



Organization Profile
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Safa Education and Medical Development Organization

SEMDO Organization Profile

Improving the quality of life for communities in need through comprehensive programs that address the root causes of poverty and inequality.

About us

A Somali non-governmental, not-for-profit organization founded in Baidoa on 28 November 2019.

Who we are

SEMDO provides people affected by a lack of medical care and education in Southwest Somalia with emergency relief and long-term development support.

Our work covers education, health care, protection for children and orphans, youth empowerment, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), food security and livelihoods, and peace and conflict resolution. We also promote peace-building and effective governance.

Respect, impartiality, quality, accountability, advocacy and innovation guide all of our work. Our goal is to become the largest regional humanitarian and development organization in Southwest Somalia.



Families receiving food kits

2019 Founded in Baidoa	230 IDP students supported in our first year	7 Program areas	3 Government recognitions
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At a glance

Full name	Safa Education and Medical Development Organization (SEMDO)
Type	Non-governmental, not-for-profit
Founded	28 November 2019, Baidoa
Headquarters	Baidoa, South West State, Somalia
Area of operation	South Central Somalia
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Vision, mission and values

What we are working towards, and how we work.

Our vision

A world where every individual has access to quality education, comprehensive health care and the resources needed to lead a dignified life – resilient communities where youth are empowered, health is a priority, and education is a right, not a privilege.

Our mission

To foster sustainable development in education, health care, protection, youth empowerment, water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH), food security and livelihood (FSL), and peace and conflict resolution – improving quality of life for communities in need through programs that address the root causes of poverty and inequality.

Our core values

Respect

We treat the people we serve with respect and listen to their needs to find solutions that work for them.

Nonpartisan

We serve everyone in need of education and health care, in an equitable manner.

Accountability

We are responsible and transparent in all of our activities.

Innovation

We seek appropriate, effective interventions in education and health to improve community well-being in South West State.



Community gathering with elders, women leaders, youth and police

Our programs

Seven areas of work that address the root causes of poverty and inequality in Southwest Somalia.



Education development

Education is the cornerstone of development. We improve access to quality education, from primary schools to vocational training centres, so every child and adult has the opportunity to learn and grow.

Support for students in IDP camps

Primary education access

Vocational training



Health care

Accessible medical care, better maternal and child health, prevention of infectious diseases and stronger health systems for healthier communities.

Maternal and child health

Infectious disease prevention

Training health students and workers



Protection

We protect the rights and well-being of the most vulnerable people, including children, women and refugees, through legal aid, advocacy and support services.

Child and orphan protection

Legal aid and advocacy

Protection awareness sessions



Youth empowerment

We give young people the skills, knowledge and opportunities to lead positive change in their communities.

Peace-building training

Leadership and skills development

Sports and education programs



Water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH)

Access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene is a human right. We provide safe water sources, improve sanitation facilities and promote hygiene practices that prevent disease and protect dignity.

Emergency water trucking

Sanitation facilities

Hygiene promotion



Food security and livelihood (FSL)

We work to ensure food security and improve livelihoods through agricultural support, income-generating activities and emergency food assistance to tackle hunger and malnutrition.

Emergency food distribution

Agricultural support

Income-generating activities



Peace and conflict resolution

New

Lasting development depends on peace. We bring communities, displaced families, clan elders, women and young people together to resolve disputes through dialogue, strengthen social cohesion and promote effective, inclusive local governance.

Peace-building training for youth

Community dialogue and mediation

Social cohesion between host and IDP communities

Support for effective local governance



Our achievements 2019–2024

From our first year, SEMDO has focused on displaced families and young people in and around Baidoa.

2019 Keeping displaced students in school

SEMDO was founded to meet the critical education needs of young people and respond to humanitarian situations. We supported 230 students living in IDP camps to continue their education, and ran peace-building training for young leaders – all funded from SEMDO's own resources.

2020 COVID-19 community mobilization

With the onset of the pandemic, we dedicated the year to community mobilization to prevent the spread of the virus.

2021 Drought response

As severe drought hit Somalia, we provided water trucking to several IDP camps so the most vulnerable communities had clean water at a critical time.

2022–23 Training health workers

We trained health students and workers in Baidoa, strengthening the health system and preparing qualified professionals to serve the community.

2023 Ramadan food distribution

During Ramadan we distributed food to IDP families in Baidoa – offering nourishment, solidarity and care during the holy month, and building trust with the communities we serve.

2024 WASH, health and protection awareness

Volunteer-led awareness sessions on clean water, sanitation, hygiene and the protection of women, girls and boys, giving communities the knowledge and resources to sustain these improvements.



Ramadan iftar distribution, IDP camp, Baidoa, 2023

Our work in pictures

Moments from our distributions, trainings and community events.



Ramadan iftar distribution, Baldoa



Food kits: rice, cooking oil and dates



Community event



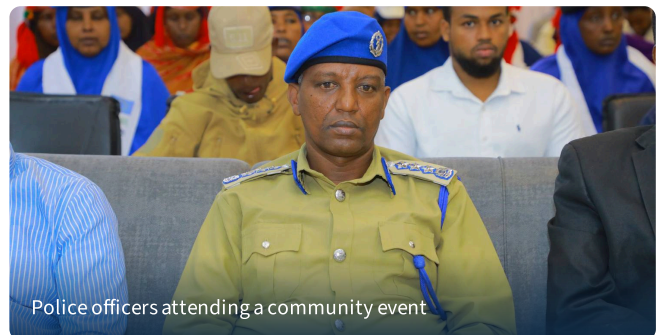
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Community gathering with elders, women leaders and police



Women's Day event



Police officers attending a community event

Certifications and recognition

SEMDO is registered and recognized by local and regional authorities, reflecting our compliance with local and regional standards.



Ministry of Planning, Investment and Economic Development, South West State

Certified for our contribution to the economic development and strategic planning of the state.



Ministry of Youth and Sports

Recognized for our contributions to youth development and empowerment through sports and educational programs.



Baidoa District – Mayor's Office

Formally acknowledged for close collaboration with local authorities on community initiatives.

Our partners

We work alongside government, humanitarian, academic and private-sector partners to reach more families.



South West State of Somalia



Federal Government of Somalia



AmplifyChange



Microsoft



University of Southern Somalia



Baidoa District Local Government



Hudur District Administration



Somalia Gender Hub

Organizational structure

A board-governed organization with directorates for programs, operations and accountability.



Governance

The Board of Directors provides oversight and strategic direction. The Executive Director leads day-to-day management through the program and operations directorates.

Accountability

Our MEAL team (monitoring, evaluation, accountability and learning) tracks results and community feedback, so our work stays transparent and responsive.

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Partner with us

Join us as a donor, partner or volunteer to bring education, health care, clean water and peace to more families in Southwest Somalia.