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The Effect of Climate Change on Education Sectors: A Case Study on Somalia

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Abstract
Background: Climate change poses a significant threat to education systems globally, disproportionately affecting vulnerable populations in developing countries. Since 2022, extreme weather has led to school closures for over 400 million students worldwide. Somalia, particularly Jubbaland and Southwest States, frequently experiences droughts, floods, and extreme weather events, disrupting school operations, damaging infrastructure, and forcing temporary or permanent school closures. The devastating affects of climate change on all sphere of communities and families in Somalia has created situations where education for children is deprioritized due the abject poverty created by climate change and stressful living conditions of the crises affected population in Somalia. This study examines the effects of climate change on education in climate shock prone regions of Somalia.
Methods: A mixed-methods approach was used, integrating quantitative surveys from 249 respondents—including students, teachers, and school administrators—with qualitative interviews from 35 teachers and 15 administrators to provide a comprehensive analysis.
Results: The findings indicate that 83.4% of students experienced school closures due to climate-related disasters, with an average closure duration of 5.8 weeks (±2.4 weeks). Climate-induced displacement (31.2%), food and water scarcity (27.6%), and health issues such as dehydration and heat stress (22.1%) contributed to high absenteeism rates (68.3%). Additionally, 42.7% of students identified financial hardship as a major reason for dropouts, while 19.6% cited infrastructure damage as a contributing factor. The study also revealed institutional challenges, including infrastructure damage, poor disaster preparedness, and limited support, which worsened learning disruptions and dropout risks.
Conclusion and Recommendation: The study underscores the urgent need for climate-resilient education systems in Somalia, as recurrent climate shocks continue to disrupt school attendance, infrastructure, and learning outcomes. Strengthening policy frameworks, school disaster preparedness, and collaboration between government agencies, NGOs, and local communities is critical in building a more adaptive and resilient education sector capable of withstanding future climate-related disruptions.

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1. Introduction

Climate change poses a severe threat to various sectors worldwide, with its most devastating impacts felt in vulnerable regions (IPCC, 2021). While discussions on climate change often focus on agriculture, economy, and health, its effects on education remain underexamined despite being equally critical (World Bank, 2024) [16]. Rising temperatures, extreme weather events, and environmental degradation disrupt learning environments, damage school infrastructure, and force school closures, affecting

millions of children. According to the World Bank (2024) [16], more than 400 million students globally have experienced school closures due to climate-related disasters since 2022. Recent extreme heatwaves have intensified this crisis. In May 2024, Pakistan closed schools for 26 million students due to record-breaking temperatures (Saleem et al., 2024) [13]. Similarly, South Sudan closed schools for 2.2 million students in April 2024 as temperatures soared to 45°C (113°F) (Pal et al., 2023) [12]. Thousands of schools in Bangladesh, India, and the Philippines have also been forced to shut down due to unbearable heat (Zachariah et al., 2023). With heatwaves becoming more severe and prolonged, schools are struggling to adapt, leaving millions of children without access to education.

In Sub-Saharan Africa, where socioeconomic vulnerabilities are already high, climate change exacerbates educational disruptions (African Union, 2020) [9]. Somalia, in particular, faces recurrent droughts and seasonal floods, which have devastating effects on education. More than 1.7 million children in Somalia have been denied access to education since the country's humanitarian crisis began in 2022 (Bafo, 2023) [10]. Climate-induced economic hardships force families to migrate in search of food and water, leading to school dropouts. Many children, especially in pastoralist and rural communities, are forced into child labour to support their struggling households (World Bank, 2020) [15].

The socio-political fragility of Somalia further worsens these challenges. Limited resources, weak policy frameworks, and a lack of climate-resilient infrastructure leave the education sector ill-prepared to cope with climate-related disruptions (UNDP, 2021) [14]. Somalia's socio-political fragility further exacerbates the challenges posed by climate change on education. Limited financial resources, weak policy frameworks, and the absence of climate-resilient infrastructure leave the education sector ill-prepared to cope with environmental disruptions (UNDP, 2021) [24]. Children worldwide are confronting crises such as natural disasters that disrupt their education and remove them from classrooms, hindering their learning opportunities. Climate change has intensified the frequency and severity of these emergencies, further exposing children to vulnerabilities. Therefore, there is an urgent need to create more resilient and adaptable learning environments and infrastructure. Therefore, this study aims to evaluate the impact of climate change on the education sector in Jubbaland and Southwest States of Somalia.

