EDUCATION, WASH AND CLIMATE

Ready before the rains

Safe learning, clean water and early action so that children and families in Southwest State can withstand floods, drought and displacement.



Children in a classroom supported by READO and Plan International under the ECHO-funded education in emergencies programme, Southwest State. Photo: READO

4,200
people with water from a rehabilitated solar borehole
Feb 2026 · ACTIVE-GEED (EU)

5
regions with READO WASH programmes in 2026
2026 · READO Thematic Area Report

35
school and child protection committee members trained
Jul 2026 · ECHO, with Plan International

5
farmer learning sites testing soil and water conservation
2026 · FARE/REACT (AICS)

CENTRAL MESSAGE

The Deyr rains are forecast to be 65–90% above average this season. We act before the shock: mapping safe routes to school, preparing water systems and warning communities early, so learning and services continue when floods arrive.

What we do

EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES

Through First Line Education Response (FLER) in Baidoa, we set up Temporary Protection and Learning Spaces (TPLS) and First Response Centres (FRC) with Accelerated Basic Education (ABE), literacy and numeracy, learning materials and teacher support. School and child protection committees and dignity kits help children, especially girls, stay in school.

ANTICIPATORY ACTION IN SCHOOLS

In Afgooye, our flood anticipatory action programme keeps learning going during floods: early warning messages, safe-route and learning-space mapping, school evacuation and contingency plans, teacher training, stronger school buildings and WASH facilities, high-energy biscuits and learning materials.

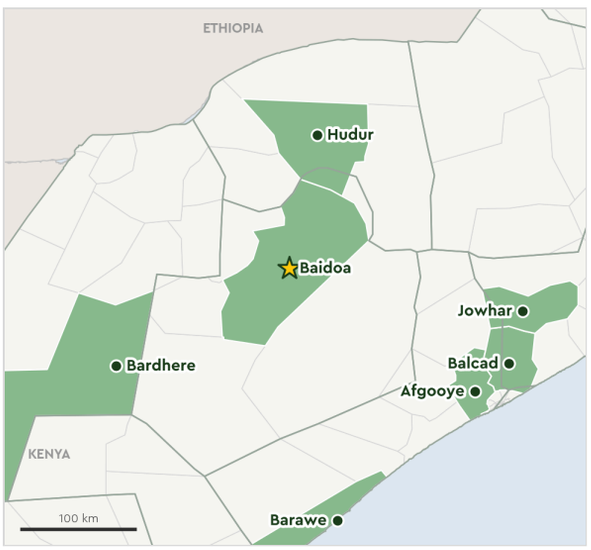
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

Borehole rehabilitation, solar pumping, hygiene promotion and emergency water supply across five regions, with supplies pre-positioned for the Deyr rains.

CLIMATE AND EL NIÑO PREPAREDNESS

READO helped finalise the Southwest State El Niño Preparedness and Response Plan and shares bilingual flood warnings with communities.

01 Where we work



Districts with education, WASH and climate programmes

Head office

Baidoa Head office · education in emergencies with Plan, WASH, El Niño coordination

Bardhere Education and child protection with Plan (ECHO)

Afgooye Anticipatory action in schools (NRC, ECW)

ACTIVE-GEED WASH Baidoa, Hudur, Afgooye and Barawe (Southwest State); Jowhar and Balcad (Hirshabelle State)

02 How we act early

01
Forecast and alert

Track rainfall forecasts with the state disaster agency and clusters; share warnings in Somali and English.

02
Prepare

Map safe routes and learning spaces, check water points and latrines, pre-position supplies.

03
Act early

Run school and community awareness sessions and protect water sources before peak rains.

04
Respond and recover

Restore learning and safe water fast, and feed lessons into the next season.

Approach drawn from READO's El Niño 2026–27 preparedness plan and the Southwest State plan (August 2026).



26,000

displaced people in Baidoa are projected to face catastrophic hunger (IPC Phase 5)

Oct–Dec 2026 · IPC projection, Sep 2026: why acting early matters

03 Current and recent projects

Project	Donor and partners	Where	Period
Education in emergencies	ECHO, with Plan International	Baidoa, Bardhere	2024–2026
CRF emergency WASH	International Rescue Committee	Baidoa	Mar–Sep 2026
Anticipatory action in education	NRC, with Education Cannot Wait	Afgooye	2026
ACTIVE-GEED boreholes and solar energy	European Union, with ADRA	6 districts (see map)	2024–2026
WASH and CERF response	IOM	Multiple districts	2025–2026
WAHAFA anticipatory action	Spain, with Plan International	Baidoa	Completed 2026

WE WORK WITH

ECHO · Plan International · Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) · Education Cannot Wait · European Union · ADRA · IOM · AICS (Italy) · Kingdom of Spain · SoDMA and the Southwest State disaster management ministry · Education and WASH Clusters

WORK WITH US

READO is ready to scale anticipatory action, safe learning and WASH ahead of the 2026 Deyr rains. Contact info@readosom.org.

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