

# BARWAAQO

Voluntary Organization (BVO)

## Organizational Profile

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# 1. Background of the Organization

Barwaaqo Voluntary Organization (BVO) is a non-political, non-governmental and non-profit making development action-oriented and advocacy organization that was founded in 1996 by a committed gender balanced group in Somaliland. The organization understood that its domain needs to be as wide as the issues faced by the millions of underprivileged throughout the country. Barwaaqo Voluntary organization strives to perform social development work in Somaliland. BVO nurtures the status of being a formal NGO.

Fast growing environmental challenges and climate change are imposing an additional stress on the environment, and the livelihoods that depend on it. BVO has been implementing climate change environmental protection and livelihood programmes in the country and enables the finding of solutions to Somaliland's environmental challenges.

BVO fights hunger and promotes poverty reduction, human rights, women and child rights and justice for all. It has taken up the women and children rights,

It engages the wider social context of the systemic barriers faced by different women and children in Somaliland. BVO strives to ensure that every one has access to justice because if justice isn't accessible there will be no rights and access to justice is important for the development of a country's economy.

BVO advocates the availability of legal aid service for everyone.

BVO has also been involved women political participation and economical empowerments, and provides FGM awareness campaigns as well implement projects aimed to tackle the Gender Based Violence (GBV) in Somaliland.

BVO operates in all the six regions of Somaliland.

## Scope of Operation

- Maroodijeex region
- Sahil region
- Awdal region
- Togdher region
- Sanag region



## 2. VISION AND MISSION

### **Vision:**

BVO envisions a community where people enjoying their rights with dignity and living in prosperity

### **Mission:**

To work closely with the local communities including women and children and the decision makers, to ensure positive socio-economic change and sustainable natural resource management.

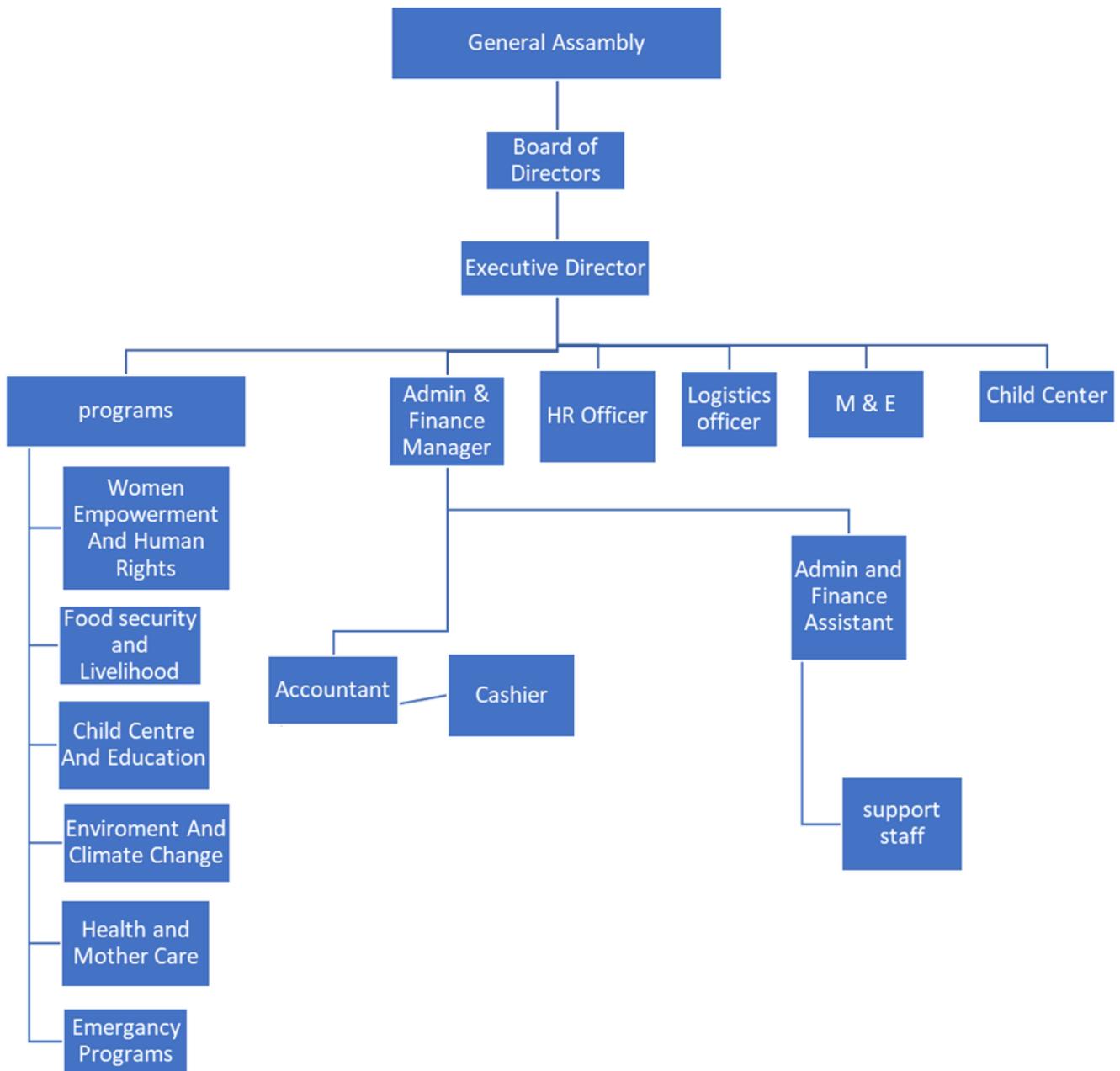
### **Values:**

- Integrity, Honesty and Transparency
- Respect for the rights of women and children
- Mutual respect
- Equity and justice
- Independence
- Humility

## 3. Overall Goal

Our overall goal is to develop an integrated intervention that is equitable and accessible to all levels of the community through balanced participation of the target communities.