Methods

Study design

This study employed a mixed-method research design, integrating quantitative surveys and qualitative interviews to ensure a comprehensive analysis. Data was collected from major educational stakeholders including school administrators, teachers, and students from Jubbaland and Southwest States of Somalia. The quantitative component focused on statistical measurements of school closures, absenteeism, and dropout rates, while the qualitative component provided deeper insights into the challenges, coping mechanisms, and policy gaps through in-depth interviews.

Study Area

The study focused on Southwest State and Jubbaland State in Somalia, purposively selected for their high vulnerability to climate-related disasters. Data was collected from key cities within each state to ensure regional representation. In Southwest State, the study covered Baidoa, Hudur, and Afgoye, while in Jubbaland State, it included Kismayo, Luuq, and Bardhere. These locations were chosen to reflect the diverse geographical and environmental conditions affecting education in the region.

Study participants

The study participants comprised key educational stakeholders, including school administrators, teachers, and students from Jubbaland and Southwest States of Somalia. School administrators were selected for their expertise in managing institutional operations and policy implementation, while teachers provided firsthand insights into classroom dynamics, student engagement, and educational challenges. Students were included to share their perspectives on learning experiences, attendance, and the impact of school closures.

Sample size determination

The final sample size of 318 was determined using Yamane's (1973) formula, which accounts for a target population of less than 10,000 with a 95% confidence level (e = 0.05). To ensure proportional representation, proportionate stratification was applied. The sample size for each stratum was calculated using the formula:

$$n = \frac{N}{1 + N(e^2)}$$

Where:

- **n** = required sample size
- **N** = total target population
- **e** = margin of error (0.05)

Substituting the values:

$$n = \frac{1500}{1 + 1500(0.05^2)}$$

$$n = \frac{1500}{1 + 1500(0.0025)}$$

$$n = \frac{1500}{1 + 3.75} = \frac{1500}{4.75} \approx$$

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Sampling technique

This study employed a purposive and stratified random sampling approach to ensure a representative selection of participants across Jubbaland and Southwest States of Somalia. An equal proportion of participants was selected from both states, with further stratification by urban and rural locations. School managers and teachers were selected purposively based on their expertise and administrative roles, while students were chosen using convenience sampling to ensure accessibility and willingness to participate.

Data collection procedure

The study employed a mixed-method data collection approach, with quantitative surveys administered to students and qualitative interviews conducted with teachers and school administrators across Jubbaland and Southwest States of Somalia. Students completed structured surveys assessing school attendance patterns, absenteeism rates, and climate-related disruptions, while teachers and administrators participated in in-depth interviews exploring challenges in

school operations, learning continuity, and policy gaps. Data collection was conducted over six weeks by the author and trained enumerators using the local language, ensuring proportional representation across urban and rural areas.

Study instrument

This study utilized structured questionnaires for the quantitative survey and semi-structured interview guides for the qualitative data collection to ensure a comprehensive understanding of the impact of climate change on education in Jubbaland and Southwest States of Somalia.

A structured questionnaire was designed for students, focusing on school attendance, absenteeism rates, dropout trends, and the impact of climate-related disruptions on learning continuity. The questionnaire consisted of closed-ended questions to facilitate statistical analysis and included sections on demographic information, frequency of school closures, and adaptation strategies used by students during climate-related events. The survey was administered in Somali and English to ensure accessibility.

For teachers and school administrators, semi-structured interview guides were developed to capture in-depth perspectives on climate change-related challenges in school operations, policy gaps, coping mechanisms, and institutional resilience. The interview guide covered themes such as school management strategies, resource availability, climate adaptation measures, and long-term educational planning in climate-affected areas. Open-ended questions allowed flexibility for participants to provide detailed responses based on their experiences.

To ensure accuracy and reliability, the instruments were pre-tested with a small group of students, teachers, and administrators before full deployment. Feedback from the pilot study was used to refine question clarity, remove ambiguities, and ensure cultural and contextual relevance. The final versions of the instruments were approved for use in data collection across urban and rural areas in the two states.

