



For the People of the Horn of Africa

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Wasda at a glance

Wasda is a regional NGO that currently works in Northeastern Kenya and parts of southern Somalia and a dream of working in the Horn of Africa. Our definition of the HOA is the region covered by the current states of Kenya, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Somalia.

We work directly with communities, and we seek to influence those in power to ensure that people living in poverty can improve their lives and livelihoods and have a say in decisions that affect them.

Central to Wasda's vision and mission is its overall understanding of what positive change it wants to see in the region where it works and what part it wants to play in bringing about that change.

WASDA has two country programs namely Kenya and Somalia programs. In Kenya, Wasda operates in Wajir County while in Somalia it operates in the lower and middle juba regions of South Somalia.

Vision

Empowered communities in the Horn of Africa that are resilient, innovative and peaceful

Mission

WASDA's mission is to mobilize and engage communities and other stakeholders in creating strategic partnerships for sustainable management of the environment, water resources, livelihoods, and education and public health services in the Horn of Africa.

Core values:

- Commitment to community service and social responsibility
- Responsive to community needs
- Neutrality , impartiality,(Non alignment) and independence
- Cooperation, coordination and working in partnership to avoid duplication
- Quality services

Our offices

The organization has its headquarters in Nairobi. The field operation offices are located in Wajir Kenya for the Kenya program while the Somalia program has a field office in Doble Somalia.

Where we work

In Wajir County, WASDA operates mainly in two sub counties Wajir north and Wajir south, although it has some projects that cover the entire county. Wajir County is in northern Kenya and is part of the region

classified as arid and semi arid areas of Kenya. The area is mainly inhabited by pastoral communities who are highly dependent on Livestock for their social and economic well being.

GOVERNANCE

The organization has a multidisciplinary board of directors who oversee the development of relevant policies and advice on the strategic directions of the Organization. The management comprise of staff with various professional backgrounds related to the projects the organization is implementing at any given time.

The Programs are guided by five years strategic plan, the first strategic plan was developed in 2001 (2001-2005), the second strategic plan in 2005 (2006-2010) and the current strategic plan 2011-2015 is guiding the current operations of the organization.

OUR FUNDING PARTNERS

Name of partner	Programs funded	Status
OFDA/USAID	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency responses (2008/2009, 2011/2012) • Resilience building 	Resilience building program ongoing (2012-2014)
Oxfam GB (DFID, ECHO, ONE foundation funded projects)	Emergency response (2011/2012) CMDRR projects Governance WASH	Governance & WASH projects ongoing
CRS-APHIAPLUSIMARISHA	OVC project	Ongoing
CARE Kenya-Global fund R7	HIV/AIDs	Ending June 2014.
Save the Children	Safe motherhood	Ended Dec 2013
WFP	General food distribution	Ongoing
UNOCHA	Emergency response 2011/12	

WHAT WE DO

1: WASH

- ❖ Water resource management-strengthening community based water management structures.
- ❖ Water point construction and rehabilitation: - enhancing water harvesting capacities through construction and rehabilitation of water facilities like underground and masonry tanks, rock catchments and de-silting of earth pans so as to increase access to water.
- ❖ Advocacy and campaign towards sustainable use of water resources-through influencing and working with other stakeholders for sustainable use of natural resources.
- ❖ Promotion of integrated livelihood and WASH interventions.

- ❖ Hygiene promotion:- hand washing, water point maintenance, water treatment and water quality testing

Construction of water harvesting facilities

Rehabilitated water facilities

Construction of school latrines

2: Livelihoods option

As droughts come and go, food remains a critical problem in our region placing our communities to depend on food aid for generations. Basic food prices have been on the rise, this hits the poorest members of our communities harder and harder.

That's why Wasda is pioneering integrated agro-pastoral livelihood in Wajir County, supporting small-scale irrigated agriculture, changing pastoralists mindsets to embrace farming, to diversify livelihoods and most importantly by focusing on dry land farming techniques, tools, access to markets and influencing the county government of Wajir to invest in agriculture. Our Livelihoods interventions support initiatives that increase household income.

Small scale irrigated agriculture around Wajir Town supported by Wasda.

3. Resilience building of pastoral households

Wasda resilience building efforts include strengthening markets for diversification of livelihoods; protecting productive assets, building capacities of community structures and engaging the county government to deliver improved planning and services for the people.

In its attempt to contribute to resilience building, Wasda supports value addition of livestock products, implements CMDRR projects, closely works with community structures and raises climate change awareness. Other resilience building efforts include strengthening rangeland management, improving access to financial services, business skills development, fodder production and marketing.

Wasda is currently implementing two resilience building projects funded by OFDA/USAID and Oxfam GB respectively.

4. Improved health care for pastoral communities in Wajir

Health care being an essential service, Wasda believes health and education are the building blocks for creating a life free from poverty. They can change individual lives and transform livelihoods.

To contribute to health care services, Wasda implements safe motherhood projects, HIV/AIDs and OVC projects. Wasda strives to influence the government to deliver better health care services and encourages communities to demand for accessible and quality health care services. We work with other stakeholders to improve service delivery; in regards Wasda has been elected by members of the **Health NGOs Network (HENNET)** to be the **chair** for Wajir county chapter.

LISTENING TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS

In Wasda's humanitarian and development work, we aim to help our communities to know and demand their rights, and to hold to account those in power. We believe that stakeholder engagement and feedback can inform our work and gear our efforts towards greater impact and efficiency. In our programming, we identify key stakeholders at the design stage, undertaking analysis with partners and friends. We believe that by being more accountable to the communities we serve; we can produce higher quality programs with a more sustainable impact. Wasda strives to ensure that its program Standards promote the participation of people and communities in program identification, planning and delivery ensuring that decisions about how we use our resources are shaped by the priorities of people we seek to serve.

Community WASH forum in Garakilo

Annual general meeting of Wasda board in Garissa

LOOKING FORWARD

How our region, with its diminishing natural resources (water and rangeland), can sustainably support pastoral livelihoods in the midst of unplanned encroachments, remains one of the critical challenges of our generation. Between now and the end of 2015 (end of our current strategic plan), Wasda will continue to address key issues, whilst adjusting our plans to take into account:-

- ✓ Kenyan devolution process and the opportunities for our people(devolved decision making)
- ✓ Opportunities for making new County laws (influencing to better the lives of our people).
- ✓ The likelihood of prolonged droughts in the region undermining resilience efforts.
- ✓ Diminishing pastoralists natural resources
- ✓ Looming climate change effects on livelihood patterns
- ✓ Growing inequalities and the possibility of future food crises in the region.

Wasda will engage the public and authorities in debate about food and natural resource management, alternative livelihoods, increasing public participation aiming to empower people to take action and build a better future.

We will strive to influence pro-poor County policies are passed, appropriate investment in more sustainable small scale agriculture and we will work with other like-minded stakeholders to contribute to sustained natural resource management and we will support poor communities to safely adapt to the changing climate conditions.