LIVELIHOODS AND WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE

Livelihoods that last

Skills, savings, finance and climate-smart farming that help women, farmers and young people in Southwest State earn and recover from shocks.



Women from e-WINS self-help groups at a leadership, savings and business skills training, Baidoa, July 2026. Photo: READO

2,600
women entrepreneurs registered; 650 received 524 start-up kits and 126 grants
2025–2028 · e-WINS (EU)

600
smallholder farmers enrolled, 503 of them women
2026 · FARE/REACT (AICS)

480
savings group members: 180 women in 12 SHGs and 300 in 20 VSLAs
Jul–Sep 2026 · e-WINS (EU)

251
people supported with livelihoods under ACTIVE-GEED
2025–2026 · ACTIVE-GEED (EU)

CENTRAL MESSAGE

650 women supported with 524 start-up kits and 126 grants · 32 savings groups (12 self-help groups and 20 village savings and loan associations) · 365 business banners · 6 milk cooperatives (150 members) and 1 meat cooperative (75 members).

What we do

WOMEN'S ENTERPRISE

524 start-up kits and 126 business grants, 365 promotional banners for women-owned shops, and 365 entrepreneurs at the Annual Regional Investment Fair.

SAVINGS AND INCLUSIVE FINANCE

32 savings groups in total: 12 self-help groups (SHGs) with 180 women and 20 village savings and loan associations (VSLAs) with 300 members, linked to savings and inclusive financial services.

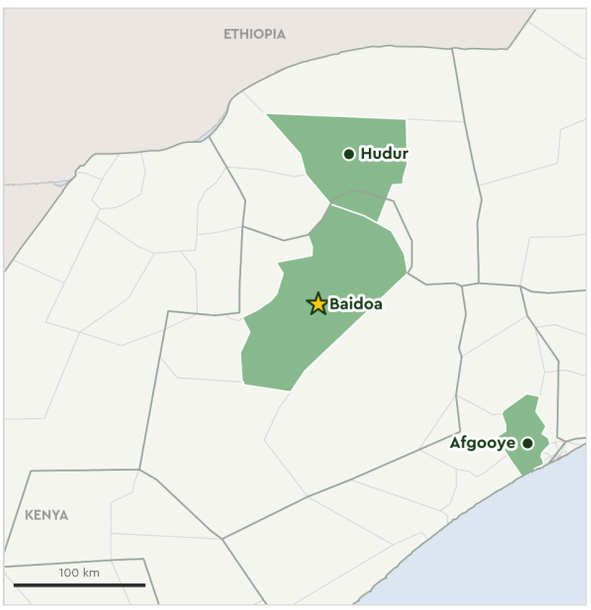
CLIMATE-SMART FARMING

Five farmer learning sites, 600 farmers enrolled (503 women), and solar irrigation supporting 26 farms across 50 hectares in Afgooye.

VALUE CHAINS AND GREEN ENERGY

A meat cooperative of 75 members in Baidoa, milk cooperatives with 150 members in Baidoa and Hudur, 26 irrigation farmers in Afgooye, 2 water kiosks in Baidoa and 4 livestock troughs at Bonkai-1.

01 Where we work



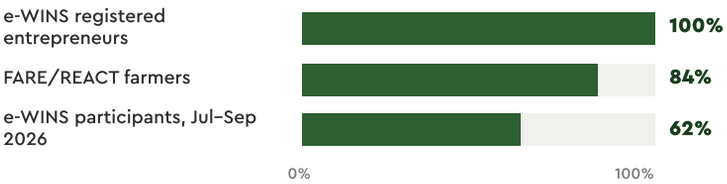
Districts with livelihoods programmes ☆ Head office

Baidoa Head office · e-WINS · FARE/REACT · ACTIVE-GEED · IOM · NRC

Hudur e-WINS · ACTIVE-GEED

Afgooye e-WINS · ACTIVE-GEED

02 Women at the centre



Share of women among participants. FARE/REACT quarterly report, Jun 2026; e-WINS Q3 report, Jul–Sep 2026; e-WINS registration, 2025.



365

young entrepreneurs met five banks and microfinance institutions at the e-WINS Investment Fair

Baidoa, 3–5 August 2026

03 Current and recent projects

Project	Donor and partners	Where	Period
e-WINS women's enterprise	European Union, with ADRA and Windle	Baidoa, Afgooye, Hudur	2025–2028
FARE/REACT agroecology	AICS (Italy), with Action Against Hunger	Baidoa	2025–2026
ACTIVE-GEED dairy, meat and irrigation	European Union, with ADRA	Hudur, Afgooye, Baidoa	2024–2026
ELEVATE skills and reintegration	IOM, with KOICA	Baidoa	2025–2026
KOALA PAY cash assistance	Norwegian Refugee Council	Baidoa	2024–2026
SAGAL II resilience	ECHO, via NRC consortium	Bay and Bakool	2024–2026

WE WORK WITH

European Union · ADRA · Windle International · AICS (Italy) · Action Against Hunger · IOM · KOICA · Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) · ECHO · Hogaan and other microfinance institutions · Southwest State ministries · Chamber of Commerce

WORK WITH US

READO is ready to scale women's enterprise, savings groups and climate-smart farming with partners across Southwest State. Contact info@readosom.org.

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