Data analysis

The study employed both quantitative and qualitative data analysis techniques to ensure a comprehensive interpretation of the findings. Quantitative data from student surveys were cleaned, coded, and analysed using SPSS version 25, with descriptive statistics such as frequencies, percentages, means, and standard deviations summarizing key variables, while inferential tests like chi-square and correlation analysis identified relationships between climate change and student attendance trends. Qualitative data from interviews with teachers and administrators were transcribed, coded, and thematically analysed to identify patterns related to school closures, infrastructure damage, policy gaps, and institutional coping mechanisms. Data triangulation was applied by comparing quantitative findings with qualitative insights, enhancing validity and reliability while ensuring a holistic understanding of climate change's impact on education in Jubbaland and Southwest States of Somalia.

Ethical approval and consent to participate

This study adhered to strict ethical principles, including informed consent, confidentiality, and approval from relevant authorities. Ethical clearance was obtained from SOS College of Health Science, ensuring compliance with research guidelines.

Before participation, all respondents were fully informed about the study's purpose, objectives, and their rights, including the right to withdraw at any time. Participation was strictly voluntary, and only those who provided explicit consent were included. For students under 18 years, consent was obtained from their household head or guardian, and assent was sought from the students to ensure their willingness to participate.

Confidentiality was maintained throughout the study. All collected data were securely stored and accessible only to the research team. Identifiable information was coded or anonymized to protect participant identities. Interviews and surveys were conducted in private settings, free from external intrusions, ensuring that personal information was not disclosed without explicit permission.

Result

The study targeted 318 participants, with 249 (78.3%) responding and 69 (21.7%) not returning their questionnaires. Participants were drawn from various regions in Jubbaland and Southwest States, with the highest representation from Baidoa (37.3%), followed by Hudur (18.9%), Afgoye (16.5%), Luuq (11.2%), Bardhere (10.4%), and Kismayo (5.6%). The regional distribution ensures diverse perspectives on how climate change affects education across different locations.

In terms of gender distribution, 58.2% were male and 41.8% were female. Regarding respondent type, 199 (79.9%) were students, 35 (14.1%) were teachers, and 15 (6.0%) were school administrators. This distribution ensures that insights were gathered from both learners and educators, providing a balanced perspective on climate-related challenges in education.

For age distribution, 50.2% of respondents were between 16–20 years, 42.6% were above 20 years, and 7.2% were aged 15 years or younger. This indicates that the majority of respondents were older students and adults, who are likely more aware of climate change impacts on education. Moreover, regarding education level, 76.0% of respondents were in secondary school, 6.0% in primary education, and 18.0% in tertiary education, which includes teachers and school administrators (Table 1).

Table 1: Socio demographic characteristics of respondents

Characteristics	Frequency	Percentage
Response Rate		
Questionnaires filled and returned	249	78.3
Questionnaires not returned	69	21.7
Regional distribution		
Baidoa	93	37.3
Hudur	47	18.9
Afgoye	41	16.5
Bardhere	26	10.4
Luuq	28	11.2
Kismayo	14	5.6
Gender of the Respondents		
Male	145	58.2
Female	104	41.8
Respondent type		
Student	199	79.9
Teacher	35	14.1
School administrator	15	6.0
Age distribution		
≤15 years.	18	7.2
16–20 years	125	50.2
>20 years	106	42.6
Education level		
Primary	15	6.0
Secondary	189	76.0
Tertiary	45	18.0

Impact of climate change on education – student focus (Quantitative Findings)

The findings reveal a substantial impact of climate change on students' education, particularly in terms of school closures, absenteeism, dropout rates, and adaptation strategies. A significant majority (83.4%) of students reported experiencing school closures due to climate-related disasters, while 79.9% indicated that these closures were sudden and unplanned. Furthermore, 42.2% of students experienced closures lasting more than four weeks, with an average school closure duration of 5.8 weeks (±2.4 weeks), highlighting prolonged disruptions in learning.

Regarding absenteeism, 68.3% of students frequently missed school due to extreme weather conditions, underscoring the persistent interruptions in education. The challenges of climate-induced displacement were also notable, with 31.2% of students reporting that they had to travel longer distances to school after their families were forced to relocate. Additionally, 27.6% of students cited a lack of food or water at school as a factor contributing to absenteeism, while 22.1% reported experiencing health issues such as dehydration or heat stress, which prevented them from attending school.

