HEALTH AND NUTRITION

Healthy mothers, healthy children

Integrated primary healthcare, nutrition and immunisation for displaced and host communities in Southwest State.



READO community health workers meet mothers at a sexual and reproductive health session, Baidoa. Photo: READO

189,000+
people reached with health services
2025 · READO Capacity Statement

42,571
vaccine doses given across four key antigens
Jul–Sep 2026 · Gavi REACH

15,970
sexual and reproductive health contacts
Apr–Jul 2026 · Sida, with IRC

2,145
children screened for malnutrition; 636 treated
Mar–Sep 2026 · IRC CRF

CENTRAL MESSAGE

Our facilities give mothers, children and adolescents joined-up care: maternal and reproductive health, immunisation, nutrition and protection in one place, delivered by staff from the communities they serve.

What we do

MATERNAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH

Antenatal, skilled delivery and postnatal care, family planning and adolescent-friendly services at four READO-managed facilities in Baidoa.

IMMUNISATION

Static, outreach and mobile sessions with Gavi, backed by mother-to-mother and father-to-father groups that reached 2,364 caregivers in Jul–Sep 2026.

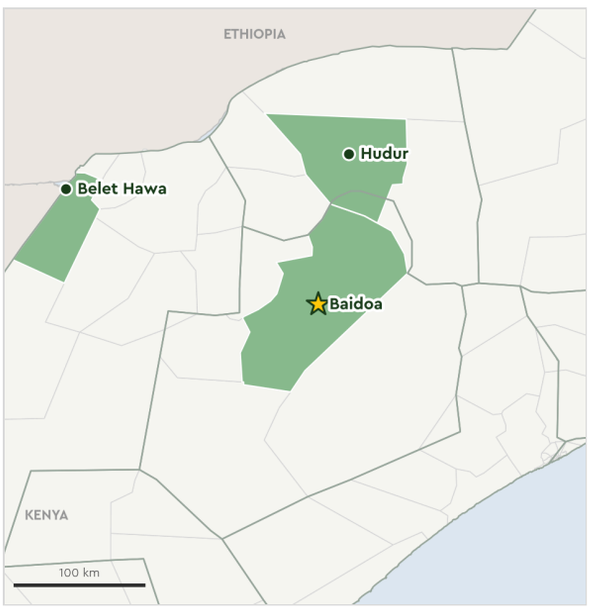
NUTRITION

Malnutrition screening, treatment of severe acute malnutrition (SAM) and infant and young child feeding (IYCF) counselling and promotion sessions for caregivers.

PREPAREDNESS AND HEALTH SYSTEMS

Equipment and solar power for six maternal and child health facilities in Hudur, and outbreak-preparedness training for 18 health workers.

01 Where we work



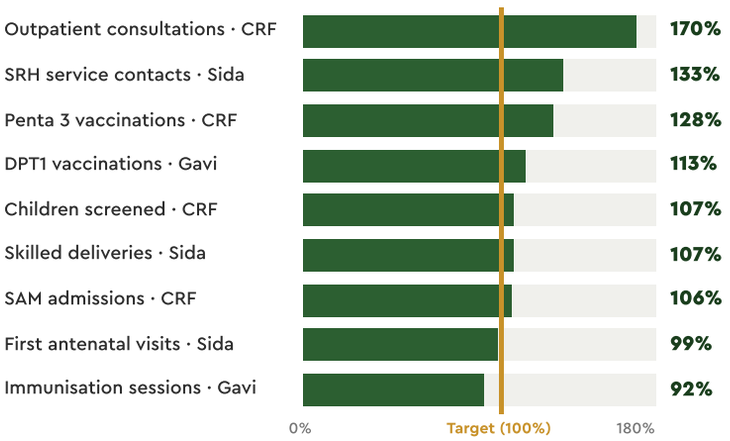
Districts with health and nutrition programmes ☆ Head office

Baidoa Head office · Kulmis, Bula Jima, Lowile and Awdinle health facilities

Hudur SAGAL II maternal and child health

Belet Hawa Amref community health and social norms work

02 Results against targets



Achievement as % of target. IRC CRF final report, Mar–Sep 2026 (under IRC review); Sida SRH report, Apr–Jul 2026; Gavi REACH Q3 report, Jul–Sep 2026.



96%

of clients were satisfied with the sexual and reproductive health services they received

Exit interviews with 68 clients, June 2026

03 Current and recent projects

Project	Donor and partners	Where	Period
Sexual and reproductive health and rights	Sweden (Sida), with IRC	Kulmis and Bula Jima, Baidoa	2025–2026
Crisis response (CRF)	International Rescue Committee	Baidoa and peri-urban areas	Mar–Sep 2026
Primary healthcare (CPF)	USAID/BHA, via IRC	Kulmis and Bula Jima, Baidoa	2025 – Jul 2026
Gavi REACH immunisation	Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance	Southwest State	2025–2026
SAGAL II resilience (health)	ECHO, via NRC consortium	Hudur, Bakool	2024–2026
Community health and social norms	Amref Health Africa	Baidoa, Belet Hawa	2025–2026

WE WORK WITH

Sweden (Sida) · International Rescue Committee (IRC) · USAID/BHA · Gavi · European Union Humanitarian Aid (ECHO) · Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) · Amref Health Africa · Southwest State Ministry of Health · Health and Nutrition Clusters

WORK WITH US

READO is ready to scale integrated health and nutrition services for families affected by El Niño floods, conflict and displacement. Contact info@readosom.org.

