SAFETY AND SECURITY

Freedom of movement is generally the norm in all locations, except for displaced households in Dollow. The vast majority of both population groups report being able to move freely in their location and the surroundings areas.

Graph 11. Reported levels of freedom of movement in the community and the surrounding area, % of households

In Dollow, respondents from both displaced and host community reported more restrictions on freedom of movement than other locations. This could be in general due to the location of Dollow near the borders of both Ethiopia and Kenya. Displaced households indicated significantly higher restrictions on their movement than IDPs. 97% of displaced households in Dollow are living in IDP settlements where movement is likely more restricted due to the presence of roadblocks and the role that ‘gatekeepers’ play in terms of recording movement outside of the settlement/Dollow town.

Photo: IDP women participating in a Mine Risk Education session conducted by DDG in Somalia. Credit: Axel Fassio/DRC Somalia
The vast majority of respondents report that they have felt safe in the last two years before data collection. Respondents were asked about their perceptions of safety and security. Questions included whether anyone in the household felt unsafe in the last two years, meaning that questions are asking the household about their perceptions of their individual safety and security rather than the overall situation in their area. The answers are also likely to be influenced by feelings of belonging and acceptance which as noted in the previous chapter were generally reported as high.

**Graph 12. Reported levels of safety as having been felt in the last two years in the community, % of households**

The 2019 ReDSS Solutions Analysis for Somalia included questions related to safety and security and was conducted in three areas (Mogadishu, Kismayo and Baidoa). The overall ratings on safety and security could be useful cross-reference when analysing perceptions of safety and security to provide a more holistic picture to support durable solutions programming.