



## **ORGANIZATION PROFILE**



## ABOUT US

### WHO WE ARE

Delta Africa is a youth-led non-profit organization established for a common purpose to strengthen community capacities for resilience, promote socioeconomic development and respond to growing challenges affecting local communities.

Headquartered in Kenya, our interventions are spread across five (5) regions namely; Wajir, Mandera, Garissa, Isiolo & Nairobi Counties.

### LEGAL STATUS

Initiated in 2012, the organization operated as a community-based organization (CBO). In 2015, we attained the status of a Non-Governmental Organization duly registered under the NGO Coordination Board of Kenya. For reference purposes, Delta Africa maintains certificate of registration No: OP.218/051/15 - 183/10026

**VISION:** We endeavor to see communities empowered.

**MISSION:** To advance community-led change, save livelihoods and achieve social justice.

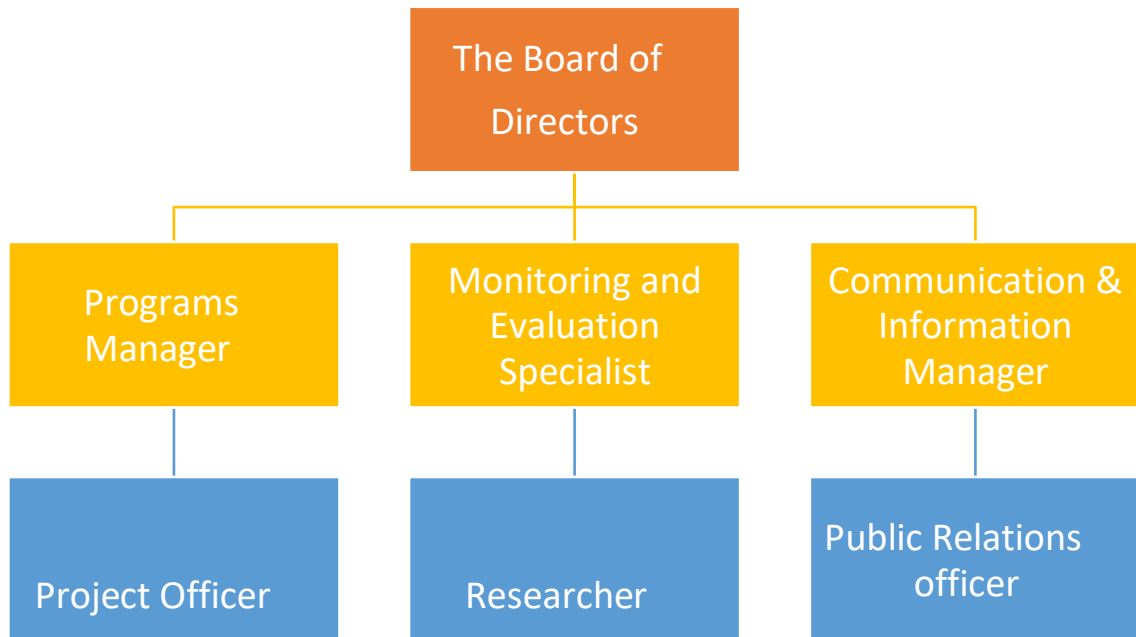
### STRATEGY STATEMENT

Our activities are rooted with human-centered design, streamlined to catalyze change and are mapped against measurable objectives & results. By establishing strategic partnerships with like-minded allies, our implementation strategy underpins the following values;

1. **Innovation:** We spur creative solutions by identifying and exploring uncharted opportunities for growth and sustainability, mitigate risks, and provide the best success stories in the lives we touch.
2. **Respect:** Through transparency and accountability, we honor the people we serve, our communities, partners and stakeholders involved in delivering our objectives.

3. **Service to Humanity:** In line with our vision, we faithfully execute the duties and responsibilities entrusted to us and maintain the highest ethical and professional standards.

**OUR TEAM**





## OUR PROGRAMS

### PEACE & SECURITY

We work with communities to prevent, mitigate, and resolve violent conflict.



**” ..... We allow communities to be active contributors in peacebuilding, conflict transformation and preventing extremism.”**

The organization pursues this mission by engaging in research, policy, training, analysis and direct implementation in peacebuilding, conflict transformation, mediation, preventing and countering violent extremism.

Our aim to advance, shape, and influence our activities to be more inclusive, intersectional, and liberated by advancing marginalized voices and experiences.

We enhance the understanding of the causes of conflict through analysis of the underlying drivers of conflict, the effects of grievances and needs or the social-economical composition of marginalized groups; we leave no one behind.

### Access to Justice



Kenya experiences challenges in the justice sector ranging from police brutality, lengthy pre-trial detention, inhumane prison conditions, impunity for perpetrators of sexual and gender-based violence and other serious conflict-related crimes.

Consequently, justice grievances continue to widen at the grassroots level; people don't have knowledge of their rights; a weak or feared or financially inaccessible justice system and individuals lack legal representation.

Without access to justice, affected persons are incapable to have their voice heard, confront discrimination and exercise their rights. In attempting to address such challenges, we:

- Create safe spaces for justice dialogues hence building trust between communities, the police and justice systems;
- Develop strategic plans and programmes for justice reform and service delivery;
- Strengthen capacities of rights holders, empower the poor and marginalized to seek response and remedies for injustice;

- Help formal institution have a better understanding of how informal justice mechanisms works at the grassroot-level
- Strengthen justice in areas of monitoring and evaluation;
- Improve legal protection, legal awareness, and legal aid.

