

Somalia: Hundreds of cases of AWD reported in Hiiraan region

A number of people have died in the town of Beletweyne, the Hiiraan regional capital in central Somalia, following an outbreak of acute watery diarrhoea, medical sources said on 17 March.



The poor condition of the water drawn from wells has been blamed for the outbreak of acute watery diarrhoea in Beletweyne. (Images: Manoocher Deghati/IRIN)

"At least three people have been confirmed dead in Beletweyne," said Nahashon Erupe, the programme coordinator for the International Medical Corps (IMC), in Beletweyne.

Erupe said 516 cases of AWD had been recorded between 16 February and 9 March. Most were from the neighbourhoods of Kooshin, Hawallaq and Hawataco in Beletweyne.

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