



AWARD-WINNING LEADERS EMPOWERING RESILIENCE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN EASTERN AFRICA'S ARID AND SEMI-ARID LANDS



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SNDAfrica is an award-winning, community-rooted organisation dedicated to transforming the lives of pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities across Kenya’s arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) and the cross-border regions of Ethiopia. Our bold, inclusive, and innovative approaches have earned national and regional recognition for excellence in integrating humanitarian response, peacebuilding, and long-term development in some of the most fragile environments in the Horn of Africa.



Vision

A Society where all Pastoralist Communities are Resilient and Live a Dignified Life











Mission

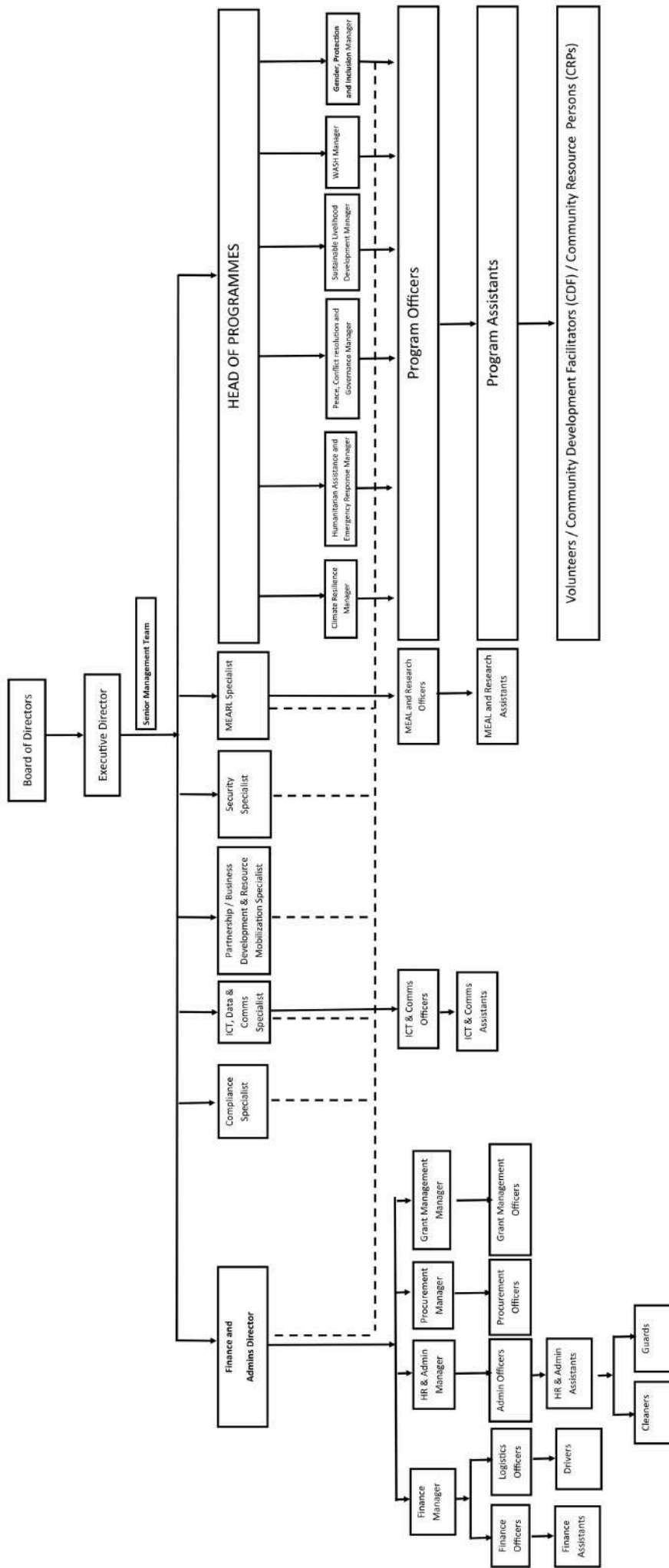
To Empower and Transform Pastoralist Communities to be Self-reliant in Life

Pastoralist communities in the ASALs face systemic marginalisation, climate shocks, conflict, and chronic underdevelopment. SNDAfrica works to restore dignity, strengthen local capacities, and build systems that promote peace, well-being, and prosperity—ensuring that no one is left behind.

