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EDITORIAL NOTE

This edition presents SAJDO's organizational identity, programmatic experience, legal standing, institutional development priorities, and partnership interests in a format intended for prospective national and international partners. Statements concerning external organizations are framed as outreach, engagement, discussion, or partnership exploration unless a formal agreement has been concluded.

01 ORGANIZATIONAL PROFILE

Overview

Saba Jazeera Development Organization (SAJDO) is a Somali-led local non-governmental organization (LNGO/NPO), established in 2022 and based in Mogadishu, Somalia. SAJDO works with vulnerable and marginalized communities, with particular attention to women, children, displaced families, and communities affected by conflict, poverty, displacement, and other humanitarian and development challenges.

SAJDO's programmatic areas include health, education, human rights, child protection, girls' education, gender-based violence (GBV) prevention and referral, agriculture, livelihoods, training, peacebuilding, and community resilience. The organization seeks to combine locally led community engagement with technical cooperation and capacity strengthening from national and international partners.

Organizational Snapshot

Organization	Saba Jazeera Development Organization (SAJDO)
Founded	2022
Legal Status	Local NGO / Non-Profit Organization
Headquarters	Mogadishu, Federal Republic of Somalia
Operational Areas	Benadir Region and Hirshabelle State (Middle Shabelle and Hiraan)
Core Team	18 staff and organizational personnel, supported by community volunteers
Primary Focus	Vulnerable and marginalized communities, particularly women and children
Thematic Areas	Health, Education, Human Rights, Agriculture, Training

02 STRATEGIC PRIORITY PROGRAM & GEOGRAPHIC FOCUS

STRATEGIC PRIORITY PROGRAM

Protecting Vulnerable Girls from Exploitation and Violence through Education, Family Support and Community-Based Child Protection

This priority program brings together education, family engagement, child protection, prevention, referral, and community resilience around the protection and wellbeing of vulnerable girls and children.

Program Components

- Access to education for vulnerable girls
- Prevention of child and domestic labor
- Family and caregiver engagement
- Community-based child protection
- Prevention and referral related to violence and exploitation
- Support for vulnerable and displaced children
- Community awareness and resilience

Geographic Focus

SAJDO's work is currently focused on the Benadir Region and Hirshabelle State, with particular interest in communities experiencing vulnerability, displacement, limited access to services, conflict-related challenges, and protection risks.

Programmatic Approach

SAJDO seeks to connect community-level engagement with appropriate technical cooperation and capacity strengthening. The organization emphasizes locally relevant programming and collaboration with qualified national and international actors where additional technical capacity, referral pathways, or institutional support are required.

03 HEALTH & COMMUNITY WELLBEING PORTFOLIO

Health-Related Programming

Health is one of SAJDO's authorized thematic areas under its local NGO registration. SAJDO approaches health within a broader community protection and wellbeing framework, recognizing the links between health, poverty, displacement, gender-based violence, child protection, education, and community resilience.

Areas of Health-Related Engagement

- Community health awareness, particularly for women, girls, children, and vulnerable families
- Support for vulnerable and displaced families in identifying and accessing available basic health services
- Health-related awareness linked to women's and children's protection
- GBV prevention, awareness, and referral-oriented support
- Community-level engagement on health and protection risks
- Promotion of access to essential services for underserved communities
- Integration of health considerations into child protection and community resilience programming

Health & Protection Linkages



Where appropriate, SAJDO seeks to work with qualified health, protection, humanitarian, and development partners to strengthen referral pathways and technical capacity.

Partnership Approach

SAJDO is seeking technical partnership, institutional cooperation, training, mentoring, capacity strengthening, knowledge exchange, and programmatic collaboration with relevant national and international actors. Grant funding is not positioned as SAJDO's first partnership request; the organization is particularly interested in sustainable institutional relationships that strengthen technical and operational capacity.

04 LEGAL REGISTRATION & INSTITUTIONAL STANDING

Registration & Legal Standing

SAJDO is registered as a local non-governmental organization in Somalia. Its current registration details are summarized below.

Certificate	Local NGO Permission Certificate
Issuing Authority	Ministry of Interior, Federal Affairs & Reconciliation
Reference Number	NGOD/MOIFAR0575/023
Date Issued	25 July 2026
Valid Until	25 July 2027
Authorized Sectors	Health, Education, Human Rights, Agriculture, Training

Due Diligence Availability

A certified copy of the Local NGO Permission Certificate and related institutional documentation is maintained by SAJDO and can be provided for institutional review, partnership assessment, or due diligence as appropriate.