When assessing dropout trends, 29.1% of students personally knew peers who had dropped out due to climate-related hardships. The primary reasons cited for dropouts included financial hardship (42.7%), followed by increased household responsibilities such as caregiving or working (21.1%). Additionally, 19.6% of students indicated that school infrastructure damage, such as flooded classrooms or collapsed buildings, contributed to dropout rates, further illustrating the vulnerabilities of the education system.

In response to climate-induced disruptions, 56.8% of students reported relying on alternative learning methods, such as mobile classrooms and community study groups, in an effort to continue their education. However, institutional support remains insufficient, as only 23.1% of students reported receiving any form of assistance from their schools to help them adapt to climate-related challenges.

Table 2: Impact of Climate Change on Student Attendance and Educational Continuity

Characteristics	Frequency	Percentage
Have you experienced school closures due to climate-related disasters?		
Yes	166	83.4
No	33	16.6
Was your school closed for an extended period (more than 4 weeks)?		
Yes	84	42.2
No	115	57.8
Was your school closure sudden and unplanned?		
Yes	162	79.9
No	37	14.1
Have you missed school frequently due to extreme weather conditions?		
Yes	136	68.3
No	63	31.7
Did you have to travel a longer distance to school due to climate-related displacement?		
Yes	62	31.2
No	137	68.8
Did lack of food or water at school contribute to your absenteeism?		
Yes	55	27.6
No	144	72.4
Have you experienced health problems that prevented you from attending school?		
Yes	44	22.1
No	58	77.9
Do you personally know students who dropped out of school due to climate-related hardships?		
Yes	58	29.1
No	141	70.9
Was financial hardship a major reason for climate-induced school dropouts?		
Yes	85	42.7
No	114	57.3
Did increased household responsibilities (e.g., caring for family, working) contribute to dropout rates?		
Yes	42	21.1
No	157	78.9
Was financial hardship a major reason for climate-induced school dropouts?		
Yes	85	42.7
No	114	57.3
Did damage to school infrastructure (e.g., flooded classrooms, collapsed buildings) force students to drop out?"		
Yes	39	19.6
No	160	80.4
Have you relied on alternative learning methods (e.g., mobile classrooms, community study groups) due to climate-related disruptions?		
Yes	113	56.8
No	86	43.2
Have you received any support from your school to help you adapt to climate-related disruptions?		
Yes	46	23.1
No	153	76.9

Impact of Climate Change on Education – Educators and Administrators' Perspectives (Qualitative Findings)

The qualitative findings from in-depth interviews with thirty five teachers and fifteen school administrators provide a deeper understanding of the challenges posed by climate change on school operations, learning continuity, and

institutional resilience in Jubaland and Southwest States of Somalia. Through thematic analysis, several key themes emerged, including frequent school closures, strained infrastructure, resource limitations, policy gaps, and adaptive strategies employed by schools.

Frequent School Closures and Learning Disruptions
Interviews revealed that climate-related disasters, particularly droughts and floods, have led to prolonged and unpredictable school closures. Respondents described how intense flooding rendered school facilities inaccessible for weeks, while severe droughts forced families to migrate in search of water and pasture, leading to high student absenteeism and dropout rates. Teachers emphasized that learning disruptions due to climate-induced migration were particularly common in rural areas, where students had to leave school abruptly as their families relocated.

> *"During droughts, students simply stop coming. Families migrate, and classrooms that were full one term are half-empty the next. We struggle to maintain consistency in education." (male school adminstrator, from Baidoa).*

Infrastructure Damage and Resource Limitations
Several interviewees pointed to severely strained school infrastructure, with classrooms collapsing due to heavy rains, latrines flooding, and a lack of clean drinking water. In many schools, damaged roofs and eroded walls made learning spaces unsafe, forcing teachers to conduct lessons outdoors or in overcrowded temporary shelters. Administrators also highlighted the lack of climate-resilient school infrastructure, noting that most schools lack proper drainage systems or reinforced buildings to withstand extreme weather events.

