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Thank You!

As we celebrate 20 years of impact, we extend our deepest gratitude to the incredible people who make our mission possible.

TO OUR STAFF
Thank you for your dedication, passion, and hard work

TO OUR PARTNERS
Thank you for walking with us, collaborating, and believing in our mission.

TO OUR DONORS
Thank you for your generosity and unwavering support.

TO OUR STAKEHOLDERS
Thank you for your trust, guidance, and continued engagement.

TO OUR COMMUNITY
Thank you for being at the heart of what we do.

Together, we have built stronger communities, created lasting change, and inspired hope for a better tomorrow.

Here's to the next 20 years and beyond!

WELCOME

TO OUR 2025/2026 ANNUAL REPORT



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Message from our Executive Director

Dear Esteemed Partners, Supporters, and Friends



Mohamoud Duale
Regional Executive Director

As we reflect on the year 2025, we find ourselves confronted with unprecedented challenges in our mission to support communities affected by climate shocks, including drought and conflict arising from resource scarcity. The landscape of humanitarian assistance has been fraught with challenges, from funding cuts and the closure of USAID to the looming threat of El Niño, compounded by the dire hunger crisis affecting communities across the Horn of Africa.

Despite these formidable challenges, our commitment to fostering resilience and prosperity among vulnerable communities in East and the Horn of Africa remains unwavering. The projects and case studies we have developed alongside our partners stand as testaments to the impactful work we are doing and the enduring relationships, we have built with the communities we serve.

We also acknowledge and commend the dedication and bravery of our staff, who work tirelessly every day to reach affected communities, especially in hard-to-access areas.

RACIDA continues to be a leading humanitarian and developmental organization in the region. Throughout 2025, we have remained steadfast in our response to the humanitarian crises in Somalia, Kenya, and Ethiopia.

Since our inception, we have championed the cause of building resilience, enabling pastoralist communities to thrive, and fostering peaceful coexistence while mitigating the effects of climate shocks. Our proactive measures, such as responding to conflicts in ASAL Counties in Kenya and providing water rehabilitation and nutritional support to mothers and children under five, exemplify our commitment to strengthening communities before disaster strikes.

In our advocacy efforts, RACIDA has actively participated in the Conversations for Change (C4Cs) and numerous localization discussions. We believe in empowering local voices and fostering trust in partnerships. Localization is paramount for achieving a more balanced power dynamic, as it encourages partnerships that listen, adapt, and walk alongside us. We will continue to advocate for and collaborate with others to secure funding for first responders at the community and National level, build the capacities of local actors, and dismantle the bureaucratic barriers that hinder effective humanitarian action.

As we acknowledge the ongoing challenges and the imperative work that lies ahead, we look forward to the forthcoming year with a renewed commitment to diversifying our funding strategies. We remain hopeful that the humanitarian crises in Sudan, Gaza, and Ukraine will find peaceful resolutions.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has played a part in this journey to transform the lives of vulnerable communities. We sincerely thank our donor communities, partners, national and regional, county governments, and the communities we serve. Together, we will continue to strive for dignified and thriving communities in the arid lands of the Horn and East Africa.

Who We Are



RACIDA is a premier not-for-profit organization that exists to enhance the self-reliance, prosperity and dignity of vulnerable communities living in Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs). Since its founding in 2001, RACIDA has worked to build the resilience of and enable (agro)pastoralist communities to thrive and peacefully coexist with each other, while mitigating the impacts of prevailing shocks and hazards.

Anchored on a participatory approach and guided by our belief that the communities we work with should be at the centre of their own development trajectory, we implement practical programmes that enable community development, empowerment, and sustainability.

RACIDA operates in the Mandera Triangle, which includes northern Kenya, Southern Ethiopia (Liban zone), and South-Central
Somalia (Gedo region). These are in addition to our Ethiopia programs in Oromia region and Somali Regional State.

The organization has regional offices in Nairobi,Kenya with field offices in Mandera and Wajir as well as in Ethiopia (Addis Ababa,Jigjiga, Filtu, Dire Dawa, Dolo Ado) and Somalia (Dollow town).

RACIDA's mainly works with pastoralists, agro- pastoralists, sedentary pastoralists and a growing number of communities settling in the urban and peri-urban areas in the ASALs of the Horn of Africa.

Organizational Identity



OUR MISSION

To champion resilience and prosperity amongst vulnerable communities living in the ASALs of East and Horn of Africa.

