PROTECTION, GBV AND PEACE

Safe, heard and included

Preventing and responding to gender-based violence, empowering girls, ending harmful practices and building peace in Southwest State.



Women plan community awareness activities on gender-based violence and reproductive health, Baidoa. Photo: READO

10,000+
women and girls supported since 2019
2019–2025 · READO Capacity Statement

3,411
people reached by protection activities; 2,582 women and girls
Apr–Jul 2026 · Sida, with IRC

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GBV one-stop centres, plus 3 safe spaces for women and girls
Baidoa and Hudur · 2026

50
community members publicly declared against FGM and child marriage
Aug 2026 · Amref, F4B

CENTRAL MESSAGE

Protection works when communities own it. We combine survivor-centred services with girls' empowerment and steady work with elders, religious leaders and young people to change harmful norms and build peace.

What we do

GBV PREVENTION AND RESPONSE

Survivor-centred case management, one-stop centres, safe spaces, dignity kits and referrals, with confidential data systems and a free hotline (2035).

GIRLS' EMPOWERMENT

Girl Shine life-skills sessions for adolescent girls, girls' clubs in Belet Hawa and a school Gender Equality Club in Baidoa.

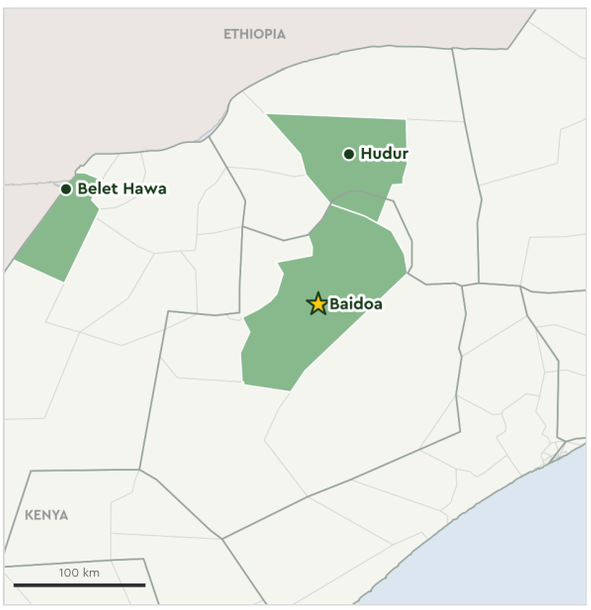
ENDING FGM AND CHILD MARRIAGE

Work with religious and clan leaders, traditional birth attendants and former circumcisers, leading to a community-led declaration in Belet Hawa.

PEACE AND SOCIAL COHESION

Community dialogues, a women's football match for peace and youth events in Baidoa, and READO chairs the Hudur Housing, Land and Property Working Group.

01 Where we work



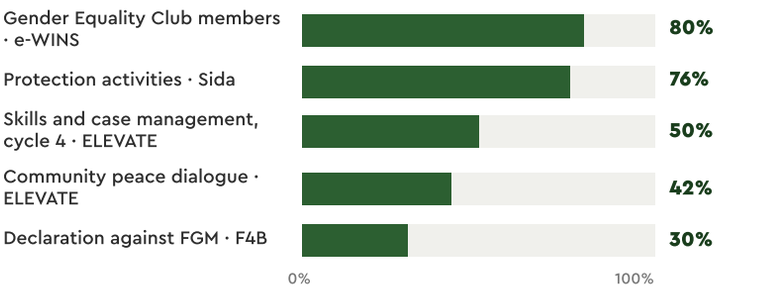
Districts with protection and peace programmes ☆ Head office

Baidoa Head office · 3 GBV one-stop centres, safe spaces, Girl Shine, IOM ELEVATE, school clubs

Hudur GBV one-stop centre · chair of the HLP Working Group

Belet Hawa Amref F4B: ending FGM and child marriage, girls' clubs

02 Reaching women and girls



Share of women and girls among participants. Sida report, Apr–Jul 2026; e-WINS Q3 report (draft); IOM ELEVATE monthly report, Sep 2026; Amref F4B activity report, Aug 2026.



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adolescent girls completed the nine-week Girl Shine curriculum

Baidoa, May–July 2026 · Sida, with IRC

03 Current and recent projects

Project	Donor and partners	Where	Period
Women's protection and empowerment, incl. Girl Shine	Sweden (Sida), with IRC	Baidoa	2025–2026
F4B: ending FGM and child marriage	Amref Health Africa (F4B consortium)	Belet Hawa	2025–2026
ELEVATE skills, protection and social cohesion	IOM, with KOICA	Baidoa	2025–2026
e-WINS gender norms and male engagement	European Union, with ADRA	Baidoa	2025–2028
Child protection committees in education	ECHO, with Plan International	Baidoa, Bardhere	2024–2027
HARBS housing, land and property	Norwegian Refugee Council	Baidoa	Completed 2026

WE WORK WITH

Sweden (Sida) · International Rescue Committee (IRC) · Amref Health Africa · IOM · KOICA · European Union · ADRA · ECHO · Plan International · NRC · UNFPA · GBV Area of Responsibility · Protection Cluster · Southwest State Ministry of Women

WORK WITH US

READO is ready to extend GBV services, Girl Shine and community-led norm change to more districts of Southwest State. Contact info@readosom.org.

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