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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.

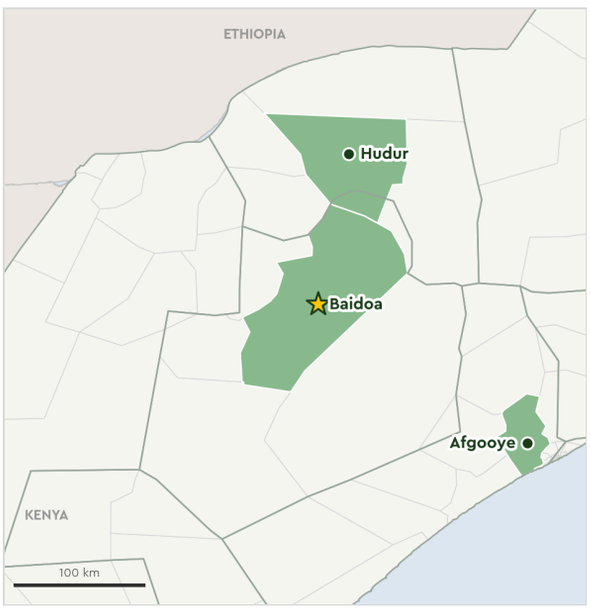
CLIMATE-SMART FARMING

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



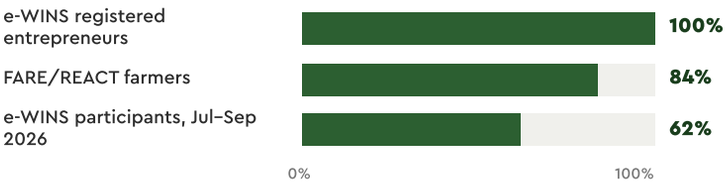
Districts with livelihoods programmes ☆ Head office

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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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

4
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.

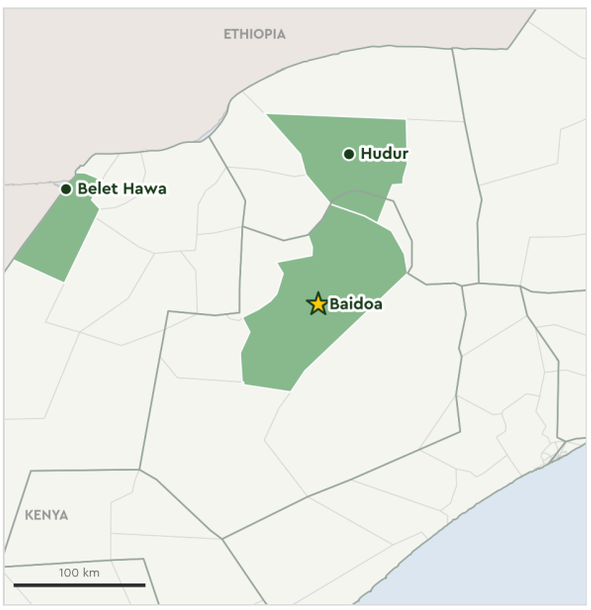
ENDING FGM AND CHILD MARRIAGE

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



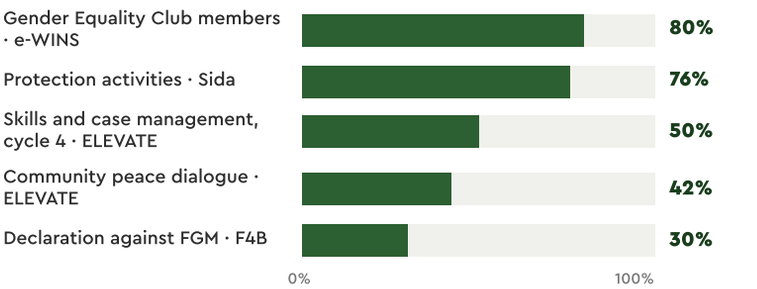
Districts with protection and peace programmes ☆ Head office

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.



20

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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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.

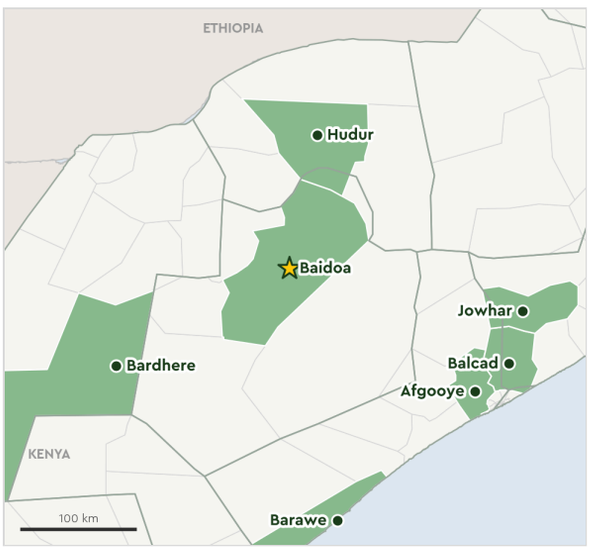
WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

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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