OUR VISION

To champion resilience and prosperity amongst vulnerable communities living in the ASALs of East and Horn of Africa.

STRATEGIC GOALS

- Humanitarian Assitance
- Community Resilience Building
- Accountable, Responsive Governance
- Institutional Excellence

CORE VALUES

- Justice
- Compassion
- Esprit de Corps
- Excellence
- Integrity

Our Programs

Total Impact

1,444,771

Water,Sanitation & Hygiene

Improved access to potable water, appropriate sanitation services, and improved hygiene practices among the target communities

Food Security & Livelihoods

Enhanced food and income security among supported groups and Natural resources are sustainably man

Education

Increased school enrolment, retention,progression/ transition and learning outcomes among supported learners.

Health & Nutrition

Increased access to, and outcomes of improved nutrition, quality healthcare, and comprehensive SRH services among supported communities.

Natural Resource Management

Promote sustainable use of natural resources

Peace Building

Increased social cohesion, peace and cross-border integration.

RACIDA KENYA

Kenya is facing a deepening humanitarian crisis as severe drought, repeated climate shocks and longstanding displacement place millions at risk. Rising food prices and shrinking household incomes are further pushing people, especially women and children, into extreme vulnerability.
Food insecurity has surged across arid and semi-arid counties, where millions are experiencing acute hunger. Malnutrition is worsening, with hundreds of thousands of children under five and pregnant or breastfeeding women affected.
Kenya also hosts one of the largest and most protracted refugee situations in the world, with hundreds of thousands of refugees and asylum seekers living mainly in Dadaab, Kakuma and Kalobeyei. However, declining funding for humanitarian assistance is placing essential services in these camps at risk. Without urgent and sustained support, the crisis is likely to escalate further. (OCHA)

More than 80% of Kenya's landmass is classified as arid and semi-arid land (ASAL), receiving low and highly variable rainfall. These regions are home to approximately 16 million people, about 30% of Kenya's population,who primarily depend on pastoralism and small-scale agriculture for their livelihoods. Despite their importance, ASAL communities continue to experience high levels of poverty, limited access to essential services, and increasing vulnerability to climate-related shocks. Frequent droughts, floods, land degradation, deforestation, and overgrazing continue to threaten food security, livelihoods, and biodiversity, while the growing impacts of climate change heighten the risk of desertification. (IUCN)

For 20 years, RACIDA has worked alongside communities across Kenya's northern ASAL counties to strengthen resilience, promote sustainable livelihoods, and improve access to essential services. While significant progress has been made, many communities continue to face persistent challenges. Nearly 70% of residents still live below the poverty line, with livestock remaining the primary source of food and income for most households. Socio-economic indicators also remain below the national average; for example, female literacy stands at approximately 41%, compared to the national average of 89%. (World Bank)



RACIDA ETHIOPIA

Ethiopia continues to face overlapping and complex humanitarian challenges driven by conflict, climate shocks, disease outbreaks, and economic hardship. Although national development efforts have made notable progress over the past decade, particularly in expanding access to basic services and reducing poverty, multiple natural and man-made crises have reversed gains in many regions. As a result, millions remain in urgent need of assistance across sectors, including food, nutrition, health, protection, education, water, sanitation and hygiene and shelter.

In the regions of Afar, Amhara, Benishangul-Gumuz, Oromia, Somali and Tigray, a combination of conflict, violence, climate shocks and disease outbreaks has led to displacement, food insecurity, and the disruption of essential services. In some areas, entire communities lack access to safe water, medical care, adequate shelter, or education. The urban poor and chronically underserved rural populations also continue to experience critical gaps in services and livelihoods.
Multiple disease outbreaks have also been reported around the country because of people's deepening vulnerability compounded by the lack of adequate access to social services.

Humanitarian funding for Ethiopia has fluctuated significantly over recent years. In 2025, the global humanitarian system is facing its most severe financial crisis, with significant impacts on life-saving operations in Ethiopia.
Despite these challenges, between January and June 2025, the Government of Ethiopia and humanitarian partners reached 6.8 million people with either one type of humanitarian non-food assistance and/or monthly food distributions, at a cost of US$311 million in tracked funding. Local communities and organizations continue to serve as the first responders.

In response to these challenges, RACIDA continues to deliver integrated humanitarian and resilience-building interventions across Dollo Ado, Filtu, Dheka Suftu, and other areas of the Liban Zone. Working closely with local authorities, communities, and development partners,



RACIDA SOMALIA

Somalia's humanitarian crisis is among the world's most complex, driven by cycles of internal conflict and climate shocks, that drive displacement and undermine development efforts. The cumulative effect of both violence and climate shocks continues to drive displacement, destroy livelihoods, leaving millions of people in urgent need of assistance.