OUR VALUES

 <p>NON-DISCRIMINATION</p> <p>Our support is available to any human being in need regardless of their religion, ethnicity, and gender. We want to ensure that the muted voices are heard, resources are fairly shared, and partnerships are equitable and dignified.</p>	 <p>TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY:</p> <p>We are determined to increase genuine accountability to donors, the public and affected communities by making the delivery of local and international humanitarian and development responses more transparent.</p>	 <p>INTEGRITY AND TEAM SPIRIT</p> <p>We attach great value to individual staff integrity and in dealing with others in all aspects of our work. We endeavour to consistently work in a spirit of mutual trust and honesty.</p>	 <p>DO NO HARM</p> <p>When providing general assistance, we ensure that SND staff, stakeholders and their actions do not undermine protection, nor exacerbate existing inequalities especially in emergency situations.</p>	 <p>DIVERSITY</p> <p>We respect and celebrate diversity. We seek to have a workforce that reflects inclusiveness and is diverse by race, gender and geography both within the communities we work, and our own organization.</p>	 <p>PARTICIPATORY</p> <p>We are determined to increase genuine accountability to donors, the public and affected communities by making the delivery of local and international humanitarian and development responses more transparent.</p>	 <p>PARTNERSHIP, COLLABORATION, & NETWORKING</p> <p>We work in partnership with communities and in alliance with other organizations and networks.</p>	 <p>NON-PARTISAN:</p> <p>We have no affiliation or show allegiance to any political party or group.</p>
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GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE



Strategic Approach: The Humanitarian–Peace–Development (HDP) Nexus

In complex, crisis-prone environments, isolated interventions are not enough. SNDAfrica applies the HDP Nexus—a strategic model that integrates immediate humanitarian relief, peacebuilding, and sustainable development.



Humanitarian Response

Delivering timely, life-saving support while preserving dignity



Peacebuilding

Investing in conflict prevention, governance, and social cohesion.



Development

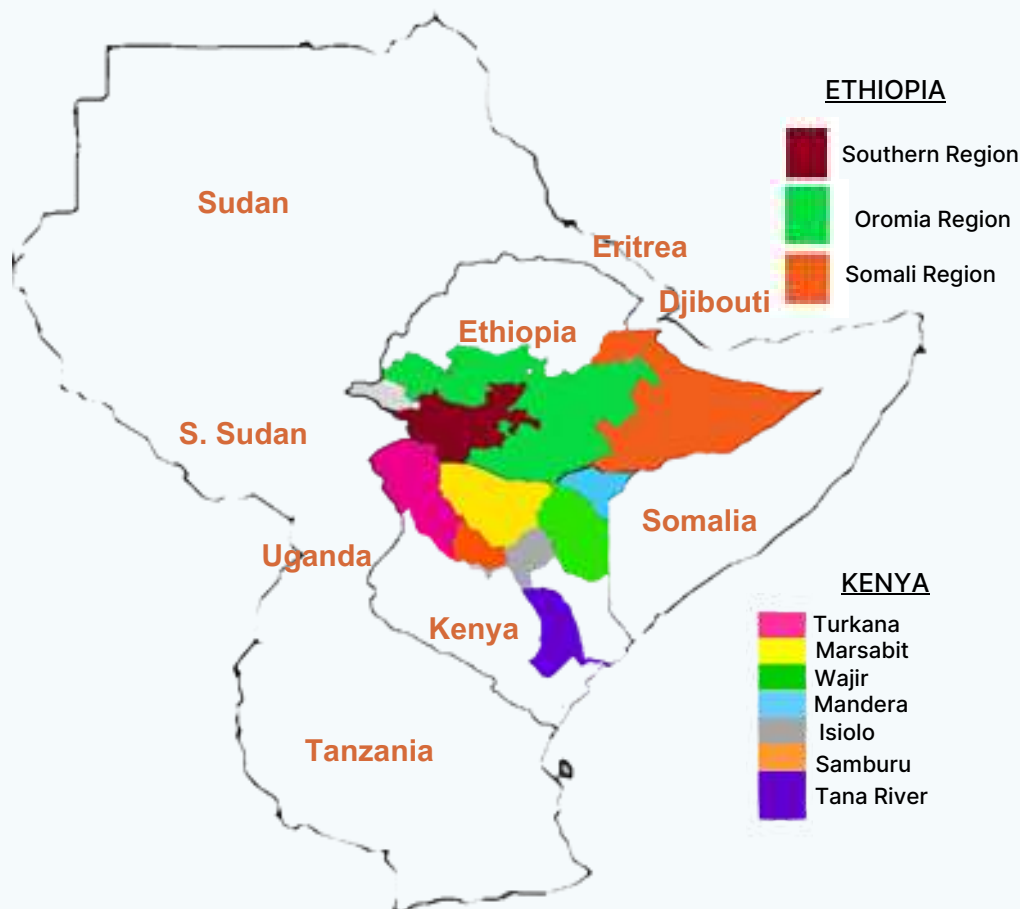
Building resilient systems for livelihoods, infrastructure, and local leadership.