> *"Some classrooms have no roofs after storms. During the rainy season, students have to sit under trees or go home. Even when they want to learn, the physical environment does not allow it." (male teacher, from Hudur).*

Additionally, shortages of key learning resources, including textbooks, teaching materials, and desks, were exacerbated by climate-related disruptions. Teachers noted that relocated students often return without school supplies, making it difficult to reintegrate them into the education system.

> *"When students return after displacement, they come back with nothing—no books, no uniforms, sometimes even without shoes. We do our best to help them catch up, but without adequate materials, it becomes almost impossible to ensure they stay on track." (female teacher, from Kismayo).*

Food and Water Insecurity Affecting Student Attendance
Another major theme was food and water scarcity, which was cited as a key driver of absenteeism. Many teachers reported that students frequently missed school because there was no food available at home or in school feeding programs. In drought-affected areas, water shortages were a persistent problem, leading to hygiene-related illnesses and increased absenteeism among students.

A school headteacher from Afgoye highlighted the issue:

> *"When there is no food at school, students go home and don't return. Some of them walk long distances to get water before they even think about coming to class. Hunger and thirst are as much a barrier to education as school fees (female headteacher, from Afgoye).*

Policy Gaps and Lack of Institutional Support
Interviews with school administrators revealed critical policy gaps in climate adaptation strategies within the education sector. Many respondents indicated that there are no formal contingency plans for handling climate-induced school closures or displacement. Schools operate reactively rather than having proactive disaster preparedness plans, making it difficult to sustain learning during and after climate shocks.
A school principal in Kismaayo expressed frustration over the lack of support.

> *"We are left to deal with climate disruptions on our own. There are no policies guiding how to continue learning when schools are damaged or students are displaced. Each school has to figure it out on its own." (female teacher, from Kismayo).*

Teachers also reported that there were no structured government or NGO interventions to support climate-affected schools, particularly in remote areas. This lack of institutional coordination has led to inequitable responses, with urban schools sometimes receiving aid, while rural schools remain neglected.

> *"We see aid going to schools in the cities, but in rural areas like ours, we are left to struggle on our own. There are no structured programs to help us recover from climate disasters, and each school is forced to find its own way to cope." (female admin, from Hudur).*

Adaptive Strategies and Community Resilience
Despite these challenges, some schools have adopted innovative coping mechanisms to minimize learning disruptions. Alternative learning arrangements, such as mobile classrooms, community study groups, and makeshift learning spaces, have been established in some areas. Teachers also mentioned informal peer tutoring initiatives, where students who miss school receive catch-up lessons from classmates upon return.

> *"When floods close the school, some of us organize small study groups in the village so students don't fall too far behind. But this is informal, and we lack resources to make it sustainable." (female admin, from Bardhere).*

However, the effectiveness of these adaptation strategies remains limited due to resource constraints and lack of structured institutional support.

> *We try to implement alternative learning methods, but without proper funding and institutional support, these efforts can only go so far. Without long-term solutions, we are just patching the problem temporarily." (male admin, from Baidoa).*

Discussion
This study assessed the impact of climate change on education in Jubaland and Southwest States of Somalia using a mixed-methods approach, revealing significant disruptions in learning continuity and educational access. Quantitative findings highlighted widespread school closures, absenteeism, and dropout risks, while qualitative interviews illuminated institutional challenges, policy gaps, and adaptive strategies.
The quantitative data indicated that 83.4% of students experienced school closures due to climate-related disasters,

with 79.9% reporting sudden and unplanned disruptions. The average school closure duration of 5.8 weeks (±2.4 weeks) underscores the prolonged nature of these disruptions. This aligns with the fact that Somalia is highly susceptible to the effects of climate change and extreme weather (UNICEF, 2022). The protracted closures in Somalia, compared to studies in other climate-affected regions with contingency plans for rapid reopening, likely stem from weaker disaster response mechanisms and fragile education infrastructure (Save the Children, 2021) [3]. Teachers and administrators confirmed this, citing delays in repairing damaged schools, a lack of alternative learning programs, and forced migrations due to extreme weather as key contributors to learning interruptions. These challenges are exacerbated by Somalia's pre-existing vulnerabilities, including governance issues, security concerns, and poverty (World Bank, 2023) [8], making it one of the most vulnerable countries to climate change impacts. As of December 2022, at least 3 million citizens were living in internally displaced people (IDP) camps after fleeing their homes due to hunger, drought, and conflict (UNHCR, 2023) [4].