Failure of rains in 2025 have caused severe drought conditions, which continue to displace people across the country. Authorities estimate that more than 4.6 million people – nearly one in four people in Somalia – have been affected by the drought. The worst-affected areas include the central regions of Galgaduud and Mudug.

According to authorities and humanitarian partners, nearly half a million people have now abandoned their homes since September of last year. Families are on the move in search of water, pasture for their livestock and food.
This is putting additional pressure on already overcrowded displacement sites.(OCHA)

In response, RACIDA continues to implement integrated resilience-building and humanitarian programmes in Dollow and Baardheere districts of the Gedo region. Working closely with communities, local authorities, and development partners, RACIDA supports climate-smart agriculture, livestock health, food security, nutrition, water access, and livelihood diversification to strengthen household resilience.

The organization also delivers emergency assistance, cash-based interventions, capacity building for farmers and pastoralists, and market linkage initiatives that enable vulnerable households to recover from shocks and improve their long-term food and income security.
Through these interventions,

Total Population	People in need	People to be covered by assistance
19.7M2026	4.8M	2.4M



RACIDA'S TOP ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE LAST 20 Years

REACH
15,654,321

COUNTRIES
3

STAFF
100+

WASH INTERVENTIONS

15,654,321

HEALTH & NUTRITION INTERVENTIONS

1,452,568

FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOOD INTERVENTIONS

10,561,245

NRM INTERVENTIONS

12,458,600

PEACEBUILDING & GOVERANCE INTERVENTIONS

13,785,000

EDUCATION INTERVENTIONS

542,563

BENEFICIARIES

Gender



Male = 45%
Female = 55%

Age

17 - 25	35%
26 - 45	50%
46+	15%

AWARDS



Civil Society of the year | 2013

Best in Agricultiure Award | 2024

Behind every number is a community reached, a life supported and a future strengthened. RACIDA's achievements demonstrate the power of locally led action to turn humanitarian response into lasting resilience.

20 Years of Transforming Lives

Stories from the community





From Classrooms to Lasting Futures

More than a decade ago, RACIDA made a commitment to improving education in Wajir County by addressing one of the most fundamental barriers to learning: the school environment itself.

At the time, many schools faced inadequate classrooms, limited access to water, poor sanitation and insufficient boarding facilities. For thousands of children, these challenges could mean disrupted learning, poor attendance and, ultimately, leaving school altogether.

Through the Kenya Essential Education Programme (KEEP), RACIDA invested in climate-sensitive school infrastructure across 67 primary schools. The programme constructed 10 classrooms, three dormitories, 25 sanitation facilities and 31 rainwater harvesting tanks, while also rehabilitating existing classrooms and dormitories.

The investment transformed the everyday experience of learning. Children gained safer and more conducive classrooms, improved access to water and sanitation, and better boarding facilities. For girls in particular, improved sanitation provided greater privacy and dignity, helping create school environments where children could learn and remain in school.

The programme reached far beyond its original ambition. More than 51,500 learners benefited, exceeding the initial target of 32,000 learners.

More than ten years on, the significance of that investment extends beyond the structures themselves. The classrooms, water systems and sanitation facilities stand as part of RACIDA's long-term contribution to education in Wajir, a reminder that meaningful development is not only about what is delivered today, but what continues to benefit communities years later.

What began as an investment in school infrastructure became an investment in opportunity, dignity and the futures of thousands of children.

20 Years of Transforming Lives
Stories from the community





A Canal That Still Sustains Farmers in Dollow, Somalia
Seven years ago, RACIDA made an investment in one of the most fundamental needs for farming communities in Dollow, Somalia: reliable access to water for agricultural production.

In 2018, many farmers faced challenges accessing water from the river to irrigate their fields. Without reliable water access, sustaining agricultural production and livelihoods remained difficult in a region already facing recurrent drought and climate-related pressures.
With support from Welthungerhilfe and German Cooperation/BMZ, RACIDA supported farmers in Dollow to develop a water canal connecting the river to their agricultural plots. The intervention served around 40 farmers, bringing water closer to their fields and strengthening their ability to sustain farming activities.

