



ORGANIZATION PROFILE

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People are the center of everything We do.



Arid Region Integrated Development Agency (ARIDA) is humanitarian and development organization registered and operating in the Republic of Kenya as Non-Governmental Organization (NGO).

ARIDA started off as a Community Based Organization in 1990, and later on in 1993 progressed into a fully-fledged NGO.

Our founding mandate was to provide vital lifesaving humanitarian assistance to vulnerable communities residing in Northern Kenya,

initial activities starting in what is now known as Mandera County, Kenya.

Over the years ARIDA has successfully implemented dozens of humanitarian and development interventions, providing services in the fields of:

- Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH),
- Education,
- Emergency Preparedness and Response,
- Health and Nutrition, Advocacy,
- Peace building,
- Livelihoods.

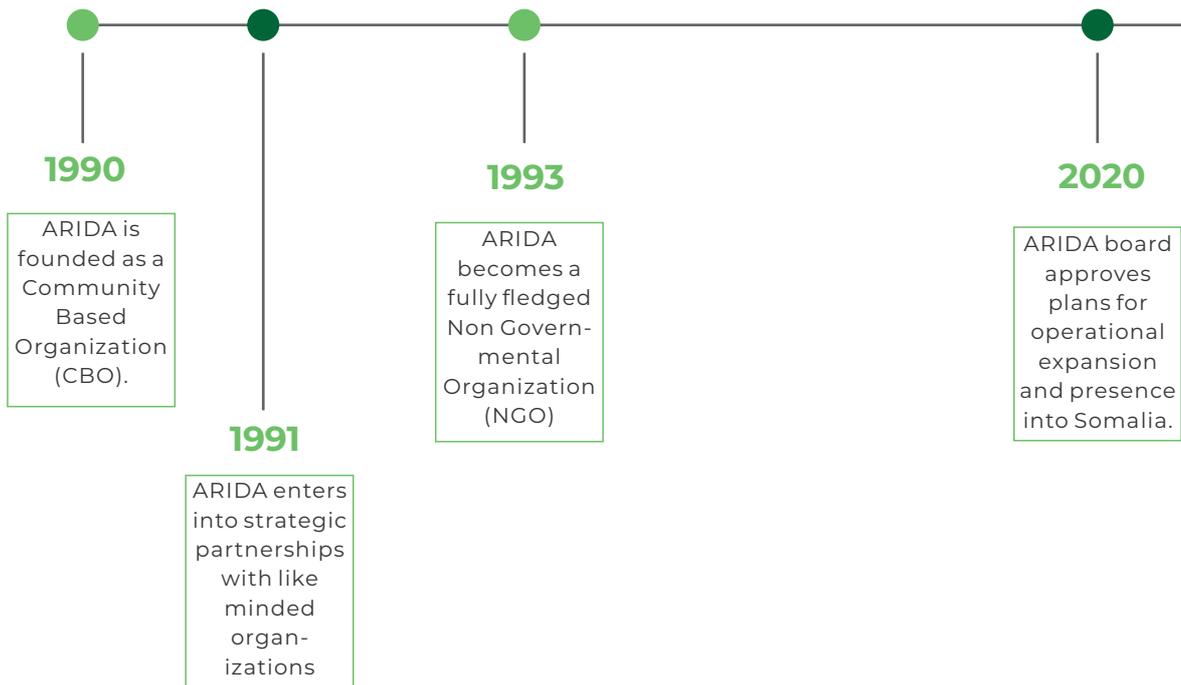
Our Background

ARIDA has been working individually and in collaboration with donors, partners, and stakeholders to advocate and lobby for important community issues. We consider our beneficiaries to be the primary stakeholders in their own development.

For more than two decades, ARIDA continues to provide lifesaving humanitarian assistance, development and advocacy services to vulnerable and needy communities living in the arid regions of Northern Kenya.

Our work has seen deliver multi-sectoral programmes in diverse, difficult and sometimes dangerous situations.

Our success is largely attributed to our practice of building alliances and diverse long term partnerships within the communities we serve, with government, and with other humanitarian and development actors as well as with our donors and partners.



Our Vision & Mission

Our Vision

Pastoral communities in the Northern Kenya are adequately resourced, self-reliant and are at the apex of their social and economic development.

Our Mission

To champion sustainable development in Northern Kenya through the implementation of timely and relevant humanitarian and development interventions.

Our Core Values

Integrity

We are committed to conduct ourselves in a manner consistent with the highest standards of integrity. We endeavor to be honest, fair and ethical in all our actions. We keep our word, deliver on our promises and acknowledge our mistakes.