Institutional Positioning

SAJDO presents its legal registration as the basis for institutional engagement and continues to strengthen the systems, documentation, policies, and procedures needed for expanded cooperation with national and international partners.

05 LEADERSHIP, GOVERNANCE & ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

Leadership Structure

CHAIRPERSON

Gacal Ali Yalahow

Chairperson of SAJDO since 2024, providing strategic leadership and oversight.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Hassan Ismail Abdi

Responsible for day-to-day organizational management, program implementation, external representation, and operational coordination.

Core Team

18 staff and organizational personnel, supported by community volunteers.

Governance Approach

SAJDO's governance structure combines strategic leadership through the Chairperson with day-to-day organizational management under the Executive Director. The organization is supported by thematic personnel and community volunteers who contribute to program implementation, community engagement, awareness activities, and locally led initiatives.

Institutional Development

SAJDO is committed to strengthening governance, internal systems, accountability mechanisms, documentation, and institutional capacity as it expands cooperation with national and international partners.

06 SAFEGUARDING, PSEA & INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

Institutional Safeguards

SAJDO recognizes safeguarding, accountability, ethical conduct, and protection from sexual exploitation and abuse as essential elements of responsible programming.

Policies & Procedures

As part of its institutional strengthening and partnership-readiness process, SAJDO has developed and/or is finalizing key policies and procedures, including:

- Safeguarding Policy
- Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Policy
- Code of Conduct

- Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption Policy

These policies are intended to provide standards for staff, volunteers, leadership, partners, and program activities.

Child Safeguarding

Because SAJDO works with children and other vulnerable groups, child safeguarding is treated as a core institutional responsibility. SAJDO seeks to ensure that engagement with children and vulnerable people is conducted in accordance with appropriate safeguarding, confidentiality, consent, and protection principles.

Institutional Strengthening

SAJDO continues to strengthen its internal systems, policies, documentation, financial and administrative procedures, safeguarding mechanisms, and monitoring processes in preparation for expanded cooperation with international organizations.

07 PREVIOUS ACTIVITIES & TRACK RECORD

Community-Level Experience

SAJDO has developed community-level experience working with vulnerable and marginalized populations, particularly women, children, displaced families, and communities affected by conflict and humanitarian challenges.

Child Protection & Girls' Education

- Supported vulnerable and displaced girls to access education through direct enrollment support, family engagement, and community-based interventions
- Conducted parent and community awareness sessions addressing risks associated with child and domestic labor and promoting girls' continued access to education
- Established and supported a small community-based school initiative serving vulnerable girls
- Conducted community-level awareness activities promoting children's rights, protection, and access to safe and inclusive education

Community Awareness in Areas Recovered from Extremist Control

- Conducted community awareness sessions for children and parents in villages recently recovered from extremist groups across the Balcad, Jowhar, Mahaday and Jalalaqsi districts of Hirshabelle State, including Eji, Xaaji Canshuur, Calaag, Dudunle, Kab Daydale, Xararey and Xawaadley, together with surrounding settlements
- Engaged parents and caregivers on protecting children from recruitment, exploitation, and violence, and on the importance of continued education
- Promoted children's rights, community resilience, and social cohesion in conflict-affected communities

Human Rights, GBV Response & Community Security

- Establishing Human Rights & Documentation Centers that combine Maternal and Child Health (MCH) services, education, and systematic documentation of rights abuses affecting women, children, and minority communities
- Providing GBV prevention and response support for survivors, including medical referral, education, aid, livelihood support, relocation, and shelter support
- Operating a minority community neighborhood watch system, a Youth for Change program, and community conversation forums that bring people together to prevent and resolve conflict

Community Protection & Resilience

- Conducted community awareness activities focused on protecting vulnerable children and families from exploitation, violence, and harmful influences
- Assisted individuals and families affected by terrorist and conflict-related violence through community-based support and referral-oriented assistance
- Promoted community resilience and social cohesion through locally led awareness and community engagement activities

Health & Community Wellbeing

- Conducted community-level health awareness activities, particularly concerning women, girls, children, and vulnerable families
- Supported vulnerable and displaced families in identifying and accessing available health and protection services
- Integrated health considerations into child protection, women's protection, GBV prevention, and community-based programming