The canal changed how farmers accessed and used water. By connecting the river directly to their farms, it enabled farmers to cultivate their fields more consistently and make productive use of available water. Over time, solar-powered infrastructure was also incorporated into the irrigation system, further supporting access to water for agricultural production.
For Mohamed Hussein Shide, chairman of the farmers' group, the value of the investment is reflected in its continued use.

"The canal has continued to support us. It brought water from the river closer to our farms and has helped us continue farming over the years."
Seven years later, the canal remains in use. During a recent visit, water was flowing through the canal towards cultivated fields, where farmers were growing crops in the rich red soil.
The continued use and maintenance of the canal demonstrates the importance of investing in infrastructure that communities can manage, maintain and build upon beyond the life of a project.

In Dollow, where water scarcity continues to affect agricultural production and rural livelihoods, the canal remains a practical resource for farmers helping them turn available water into food and income while strengthening their ability to cope with changing conditions.

What began as a water infrastructure project became a lasting investment in agricultural production, livelihoods and resilience demonstrating that meaningful impact is not only measured by what is delivered, but by what communities continue to use long after a project ends.

2025/2026 IMPACT

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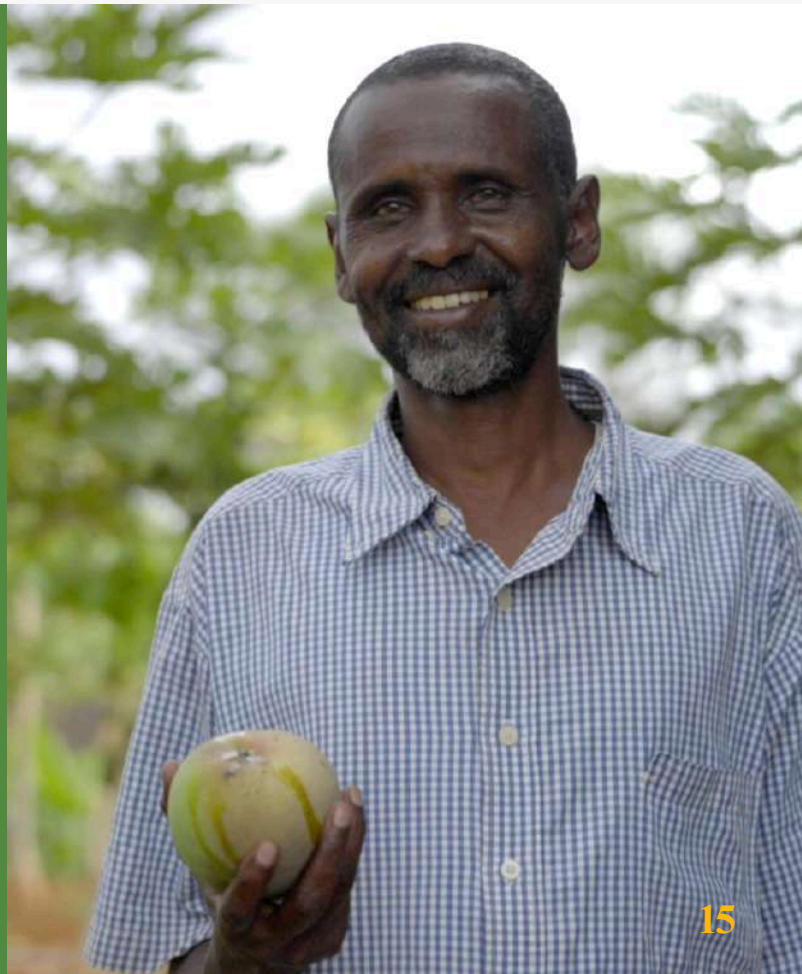
Achievements Under Key Programs







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Water,Sanitation & Hygiene

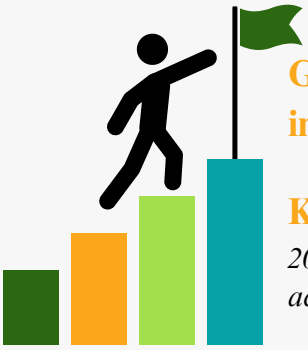
Total Impact

203,556

122,134 81,422







Goal Area 1: Every person has access to safe water and improved sanitation

Key results

203,556 people reached with integrated WASH services, contributing to improved access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene across targeted communities.