## 4. ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



## 5. THE SIX THEMATIC AREA ARE FOLLOWING;

- Environment and climate change
- Food security and livelihoods
- Emergency programs
- Women empowerment and human rights
- Child center and education
- Health and mother care

### ➤ Environment and Climate Change

Fast-growing environmental challenges and climate change are imposing additional stress on the environment, and the livelihoods that depend on it. BVO has been implementing climate change, environmental protection, and livelihood programs in the country. BVO strives to find solutions for Somaliland's environmental challenges by planting indigenous tree species to serve as erosion controls, developing greenhouse enclosures for the nursery to protect the seedlings, advocating the use of efficient energy stoves, provision of knowledge and skills on climate-resilience, sustainable land and water management and natural resource conservation, enhance food security by promoting sustainable farming practices and Improving livelihoods by promoting renewable energy and green infrastructure.

#### **Focus on:**

- Environment protection
- Soil bunds
- Stone line bunds
- Environment conservation
- Climate change
- Botanic garden
- Re-greening nurseries and tree plant

### ➤ Food Security and Livelihoods

Food security and proper livelihoods are not in good terms in most parts of Somaliland as people are suffering due to famines, hunger, and lack of basic necessities. In this case, BVO fights hunger and promotes poverty reduction. Additionally, we pay special attention to the enhancement of food security and nutrition in many households who live with food insecurity in the remote areas of the country.

We also work on linking small beekeepers to honey value chain private companies to create a sustainable market base for their products. Furthermore, we provide capacity building and skill training to the farmers to maximize their production.

#### **Focus on**

- Agriculture Extension
- Bee farming
- Honey production

- Poultry Production
- Farmer cooperation crop production
- Income generation through SHG approach

## ➤ Emergency Programs

BVO's collective response will always prioritize the humanitarian imperative to save lives. BVO is committed to engaging in both the natural and man-made disasters emergency relief programs at times of community needs. BVO aims to be a reliable and innovative actor at the regional level, with a strong focus on quality solutions and participative needs assessments, to respond to the needs and fulfilment of rights of all displaced and displacement affected community members. BVO will target assistance to the communities that are most vulnerable and prone to the highest risks.

### **Focus on**

- Disaster Reduction
- Food and Fodder
- Water soil conservation
- Seed distribution
- Livestock distribution
- Droughts response

## ➤ Women Empowerment and Human Rights

One of the main interventions of BVO is to empower women and protect the rights of children. BVO strives to ensure that person has access to justice because if justice isn't accessible there will be no rights. Access to justice is also important for the development of a country's economy; therefore, BVO advocates for the availability of free legal aid services. BVO is an active advocate for women's political participation and their economic empowerment. We also provide crucial awareness-raising campaigns against FGM and Gender-based violence.

### **Focus on**

- Women Political Participation
- Women economic empowerment
- Women business and skills
- Women right and access to justice
- Women Against FGM
- Women Self Help Groups Approach

## ➤ Child Centre and Education

Child education and protection especially those who have special needs is the foundation of a peaceful and developed society. BVO has established an education centre for children with special needs to enable them to exercise their rights to education. Our students include students with hearing disabilities, autism, down-syndrome, physical disabilities, emotional, impaired, blindness and those with difficult learning issues

### **Focus on**

- Child Education and skill training
- Child protection and policy
- Child right
- Children with disabilities
- Access to justice
- Child rehabilitation

## ➤ Health and Mother Care

BVO has an important role in Health and Maternity care in Somaliland through improving women's and children's health by increasing access, availability, and utilization of key health services, as well as strengthening the health system. A child's health includes physical, mental, and social well-being.

### **Focus on**

- FGM
- HIV AIDS
- Mental health
- Child Health Care
- Mother health Care
- Sanitation and Hygiene

## 6. BVO Partners

BVO Continues to develop relationships with internal and external partners in community services, other sectors of the civil society and donors. We had the honour of working with the following distinguished Networks, UN and International Organizations.

## Networks

Nagaad Networks  
NAFIS Networks  
HoA-REC Network  
SIHA Network  
NGO Consortium  
Horn of Africa Forum  
Global Network Disaster Reduction

## UN and International NGO, s

Food Agriculture organization	<b>FAO</b>
National endowment for Democracy	<b>NED</b>
World food program	<b>WFP</b>
Dansom Aid	<b>Danish</b>
Handicap International	<b>HI</b>
International organization for migration	<b>IOM</b>
Action Aid International Somaliland.	<b>AAIS</b>
United Nations population fund.	<b>UNFP</b>
ForumSYD	
Kindernothilfe	<b>KNH</b>
Horn of Africa Regional environmental centre and network	<b>HoA-REC&amp;N</b>
Minster of foreign affairs Netherland	<b>NL</b>
Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency	<b>SIDA</b>