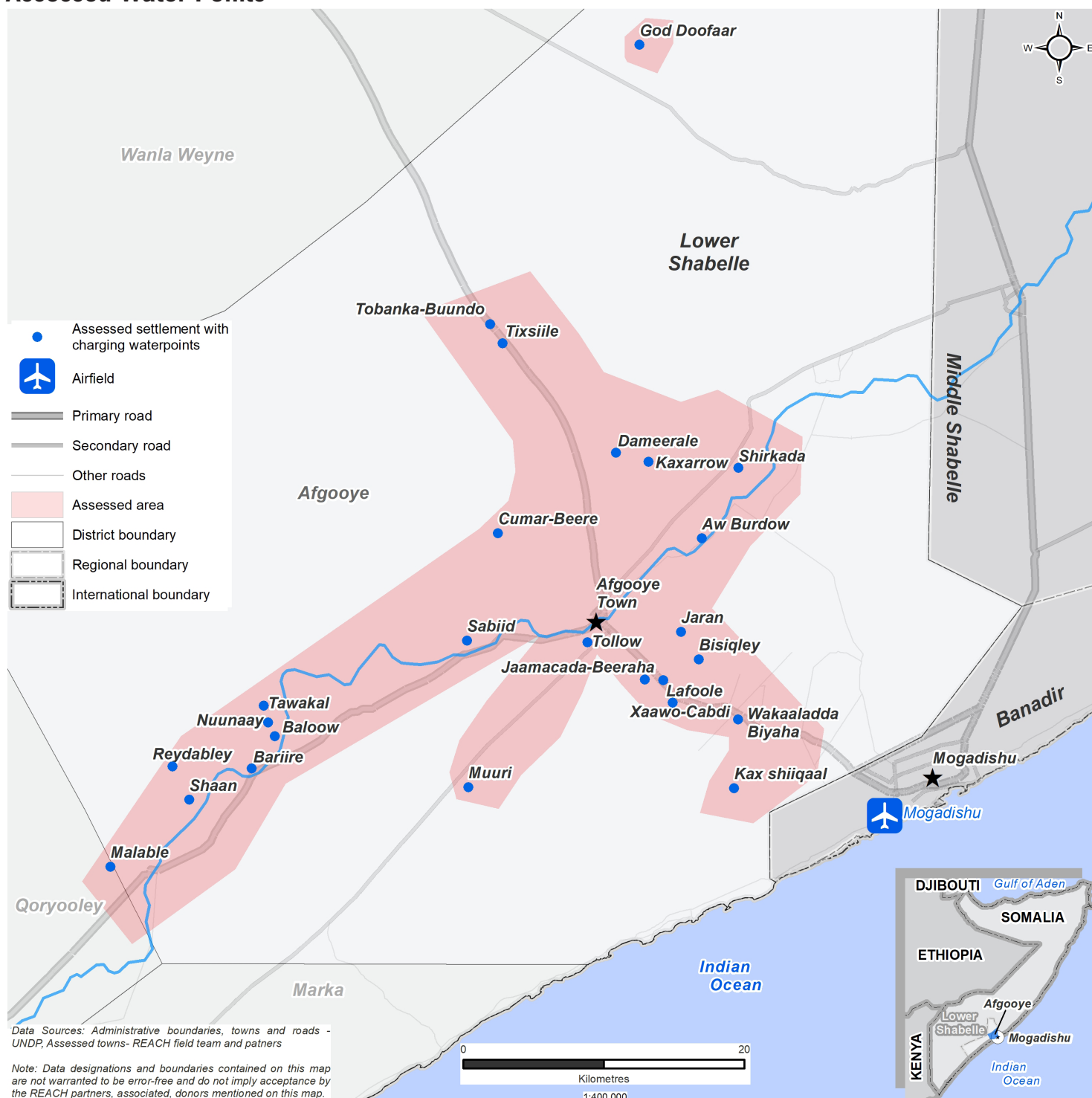
March data collection in Lower Shabelle was conducted through a quantitative survey between 30 - 31 March, focusing only on those water points in the region that are charging for water. The assessment has followed the official district boundaries of the region.

All prices are shown in US Cents for 90L of water. This is the daily amount used by a household of six members, consuming the minimum Sphere standard of 15L water per person per day. Price changes are subject to exchange rate.

Key Findings

- This factsheet presents information collected from 36 water points in Afgooye District, Lower Shabelle Region.
- Prices of water in Lower Shabelle reportedly increased by an average of 9% from February to March.
- The majority (58%) of assessed water points showed no change in price from February to March. Thirty-one percent (31%) showed an increase in price mainly due to more households accessing these water points, while 11% showed a decrease in price mainly due to an increase in water supply following ongoing rains.
- The majority (69%) of assessed water points in Lower Shabelle reportedly have their water treated at the distribution point. The majority of these (84%) have it treated through chlorination, while 16% have it treated through aquatabs.

Assessed Water Points



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Number of assessed water points:

February	37
March	36

Number of assessed water points, by type:

District	#	%
Borehole	25	69%
Shallow well	11	31%

Water Point Administrator

Water points with the following administrator:

District

Community	53%
Private	47%



Water Price

Prices are shown in US Cents

1 USD = 23,000 SOS as of March 2018, average exchange rate reported. Price changes were calculated based on the average change across water points.

Average Price:

District	February	March	% Change
Afgooye	22	24	+9%

Median Price:

District	February	March	% Change
Afgooye	20	20	0%

Water Point Filling

Water points that are refilled through the following:

District

Not filled	100%
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Types of Water Treatment

Water treatment types:

District

Not treated	31%
Chlorinated	55%
Aquatabs	14%



Water Price, by Water Point Administrator

Average Price:

District	February	March	% Change
Private	24	25	+4%
Community	20	24	+20%

Most Reported Problems

Water points reportedly having the following problems: (Respondents could select multiple options)

District	#	%
No problem	12	33%
Generator is broken	6	17%
Pipes are broken	5	14%
Tanks are broken	5	14%
Taps are broken	3	8%
Low quantity	3	8%
Poor quality	2	6%

Water Price, by Area

Area 1: Afgooye