Disaster Preparedness & Early Warning

- In September 2026, issued an El Niño / Deyr flood-preparedness early-warning alert to relevant UN agencies and international NGOs, highlighting potential risks to vulnerable communities and requesting coordination around anticipatory action
- Promoted community-level preparedness and information-sharing concerning potential flood and humanitarian risks affecting vulnerable populations

Organizational Development & Visibility

- Established and launched the official SAJDO website, presenting organizational information, programs, activities, legal registration, leadership, and institutional engagement
- Continued strengthening organizational systems, policies, safeguarding mechanisms, and partnership-readiness processes

08 PARTNERSHIP STRATEGY & ENGAGEMENT

Partnership Objective

SAJDO's international partnership strategy prioritizes:

- Technical cooperation
- Staff training and capacity development
- Institutional strengthening
- Knowledge exchange
- Programmatic collaboration
- Community-level technical support
- Long-term institutional partnerships

SAJDO seeks to build partnerships based on mutual contribution, transparency, accountability, and locally relevant programming.

Engagement with International Organizations

SAJDO has initiated outreach and engagement with international organizations and institutions in areas relevant to its program priorities. These engagements include:

UNICEF Somalia	Organizational outreach and follow-up regarding potential cooperation
UNFPA Somalia	Outreach concerning GBV prevention, women's protection, and potential technical/referral cooperation
Save the Children	Organizational outreach and follow-up
Plan International	Organizational outreach and follow-up
World Vision	Engagement concerning El Niño preparedness and coordination
UNOCT	Exploration of cooperation related to prevention of violent extremism, child protection, and community resilience
GCERF	Exploration of potential sub-recipient cooperation in relevant geographic areas
NRC Somalia, Canada High Commission Nairobi, OCHA Somalia	Institutional coordination and inquiries regarding relevant opportunities

Important institutional clarification: these engagements should be understood as outreach, discussions, or partnership exploration unless a formal agreement has been concluded.

Partnership Principles

- Strengthen locally led solutions
- Build sustainable institutional capacity
- Improve services for vulnerable communities
- Support women and children
- Promote protection and dignity
- Encourage evidence-based programming
- Strengthen community resilience
- Promote knowledge exchange between Somali and international organizations

What SAJDO Seeks from Partnerships

SAJDO is particularly interested in relationships that combine practical community engagement with technical learning, mentoring, training, institutional strengthening, knowledge exchange, and appropriate programmatic collaboration.

Partnerships may be explored with national and international actors whose technical expertise, geographic focus, institutional mandate, or community programming is relevant to SAJDO's priority areas.

Evidence & Due Diligence

Supporting documentation for selected activities is maintained by SAJDO and may be made available at appropriate stages of institutional review, subject to confidentiality, safeguarding, privacy, and data-protection considerations.

09 COMMUNICATIONS, VISIBILITY & SUPPORTING EVIDENCE

Official Online Presence

SAJDO maintains an official online presence through www.sajdo.org. The website provides organizational information relating to programs, activities, legal registration, leadership, institutional information, and partnerships and engagement.

Supporting Materials

SAJDO maintains supporting documentation that may be provided to prospective partners during appropriate stages of engagement and due diligence. Materials may include:

- Organizational registration documents
- Organizational profile
- Program descriptions
- Activity reports
- Policies and procedures
- Safeguarding documentation

- Training records
- Relevant photographs
- Institutional correspondence
- References and other supporting documentation

Confidentiality & Protection of Information

Access to sensitive information is subject to confidentiality, safeguarding, privacy, and applicable data-protection considerations. Materials involving children and other vulnerable people should be handled in accordance with appropriate consent, confidentiality, and safeguarding principles.

Evidence can be made available selectively according to the requirements of a prospective partner, institutional review, or due-diligence process.

10 CONTACT & ORGANIZATIONAL STATEMENT

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Organizational Statement

> SAJDO is committed to strengthening locally led solutions for vulnerable communities in Somalia through community engagement, protection, health, education, capacity development, and partnership.

The organization welcomes opportunities for constructive dialogue, technical cooperation, institutional learning, and long-term collaboration with national and international partners committed to improving the wellbeing, protection, dignity, and resilience of vulnerable communities.