People

We believe that the strength of our organization lies in the strength of our staff and management. We therefore constantly focus on empowering our staff, challenging them to new heights and fostering a collaborative and mutually supportive environment – thus delivering a better value proposition to our beneficiaries, donors, partners and supporters.

Value Creation

We work to be responsive and relevant by consistently delivering value to our beneficiaries, donors and partners. We work alongside our beneficiaries, empowering and growing with them, with the objective of creating durable solutions, whose benefits can be enjoyed long after we have left the project area.

Innovation

We constantly strive to redefine the standard of excellence in everything that we do. We work to address development issues by looking beyond the obvious, experimenting and stimulating creativity.

Management Board

The ARIDA board consists of a group of highly accomplished professional from the public, private and development sectors, who share a common passion for empowering marginalized communities in order to alleviate poverty and reduce social exclusion.

The board chaired by Mr. Issack Sheikh Gabow is actively involved in the governance of ARIDA in its work as a key humanitarian and development actor in Northern Kenya.



Professionals working together to alleviate **poverty** and reduce **social exclusion**

Our Approach

ARIDA employs a professional approach to development and endeavors to enrich the sector with best practice and the implementation of innovative, durable solutions.

ARIDA focusses on developing the potential of women and children to drive long lasting equitable changes.

We strategically emphasize on promoting quality healthcare, inclusive education, gender equitable and sustainable livelihood opportunities and emergency response and preparedness.

Our efforts are focused to fight against the underlying causes of poverty, building secure and resilient communities and ensuring a life of dignity for the most marginalized and vulnerable communities.

What We Do

Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH)

Proper sanitation systems, clean drinking water and proper hygiene practice make up the building blocks of successful and healthy communities.



Building successful and **healthy** communities

ARIDA works with communities to establish, rehabilitate and upgrade WASH infrastructure, foster safer environments, build appropriate solid waste management systems, water drainage and reduce the spread of disease through insect control.

What We Do

Education

Education can provide people with information and skills they will need to survive and thrive in life. It can also create opportunities for lifting entire families out of poverty.



Helping to provide people with the **skills** they will need **to survive and thrive**

Our work in education focuses on improving the conditions by which children from marginalized and vulnerable communities can access quality education.

Education is an important tool that enriches vulnerable children to participate in decision making processes that affect their lives, and improves their social status.

What We Do

Advocacy

We believe in the power of a person's voice, its ability to do the impossible, battle inequality and call for justice.

ARIDA works alongside communities to build a better society for women and children in particular. Our advocacy work challenges the policies, systems, structures and attitude that make it difficult for vulnerable children and their families to experience life in all its fullness.



Doing the impossible to **battle inequality** and **call for justice**

Our advocacy initiatives aim to influence existing and upcoming policies to uphold, scale, and sustain the empowerment of the most vulnerable and marginalized communities.

ARIDA engages policy makers and establishes relationships with key county and national governance structures and networks to lobby for the support of the marginalized communities of Northern Kenya.

What We Do

Emergency Response & Preparedness

When disaster strikes, members of a given community, can suddenly find themselves without a home, without a livelihood, and without access to basic services such as water and sanitation. In these situations, families are incredibly vulnerable and often fall victim of exploitation, disease and famine.



Emergency Response & Disaster Risk Reduction is a critical part of our **mandate**

ARIDA considers Emergency Preparedness and Response as a critical aspect of its organizational mandate. We endeavor to make timely decisions while deploying staff and relief supplies during emergencies.

We focus on building resilient livelihoods, particularly by supporting communities to adapt and to be prepared for any emergencies that may threaten their livelihoods or well-being in the future.

What We Do

Health & Nutrition

ARIDA's interventions in the health and nutrition sector work to improve access to quality health services for poor and marginalized communities.



Developing
innovative solutions
to implement
quality health and
nutrition
interventions

By identifying root causes of healthcare challenges, ARIDA works at the individual, community, and systemic levels to develop innovative solutions and help implement quality health and nutrition interventions.

Our work with community groups, collaborative work with government and other civil society organizations includes cross-cutting strategies to improve the health and nutrition status of the poorest and excluded groups in society, with particular focus given to women and children.

What We Do

Livelihoods

Our livelihoods work centers around poor and marginalized communities with the objective of empowering them with knowledge, and enhanced access to inputs, services, technologies and opportunities.



Building an
enabling and
transformative
environment

We facilitate the building of an enabling and transformative environment for conducting economic activity by engaging influential actors, both private and public who are involved in market value chains and entitlement delivery.

We focus on improving access and control over productive resources, services and opportunities by marginalized communities, thus, enhancing their food and nutrition security and improving their resilience to shocks.