This holistic approach ensures relief, recovery, and resilience reinforce one another. Our programming is grounded in local ownership, prioritising community voice, inclusion, and sustainability.

Where We work

SNDAfrica operates across Kenya’s northern and eastern ASAL counties—including Marsabit, Isiolo, Wajir, Mandera, and Turkana—as well as cross-border regions of southern Ethiopia. These fragile ecosystems are critical for regional peace, food systems, and climate adaptation but are often left behind by mainstream development.

Our work addresses interconnected drivers of vulnerability—conflict, poverty, climate change, exclusion, and weak governance.



Core Sectors of Expertise

SNDAfrica delivers impact through eight strategic pillars, all aligned with the HDP Nexus and tailored to the realities of pastoralist life:

Peacebuilding & Governance

Conflict over resources, marginalisation, and external radicalisation threaten regional stability. We promote peaceful coexistence, inclusive governance, and social harmony through:

- Empowering traditional elders and community leaders to mediate disputes and resolve conflict through customary systems.
- Institutionalising community peace agreements that formalise conflict resolution, manage shared resources, and foster trust.
- Supporting inclusive governance that includes women, youth, and persons with disabilities in decision-making structures.
- Facilitating cross-border dialogue and cooperation, reducing transboundary conflict and enhancing regional integration.
- Promoting peace education, community policing, and civic engagement to build cultures of peace.
- Countering violent extremism (CVE) through youth engagement, community resilience, and locally led prevention strategies.



Our work strengthens social contracts and reinforces grassroots peace infrastructure that underpins development and stability.

Humanitarian Assistance



We respond swiftly and effectively to drought, floods, displacement, and emergencies with context-specific humanitarian interventions that prioritise dignity, accountability, and local ownership:

- Provision of food, water, and emergency WASH NFIs (non-food items) for affected households.
- Multi-Purpose Cash Assistance (MPCA) to give families flexibility, restore purchasing power, and boost local markets.
- Protection services for vulnerable groups, including women, children, elderly, and persons with disabilities.
- Community-based preparedness and response, strengthening local capacity to manage crises.
- We champion a survivor- and community-led response model (SCLR) that puts those closest to crisis at the centre of solutions restoring dignity, shifting power, and driving lasting impact through local leadership.

SNDAfrica integrates anticipatory action and risk-informed planning to reduce the scale and cost of humanitarian need.

Water, Hygiene & Sanitation (WASH)

Water scarcity and poor sanitation undermine health and dignity. We enhance sustainable access through:

- Drilling, rehabilitating, and solarising boreholes and water infrastructure for domestic, livestock, and institutional use.
- Strengthening water sector governance and coordination, ensuring inclusive, accountable water resource management.
- Promoting hygiene behaviour change through community-led sanitation, menstrual health campaigns, and school WASH programmes.
- Capacity building for water user associations and local technicians for maintenance and sustainability.

We ensure that clean water is available, accessible, and equitably shared—especially for women and children who bear the burden of collection.



Core Sectors of Expertise



Gender, Protection & Inclusion

We promote the dignity, safety, and rights of women, children, persons with disabilities, and other vulnerable groups through:

- Preventing and responding to GBV, child marriage, and FGM through survivor-centred services and community action.
- Strengthening community protection systems, including referral pathways, safe spaces, and paralegal support.
- Championing child protection, including birth registration, education access, abuse prevention, and protection from exploitation and trafficking.
- Mainstreaming disability inclusion in programmes and infrastructure—making services accessible and empowering self-advocacy.
- Engaging men and boys as allies for gender equality and social transformation.

We ensure everyone has a voice, protection, and opportunity to thrive.



Livelihood & Enterprise Development



We strengthen the economic foundations of pastoralist communities by:

- Enhancing livestock health and productivity through animal health services, fodder production, and disease surveillance.
- Strengthening the livestock value chain, including market linkages, veterinary services, aggregation, and value addition.
- Supporting cross-border trade and access to livestock markets to increase incomes and regional integration.
- Applying Market System Development (MSD) approaches to foster sustainable, inclusive market ecosystems that empower producers, traders, and service providers.
- Diversifying livelihoods through women-led enterprises, climate-smart agriculture, and vocational training.
- Promoting financial inclusion through savings groups, digital finance, and entrepreneurship coaching.

