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WHO WE ARE

Access Initiative & Development for Afrika (AID-AFRIKA) is a Local NGO registered & operating both in Kenya and Somalia and based in Northern Kenya Counties of Garissa, Wajir, Mandera and Tana River County, and in Somalia, (Banadir region and the Federal member states of Jubaland administration). Aid-Afrika has integrated development initiatives as well as humanitarian aid programs targeting vulnerable groups of the society including minorities and other community members. Its main programmatic areas are: Peace building & security, conflict transformation, preventing & countering violent Extremism (dialogues & cohesion, CVE, PVE, climate change related security risks, resource-based conflicts and peace building) good governance & democracy, promotion of human rights and legal aid, health & nutrition, protection & GBV, education, agriculture, food security & livelihood and rapid response programs to counter emergency situations. Aid-Afrika was established January 2013.

AID-AFRIKA's niche is in Northern counties of Kenya and the federal member state of Jubaland administration, however we are expanding our horizons to the horn of Africa and neighbouring countries.

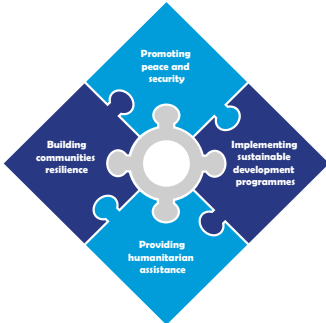
OUR OBJECTIVES

- To empower communities including youth, women, minorities and other vulnerable community members through agriculture, food security & livelihood programs and improve access to education, health care services & nutrition, safe and clean Water Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) and other essential services.
- To promote peace building & conflict transformation and preventing & countering violent extremism while upholding human rights hence contribute to peace building & security efforts and the realization of peace-full co-existence of communities living on healthier planet.
- To Build communities resilience and provide humanitarian assistance, through environmental & natural resources management and sustainable climate change shocks adaptations such as droughts and resource-based conflicts by educating community members on climate change situations and coping strategies to overcome challenges and provision of rapid response programs to counter emergency situations such as during drought seasons, flash floods, diseases outbreak like cholera, Covid-19 pandemic etc.

OUR STRATEGIES

Aid-Afrika implements projects across Kenya and Somalia under some of the core programs guided by our four strategic goals: Promoting peace building & conflict transformation and security, implementing sustainable development programmes, providing humanitarian assistance and building communities resilience.

Our initial purpose was to respond to emergency and emerging conflict situation in our areas of operation, however the change in context has allowed AID-AFRIKA to adopt in order to address emerging issues like violent extremism, climate change related security risks and peace building and the linkages they have with the existing conflict. We believe reforms and development should always come from within and not from external forces.



To undertake its mandate the organization is also focusing on upgrading its staff capacity and organizational management and financial systems to be able to respond to emergency and development programmes. This training helps the organization to adhere to better accountability, transparency and contingency plan for better action preparedness on emergency and development programmes.

OUR PROGRAMS

- Peace building & conflict transformation & Security.
- Health & Nutrition.
- Education
- WASH
- Agriculture, Food Security & Livelihood.
- Child protection & GBV.
- Good Governance, Democracy & Human Rights.

PROGRAMING AND ADMINISTRATIVE CAPABILITIES

- Sufficient and recent experience in the design and delivery of aid and development projects in Kenya and Somalia.
- Experience with programming focused on peace building & conflict transformation, protection, agriculture, food security & livelihood, health & nutrition, education, good governance & democracy and other programmatic areas.
- Experience and capacity to manage and deliver multi-donor and multi-partner projects and programs in diverse areas including remote regions.
- Ability to comply with good programmatic, financial, and administrative practices such as statutory audits, donor mandated audits, financial statements and other compliance reports.
- Proven track record in financial management with key policies (Finance, Procurement, HR and Risk management) and in meeting of national and international accounting requirements.

OUR ADVOCACY WORK

At AID-AFRIKA, our advocacy work focuses on protecting children's rights and well-being in Northern Kenya and beyond. Our approach includes:

Policy Advocacy: We actively engage in influencing county government policies and legislation to strengthen child protection measures. This involves lobbying lawmakers and stakeholders to allocate resources and support comprehensive initiatives.