What We Do

Peace Building

At ARIDA we have been dedicated to supporting and strengthening local capacities for peace since our founding in 1993.

The premise underpinning our work is that people working to stop violence and build peace in their communities, remain the greatest sources of untapped peace building potential. Peace building is an enduring work that requires patience, time and lifelong relationships.



Promoting
grassroots peace initiatives based
on community
structures

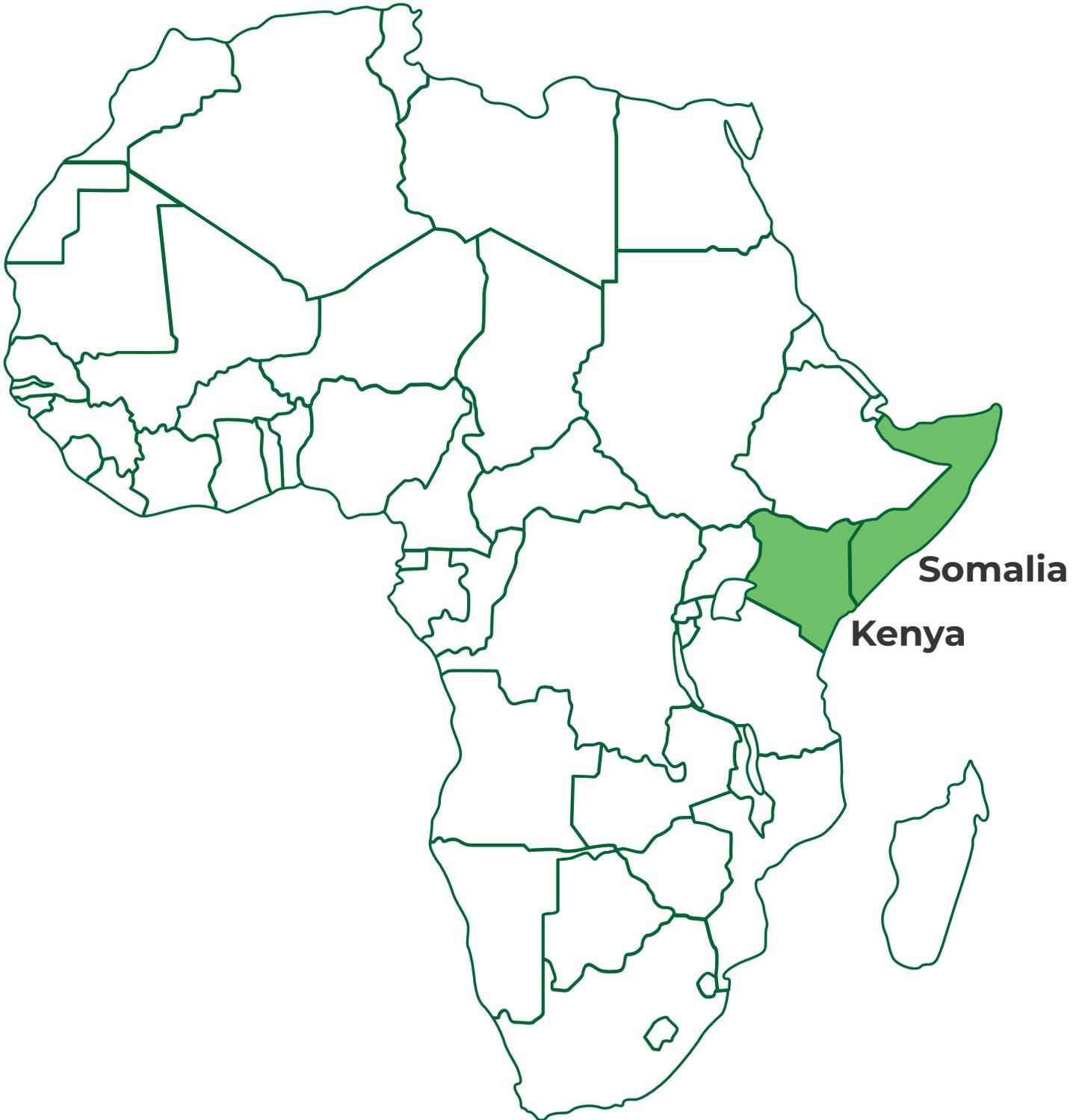
We work to support and promote peace initiatives that are owned and led by people in their own context. ARIDA works with communities to design peace building approaches and set priorities as defined by them.

We promote grassroots peace initiatives based on local community structures. The mandate of these community based structures is to resolve local conflicts nonviolently. Among the issues they deal with are disputes over access to natural resources, political violence linked to elections and violence perpetrated by armed groups.

Our Donors & Partners



Where We Work





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