Our livelihood programming boosts food security, resilience, and economic independence in the face of climate and market shocks.



Climate Justice & Resilience

Climate change is a threat multiplier. We work to ensure pastoralist communities are not only resilient—but also agents of climate solutions:

- Implementing community-led adaptation projects, including rangeland restoration and regenerative agriculture.
- Developing early warning systems and anticipatory action to reduce disaster impacts before they happen.
- Documenting and advocating for loss and damage compensation, ensuring pastoralists' voices are heard in climate finance and global policy.
- Promoting climate-smart livelihoods that sustain productivity and environmental integrity.
- Strengthening climate-health surveillance and preparedness, aligned with our One Health strategy.

Our climate justice work ensures vulnerable communities are not forgotten in global responses to the climate crisis.



Core Sectors of Expertise



Health & Nutrition

Health systems in ASALs are overstretched. We deliver integrated health and nutrition support rooted in innovation and equity:

- Reducing child and maternal malnutrition through screening, supplementation, and community education.
- Expanding access to quality primary healthcare, maternal-child services, and immunisation.
- Applying a One Health approach, recognising the interdependence of human, animal, and environmental health to prevent zoonotic outbreaks.
- Integrating climate-health responses to build resilience against emerging health threats.
- Engaging communities in health promotion, school health programmes, and hygiene awareness.

We invest in a healthier future for all generations—human, animal, and ecological.



Institutional Effectiveness & Localisation



We believe sustainable development must be led by local actors. SND Africa builds institutional capacity through:

- Strengthening community governance structures, civil society organisations, and grassroots leadership.
- Promoting localisation by shifting power, resources, and responsibility to local institutions.
- Enhancing organisational systems, financial accountability, and adaptive learning.
- Using data and evidence to drive decision-making, monitor results, and scale impact.
- Building networks and partnerships for innovation and joint learning.

By investing in institutions, we ensure development is effective, accountable, and enduring.

Impact & Recognition

SND Africa's work has positively impacted over 1,000,000 lives across Northern Kenya and the Ethiopia borderlands. Highlights include:

- Over 800,000 people gaining sustainable access to water and food.
- Significant reductions in inter-communal conflict through peace agreements such as Dukana-Dillo-Maikona and dialogue platforms.
- Increased household income and food security through livestock market access and MPCA.
- Strengthened health systems and child nutrition outcomes in remote settings.
- National and regional awards for innovation, community empowerment, and localisation leadership.

Strategic Partnerships

We collaborate with a wide range of partners to amplify our impact:

- Donors: USAID, BMZ, DANIDA, SIDA, European Union, UN agencies, and private foundations.
- Governments: County, regional and national/federal governments in Kenya and Ethiopia.
- Regional bodies: IGAD and other cross-border mechanisms.
- Community organisations, faith leaders, elders, and youth networks.
- Academic and research institutions for evidence-based programming.

Research and Learning

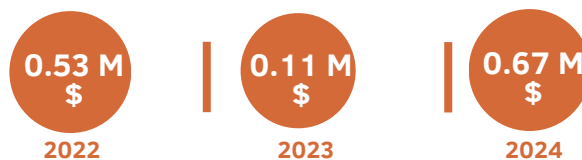
- Rapid gender analysis and Protection assessment for Marsabit County
- Rapid gender analysis and Protection assessment for Samburu County
- Child trafficking and unsafe migration of children between Kenya and Ethiopia: Transforming social norms and Strengthening Child Protection in Marsabit County
- Corridor level and Master action plan for IGAD cluster II- Moyale cluster

Resource Utilization

Our Annual Expenditure, Kenya



Our Annual Expenditure, Ethiopia



Institutional Capacity

Staff and Assets

- 122 Staff
- 8 offices
- Seven (7) 4-wheel hard terrain vehicles
- 200 community Resource Persons
- SND owned office in Moyale Kenya

Systems

- Monitoring and Evaluation
- ERP (Finance, procurement, HR and Logistics)
- B2C- Mobile banking system
- I bank

Our Partners



Join Us

SNDAfrica is more than an organisation—we are a movement for resilience, peace, and justice in the world's most overlooked regions.

We invite donors, governments, private sector partners, philanthropies, and civil society allies to join hands in empowering pastoralist communities across Eastern Africa's ASALs. Together, we can turn vulnerability into strength, and fragility into opportunity.

Connect with SNDAfrica today to explore partnerships, share knowledge, and co-create a dignified, resilient future for pastoralist communities.









Strategies for Northern Development




Confronting Crisis | Building Resilience | Transforming Lives



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