The study also found that 68.3% of students frequently missed school due to climate-related factors, with climate-induced displacement (31.2%), food and water shortages (27.6%), and health issues (22.1%) as leading causes. These findings resonate with broader research on education in drought-prone and flood-affected regions, where climate-related disruptions reduce school attendance and exacerbate socio-economic vulnerabilities (UNESCO, 2020) [5]. Educators emphasized that hunger and lack of clean drinking water were primary reasons students stopped attending school, with many students returning after displacement without essential learning materials, hindering reintegration (FAO & UNICEF, 2022) [1]. More frequent and intense droughts and floods undermine food security and worsen livelihood conditions in Somalia, adversely affecting marginalized groups, fueling grievances, increasing competition over scarce resources, and exacerbating existing community tensions and vulnerabilities (IPCC, 2022) [2].

In terms of dropout risks, 29.1% of students knew peers who had dropped out due to climate-related hardships, with economic strain (42.7%) cited as the leading factor. Teachers and school administrators elaborated, noting that families prioritize survival over education, forcing children to work or assist with household responsibilities (Save the Children, 2021) [3]. School infrastructure damage (19.6%)—such as flooded classrooms and collapsed buildings—was also a major contributor. These conditions are deterrents to learning, with students forced to study outdoors or in unsafe buildings.

A critical finding was the lack of structured institutional support to mitigate climate change effects on education. While 56.8% of students relied on alternative learning methods such as mobile classrooms or community study groups, only 23.1% reported receiving formal school support. Teachers and school administrators expressed frustration over this gap, highlighting the absence of government policies or NGO interventions in rural areas (UNICEF Somalia Education Cluster Report, 2023). This lack of support hinders communities' ability to implement effective climate change adaptation measures. Some urban schools received aid; however, rural institutions were often left to fend for themselves, leading to disparities in adaptation efforts.

Building resilience requires sustainable agriculture systems and local capacity-building efforts supported by technology (FAO & UNICEF, 2022) [1]. As state officials and societal groups navigate climate change challenges in Somalia's education sector, understanding how communities perceive these changes is essential for prioritizing effective actions. This study underscores the urgent need for comprehensive strategies—integrating government policies and international aid—to address climate change impacts on education.

This study's mixed-methods approach enhanced its comprehensiveness by integrating quantitative data from students with qualitative insights from teachers and administrators, allowing for a well-rounded understanding of climate change's impact on education. The inclusion of participants from multiple regions in Jubaland and Southwest States, covering both urban and rural areas, improved the generalizability of findings. Additionally, the study engaged multiple stakeholders, ensuring a balanced perspective on school closures, absenteeism, and institutional challenges. The structured data collection process, including pilot testing and the use of local language, further strengthened the reliability and accuracy of responses.

On the other hand, a key limitation of the study is its cross-sectional design, which captures only a single point in time, making it difficult to track long-term climate impacts on education. Additionally, the study had a fair number of non-respondents, particularly among students who declined to participate, which may introduce non-response bias, potentially affecting the representativeness of findings. While regional diversity was ensured, the sample size may not fully capture variations across remote areas, where climate-related disruptions could be even more severe. The self-reported nature of student responses also presents a risk of bias, as some participants may have overestimated or underestimated their experiences.

Recommendation and Conclusion

This study highlights the significant impact of climate change on education in Jubaland and Southwest States of Somalia, revealing widespread school closures, high absenteeism, increased dropout risks, and inadequate institutional support. The findings underscore the urgent need for climate-resilient school infrastructure, adaptive learning solutions, and targeted interventions to mitigate climate-related disruptions. Strengthening policy coordination among government agencies, NGOs, and education stakeholders is crucial to ensuring learning continuity and preventing further educational disparities in climate-affected regions.

A key recommendation action is the need to set up and finance education in emergency for climate-shock induced communities who are displaced and lacking schools for their children. Future research should focus on long-term trends, larger sample sizes, and policy-level engagement to develop comprehensive climate adaptation strategies for the education sector.

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