- Access to safe and reliable water strengthened for 27,913 households through the upgrading and rehabilitation of 19 community water systems.
- Access to safe drinking water improved for 600 households, reducing barriers to reliable household water access.
- Sanitation access and services improved for 600 households, with 1,200 people benefiting from improved latrine services and 27 sanitation facilities constructed or rehabilitated.
- Community water storage and resilience strengthened through the construction or rehabilitation of two underground water tanks, improving preparedness for water shortages.
- Water access for domestic and productive use expanded, benefiting 3,000 people through the establishment or rehabilitation of an irrigation and water scheme.
- Reliability of community water services improved through pipeline extensions to 180 households, repairs to damaged pipelines and establishment of a new water point serving 97 households.

Health & Nutrition

Total Impact
303,748

182,249 121,499





Goal Area 2:Every person has access to quality health and nutrition services and is better equipped to prevent and respond to malnutrition

Key results

Reached 303,748 people through integrated health and nutrition interventions, strengthening access to essential health information, community-based services and nutrition support.

- Community health systems strengthened through capacity building for 24 healthcare workers and 260 Community Health Promoters, improving access to basic emergency and community health services.
- Community-based nutrition support expanded, with 62 Mother-to-Mother Support Groups engaging 932 members across 744 learning sessions.
- Early detection and referral of malnutrition improved, with 556 support group members trained in MUAC screening and 23,416 children screened, including 3,267 referred for further care.
- Health and nutrition awareness expanded, reaching 248,021 people through behaviour change campaigns and a further 2,373 people through community nutrition outreach.
- Maternal, infant and young child nutrition practices strengthened, with 22,109 mothers reached through counselling and 1,200 people engaged through community dialogues.
- Adolescent and youth engagement in health and wellbeing strengthened, reaching 298 young people through youth groups, structured learning sessions and trained mentors.
- Access to health and nutrition information increased through five community radio programmes, extending key preventive health messages to wider communities.
- Dignity and protection strengthened for vulnerable women and girls, with dignity kits provided to 250 mothers and adolescent girls in IDP communities.

Food Security & Livelihoods

Total Impact

890,421

534,253 356,168





Goal Area 3:Communities have improved food security, resilient livelihoods and greater access to economic opportunities

Key results

Reached 890,421 people through integrated food security and livelihood interventions, strengthening household production, livestock systems, financial inclusion and income-generating opportunities.

- Climate-resilient agricultural production strengthened, with 154 farmers trained in climate-smart and sustainable farming practices.
- Livestock productivity and resilience improved, with 577 farmers and herders trained on livestock management, fodder production and animal nutrition.
- Access to livestock health services expanded, benefiting 4,764 livestock owners and supporting the health of 133,516 animals through veterinary services and essential medicines.
- Household food production increased through 197 home and communal gardens, improved access to seeds and tools, and cultivation of 12 crop varieties by targeted households.
- Household incomes and value addition strengthened, with 245 people trained in food processing and value addition and six livelihood groups supported to access honey and livestock value chains.
- Women and youth gained greater access to livelihoods and financial opportunities, with 1,564 VSLA members, including 1,071 women, accessing financial services and 215 youth supported with skills and income-generating opportunities.
- Beekeeping livelihoods expanded, with 21 groups comprising 308 members, including 305 women, supported in honey production and value-chain development.
- Livestock disease prevention and control strengthened, with vaccination and treatment campaigns reaching 622,392 animals, including 107,074 animals vaccinated against priority diseases.
- Community-based livestock health systems strengthened through refresher training for 27 Community Animal Health Workers and improved access to animal health services for IDP and host communities.
- Livelihood resilience and local production strengthened through support to 365 LGIG groups and 34 LCIGs with farm inputs, climate-smart fodder production, seed bulking, learning and advocacy.
- Youth employability improved, with 110 TVET trainees trained in market-driven skills and linked to apprenticeship and employment opportunities.
- Emergency household resilience strengthened, with 4,829 individuals reached through unrestricted cash assistance, supporting 461 households to meet urgent needs.

Natural Resource Management

Total Impact
17,791

10,675 7,116







Goal Area 4:Communities sustainably manage natural resources and strengthen resilience to climate and environmental shocks

Key results

Reached 17,791 people through natural resource management interventions, strengthening community governance, environmental restoration and climate-resilient resource management.