Awareness Campaigns: We conduct extensive campaigns to educate the public about child protection issues.

This includes raising awareness about signs of abuse, available resources, and the importance of reporting suspected cases to prevent maltreatment.

Legal Assistance: We facilitate referrals for children in need of legal aid, ensuring their rights are upheld and enforced by connecting them with appropriate service providers.

Community Education Projects: Through various projects, we promote awareness and sensitivity towards children's rights, addressing issues like child labor and violence. We advocate locally and nationally against abuse and neglect, fostering a culture of respect and protection for children.

Child Participation: We prioritize involving children in decision-making processes that affect them, empowering them to voice their opinions and experiences. This ensures their perspectives inform advocacy efforts and policy development, promoting a child-centered approach to protection.

In 2023, we reached out **242** children with child protection services ranging from facilitation for case management and mental health and psychosocial support, linkages with referral pathways and legal aid.

ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACTS

527 Direct beneficiaries and in collaboration with Star FM several community sensitization radio talk shows were aired for **6** weeks.

- AID-AFRIKA has worked with USAID supported Kenya ni Wajibu Wetu (NIWETU) program in collaboration with DAI, the County government, the National government and different community structures. The objective of this grant is to increase the participation of youth in addressing their recruitment and radicalization as well as amplifying and disseminating messages geared towards, preventing & countering violence extremism among the youth at risk in Garissa County. The project focused on strengthening youth resilience to violent extremism and worked in 5 sub-counties in the greater Garissa County focusing on areas along the hotspot borderland of Kenya-Somalia, sub-counties of Dadaab, Fafi, Ijara and Hulugho as well as Garissa township reaching **527** direct beneficiaries who indirectly influenced over **5000** community members. The project worked with the youth at risk in those areas and collaborated with the respective deputy county commissioners, sub-county admins, ward Admins, chiefs, Youth, women leaders, elders, peace committees and religious leaders. This program had a component of community policing as it anticipates to strengthen the relationship of the youth targeted by the program and the security administration in order to improve information sharing between the community and the security organs. This is why the program engaged community and the security structure. The program formed CVE youth mashinani working groups who will continue discussions regarding peace and security long after the program ends. This will be a living structure that will aid/ complement the existing community policing structures.

221 Direct beneficiaries & **250** Participants for collaborative peace action

- AID-AFRIKA has also worked with UKAID/DFID supported REINVENT Program, a cross border project between Garissa and Tana River Counties while special consideration was given to Kenya-Somalia borderland hotspot sub-counties such as Fafi, Hulugho and Ijara. The objective of this project is to contribute to peaceful coexistence between the Somali and Pokomo ethnic communities residing in the contested cross boundary areas between Garissa and Tana Counties. Over this period of the implementation, AID-AFRIKA facilitated over 20 dialogue forums (Both intra and inter-communal) reaching out **471** community leaders/members across the social divide including the youth, women, community elders and religious leaders who indirectly influenced over **4500** people in both counties of focus. Further 20 local mediators drawn from hotspot sub-counties of Fafi, Ijara and Hulugho in Garissa County and Bura and Galole in Tana River County were trained and were instrumental in the dialogue processes. These efforts also saw the recruitment, training, and the deployment of 20 peace monitors in the said sub-counties. As such over this period AID-AFRIKA contributed to the overall goal of REINVENT program of reducing violence including intra and inter-communal violence and fostering community cohesion and peaceful co-existence.

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- Aid-Afrika conducted awareness campaign through civic education on importance of human rights & legal aid and trained **15** human right defenders.
- Aid-Afrika improved the livelihoods of **60** youth through capacity building and life skills training to increase youth entrepreneurship skills and self-reliance.
- Aid-Afrika trained **100** women on protection, preventing GBV and preservation of evidence on sexual and physical violence.
- Aid-Afrika facilitated **6** sessions of rural community awareness on the value of education for all children of school-going age in the rural villages in Garissa County.

OUR DONORS / PARTNERS