- Community governance of natural resources strengthened through 25 functional Resource Management Committees, enabling communities to play a stronger role in sustainable resource management.
- Sustainable land and water management practices expanded, engaging 3,561 people in land rehabilitation and training 1,530 people on sustainable natural resource and water management.
- Community-led NRM planning strengthened across 14 communities, with 25 community groups developing and implementing plans for improved management of natural resources.
- Climate-smart agriculture systems strengthened through collaboration with 25 county agricultural officers and the development of 21 extension plans integrating agriculture and nutrition.
- Cross-border cooperation on shared natural resources improved through strengthened NRM committees, training of 252 members and 19 cross-community and cross-border coordination meetings.
- Environmental restoration and awareness expanded through the planting of 1,630 trees and engagement of 5,028 children across 20 schools in environmental conservation activities.
- Local environmental action and peer learning strengthened through seed grants supporting 21 community-led initiatives and four cross-community learning exchanges.

Peace Building and Governance

Total Impact

28,655

17,193 11,462





Goal Area 5: Communities are more peaceful, inclusive and resilient to conflict, climate and humanitarian shocks

Key results

Reached 28,655 people through peacebuilding, governance and resilience interventions, strengthening community preparedness, conflict prevention and locally led responses to crises.

- Community preparedness and conflict mitigation strengthened through 13 Disaster Risk Reduction and Peacebuilding Committees, improving local capacity to anticipate and respond to shocks.
- Gender-responsive disaster preparedness improved through two community-led DRR plans addressing conflict, drought and flooding risks.
- Community resilience and social cohesion strengthened through four peace dividend infrastructure projects benefiting 4,660 people and addressing locally identified priorities.
- Cross-border preparedness improved through 280 disaster contingency plans addressing conflict and other emergencies, enabling more timely and coordinated responses.
- Communities were better equipped to respond to emerging crises, with three communities supported when emergency thresholds were reached and one emergency response activated through the Crisis Modifier mechanism.
- Cross-border peace and social cohesion strengthened through peace initiatives and cultural forums engaging 64 participants, while 13 youth and women's groups increased their participation in local DRR planning.
- Crisis-affected households received timely humanitarian support, with emergency relief provided to 500 households experiencing acute needs.
- Community awareness, participation and resilience strengthened, reaching an additional 11,400 people through peacebuilding, governance and resilience interventions.

Education

Total Impact
3,237







Goal Area 6:Every child has access to inclusive, safe and quality learning opportunities and the skills to thrive

Key results

Reached 3,237 children and education stakeholders through education interventions...

- Access to education expanded for previously excluded children, with 2,960 out-of-school children, including 42 children with disabilities, enrolled through community-led campaigns.
- Community and school systems for enrolment and retention were strengthened across 34 schools, with 102 stakeholders trained and functional enrolment committees established.
- Practical STEM learning opportunities improved across eight schools through strengthened access to laboratory equipment.
- Schools strengthened their capacity to promote digital safety, safeguarding and learner wellbeing, reaching 39 schools and 120 education stakeholders through a Training of Trainers approach.
- Teachers and education officials strengthened their capacity to deliver inclusive learning, with 55 trained in inclusive education, Braille literacy and learning through play.
- More inclusive and engaging learning environments were promoted for children with disabilities across five schools through LEGO Braille Bricks, with 180 kits and 67 additional kits verified and increasingly integrated into classrooms.
- Barriers to school participation were reduced for vulnerable learners through the provision of 5,620 school bags and 235 education kits to targeted schools.

Standing with Families During Drought





Earlier in 2026, Mandera County faced another devastating drought following three consecutive failed rainy seasons. The prolonged absence of rainfall had stripped families of the resources they depended on for survival. Water sources dried up, pasture disappeared, livestock died and household incomes collapsed, leaving already vulnerable communities with few options to cope.

For women and children, the search for water became an exhausting daily journey. Many trekked more than 10 kilometres under harsh conditions to find water for drinking, cooking and other household needs. At the same time, families struggled to put food on the table as the loss of livestock and livelihoods deepened hunger and uncertainty.

In Koromey, Mandera County, Sahan Abdi Adan watched the dust rise over land where her livestock once grazed. For generations, her animals had sustained her family—providing food, income and a sense of dignity. But the drought had taken away that lifeline.

“Our animals are dead,” Sahan shared. “There is no water. There is no food. There are no animals. There is nothing. We Are Living Day to Day, Not Knowing If Tomorrow Will Come. I am asking for help from well-wishers,” she says. “We are fasting, but we have nothing to break our fast with. Our children are suffering.”

As the holy month of Ramadan approached a time traditionally marked by reflection, compassion, generosity and families gathering to share meals the crisis took on an even more painful dimension. Many drought-affected families had exhausted their coping mechanisms and had no food with which to break their fast. The situation was compounded by shrinking humanitarian funding, which meant that many families feared they would be left without support during the holy month.

Parents worried not only about what they would eat the following day, but whether they would have even a single meal to place before their children at iftar. For many households, Ramadan became a period of uncertainty, with families fasting while unsure whether they would have food to break their fast at sunset.

Moved by the urgency of the crisis, RACIDA launched the Emergency Drought and Ramadan Response and initiated an online fundraising and mobilization campaign.

Standing with Families During Drought





Over just three weeks, the appeal brought together like-minded partners, individual donors, well-wishers and friends of RACIDA from across different locations, united by a shared commitment to stand in solidarity with families facing hunger, water scarcity and uncertainty.

The response demonstrated the power of collective action. Through the generosity of partners and supporters, KES 1,988,350 was mobilized to provide timely assistance to drought-affected households. A total of 230 households, representing approximately 1,380 people, received KES 8,645 per household.

The cash assistance enabled families to make their own decisions and prioritize their most urgent needs with dignity whether purchasing food to break their fast, accessing water or meeting other essential household needs. At a time when many families had exhausted their coping mechanisms, the support provided a critical lifeline and restored a sense of choice, dignity and hope. While the assistance could not replace the livestock lost or bring an immediate end to the drought, it provided a vital bridge between hardship and hope. It helped families put food on the table during Ramadan, meet urgent needs and face an uncertain future with renewed strength.

RACIDA extends its heartfelt appreciation to all the like-minded partners, individual donors, well-wishers and supporters who responded to the call and made this initiative possible. Your generosity transformed an online appeal into meaningful support for 1,380 people living through one of the most difficult periods of their lives.

For Sahan and hundreds of other families, this support was more than a cash transfer. It was a reminder that they had not been forgotten that even amid drought, hunger and uncertainty, compassion could travel across communities and borders to restore hope.

During a month defined by compassion and solidarity, every contribution helped turn generosity into nourishment, dignity and hope.

RACIDA at 20: Strengthening Maternal and Newborn Health





For 20 years, RACIDA has worked alongside communities, government and development partners to strengthen access to essential services and improve the lives of vulnerable populations across the Mandera Triangle and beyond.

As RACIDA marks 20 Years of Service, Partnership and Impact this year, the organisation is celebrating the milestone by continuing to invest in the systems and services that communities depend on.

As part of the anniversary celebrations, RACIDA handed over essential maternal and newborn health equipment through the child survival initiative to the County Government of Mandera at the Governor's Office in Mandera.

The donation included electric obstetric delivery beds, baby bassinets, digital weighing scales and baby measuring equipment, providing health facilities with additional resources to strengthen the quality and dignity of care available to mothers and newborns.

The handover was graced by H.E. Governor Mohamed Adan Khalif and brought together county health leadership and the RACIDA team, highlighting the importance of sustained collaboration between county governments, civil society organisations and development partners in strengthening local health systems.

"We appreciate RACIDA's continued partnership and support in strengthening maternal, newborn and child health services. The equipment will enhance service delivery in our health facilities and contribute to improved quality of care for mothers and newborns. We call upon other NGOs and development partners to emulate RACIDA's commitment to supporting essential services and working closely with the County Government to improve the wellbeing of our communities."

The contribution builds on RACIDA's longstanding commitment to health and nutrition programming in the region.

RACIDA at 20: Strengthening Maternal and Newborn Health





It complements ongoing interventions, including the UNICEF-supported RMNCAH programme, funded by the U.S. State Department, which brings integrated reproductive, maternal, newborn, child and adolescent health and nutrition services closer to communities through outreach.

Together, these programmes reflect RACIDA's commitment to strengthening both community-level access and the health systems that support quality service delivery.

For mothers and newborns, the availability of appropriate equipment can make a meaningful difference. A functional delivery bed, a reliable weighing scale or appropriate equipment for newborn care represents more than an item in a health facility, it contributes to an environment where health workers can provide safer, more effective and dignified care.

The anniversary donation therefore represents more than a celebration of RACIDA's past. It is an investment in the future.

Twenty years of impact have been built through partnerships with communities, government, donors, health workers and development actors. And as RACIDA looks ahead, the organisation remains committed to strengthening these partnerships and supporting solutions that respond to the needs of the communities it serves.

From its beginnings 20 years ago to the work being delivered today, RACIDA's journey demonstrates what sustained partnership and community-centred action can achieve.

20 Years of Service. Partnership. Impact.

TESTIMONIALS

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Before, I had no farming knowledge. Today, I have the skills to grow crops and fodder, support my family, and build a better future.
Meet Saadia Abdi Issack from Mandera, whose life has been transformed through agricultural training under the Hanaano Programme. Investing in skills creates sustainable livelihoods, stronger households, and resilient communities.

SAADIA ABDI 2025

Because of my disability, I cannot work like others. The assistance helped me provide food for my children and restored hope in our lives.
Through unconditional cash assistance supported by Stichting Vluchteling (SV), RACIDA continues to restore dignity, hope, and resilience among vulnerable displaced families in Dheka-Suftu, Liban Region, Ethiopia.

ABBEY MAALIM YAKUB 2026

Now I have hope. My family eats, my animals are healthier, and I can support my children’s future.
When drought hit Una Village, Dollow, Somalia, Maalim Aden lost five cows and feared for his family's future. Through the EU-funded Building Opportunities for Resilience in the Horn of Africa (BORESHA-NABAD) project, implemented by RACIDA with the Jubaland Ministry of Agriculture, Maalim Aden received climate-smart seeds and agricultural training.

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In Pictures :RACIDA On Ground





























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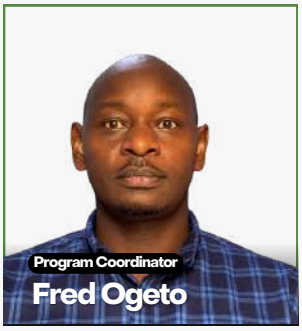
Meet Our Staff

Celebrating the People Behind Our Impact

Our staff are the heart of RACIDA. For 20 years, their dedication, passion, and commitment have empowered communities and driven lasting change across the region.

This collection celebrates some of the people who have been part of RACIDA's journey. While not everyone could be captured here, we honour and appreciate every member of the RACIDA family, past and present, whose contribution has shaped our story.

Thank you to our incredible team,past and present for 20 years of making a difference.





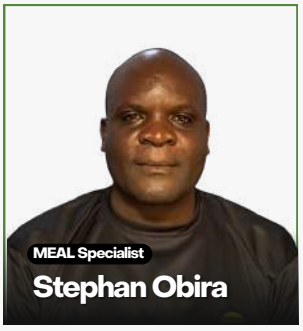








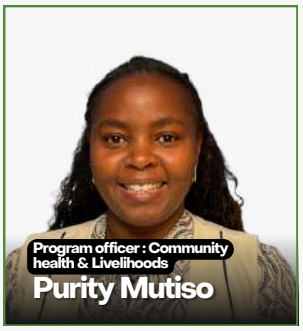




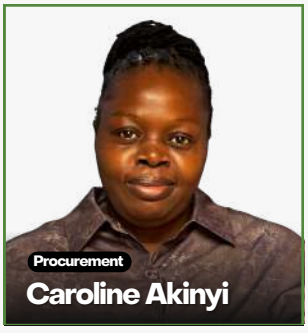










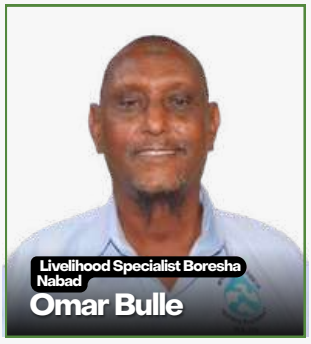






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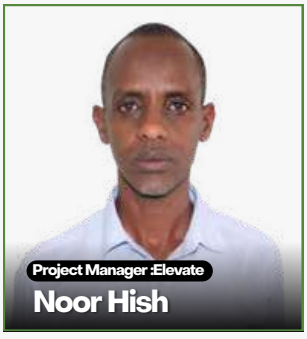








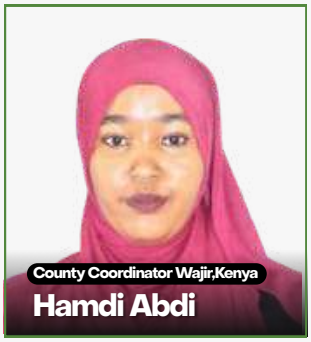






















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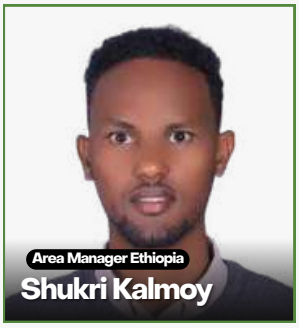
























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