## **Open Governance**



We believe that citizens have to know how decisions are made, how taxes are spent and whether the planning and budgeting processes reflect the needs of the people. This therefore means that public policies should be designed in the best interest of the people and public resources utilized efficiently.

In achieving open governance, citizens are empowered to have access to information, provided platforms for inclusive public participation, and hold their government accountable. Additionally, we actively participate in inclusive, robust and well-informed civil society consortia aimed at upholding accountability for public institutions.

We promote public participation in socio-political developments with special attention given to inclusion of women and youth. Our strategies are geared towards rebuilding and strengthening governance institutions through innovative

models that influence grassroots engagement and guide duty bearers in their implementation blueprint.

While prioritize on community – led and issue – driven approaches, citizens get opportunities to freely exercise their freedom of association, promote democratic governance and enhance the progressive realization of human rights in Kenya.

### **Economic Strengthening, Resilience & Livelihood**

Despite Kenya's reputation on rich cultural and biological diversity and a growing tourism sector, much of its population has been increasingly affected by drought for decades. The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and climate-induced events such as flash floods have ravaged the livelihood of vulnerable rural households especially in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASAL) hence contributing

to the rise of poverty in the country.

Jointly, this has darkened the economic outlook for communities living in ASAL areas hence calling for sustainable solutions in advancing equitable livelihoods, establishing or promoting community resources, and building resilience to economic shocks and stress.

Moreover, youth and women's entrepreneurial activity in ASAL is low, particularly at the grassroots level. Marginalized groups face various barriers in scaling up their livelihoods and entrepreneurial activities. Such obstacles include:





- (i) Social and cultural barriers for women to take up and actively participate in economic enterprises;
- (ii) Low access to capital;
- (iii) Limited financing options;
- (iv) Lack of technological knowledge that might improve their livelihoods;
- (v) Limited skills and access to skills training;
- (vi) Barriers on access to competitive market systems and infrastructure;
- (vii) Poor involvements in networks and associations and;
- (viii) Mobility constraints especially for women



**“..... animal carcass at Tarbaj Constituency after taking water from an infected borehole.”**

Delta Africa attempts to resolve these by:

- ✓ Analyzing value chains for livelihoods and stimulate entrepreneurship by supporting communities to fill economic gaps;
- ✓ Establishing or promoting community resources usable for livelihood enhancement;
- ✓ Developing semi-skilled or skilled programs to increase production, sustainably increase quality of products and capture market opportunities;

- ✓ Facilitating access to growth opportunities;
- ✓ Supporting social business promoting saving groups;
- ✓ Lobbying and upholding policy framework for marginalized groups on matters affecting their livelihoods;
- ✓ Supporting marginalized groups in acquiring technical, life and business skills and entrepreneurship development.
- ✓ Encouraging communities in adopting climate-smart farming and post-harvest practices and technologies.
- ✓ Utilizing strategic communication to make grassroots enterprises youth-friendly

## **Population Dynamics & Climate Change Action**

### **Population Dynamics**

Demographic dividend in Kenya has proven that young people are the largest in population hence creating a “youth bulge”. This has implications on the country's health and development agenda. Central to our mission, is championing young people's access to youth-friendly sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR) services and supporting sustainable and rights-based population development. We strive to achieve this through health-focused advocacy by creating a safe space between marginalized groups. We sensitize the community using innovative platforms amplifying key SRHR messages that resonates with the aspiration of every person.

Our efforts in raising awareness on the harmful effects of cultural practices such Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is unmatched. Using wholistic approach, we bring varying members of the community and impact meaningful conversations on ways to totally eradicate the practice of FGM which is a threat to both young girls and women.

On Gender-based violence (GBV) and violence against women and girls (VAWG), it is a phenomenal affecting many at-risk women and girls in the Northern parts of Kenya. This issue is devastating for survivors of violence and their families, thus children growing up with violence are more likely to become survivors themselves or perpetrators of violence in the future.

## **Climate Change Action**

With the global rise of temperature, we are yet to see the dramatic effects of climate change one being an increase in the number of extreme weather events. Drought, flooding and natural disasters lead to crisis situations hence exposing affected communities to epidemics, malnutrition, forced displacement and the destruction of the basic necessities to life.

Concurrently, climate-related conflicts continue to increase around the world. These have robbed people causing them livelihoods, insecurity or displacements. In Kenya, climate change has diminished the natural resources scarcely available in the ASAL regions hence turning pastoralist communities against each other fighting for livelihoods yet these challenges are endured at the cost of developed countries with significant climate pollution rates. Such is a vital illustration of how climate change inequality directly affects marginalized groups and that natural resources as well as the environment are part of peacemaking and peacekeeping process.

At the grassroots level, climate change is many a times presented in scientific jargon which makes communities unable to figure out. Our principal aim is prevention and preparation save lives. Disaster risk reduction is one means we don't for granted. We utilize readily available resources in identification and assessment of disaster risks and communities play key role.



Some of the activities we seek to undertake includes:

- Develop knowledge, tools, and resources to understand how communities can get involved in climate action.
- Upholding climate-smart programming.
- Engage diverse audiences through creative youth-friendly competitions,
- Spread climate knowledge on social media,
- Live-stream from high-profile events,
- Generate compelling climate-positive content with our ever-expanding array of strategic partners.
- Establish local youth climate movements at the grassroots
- Prepare marginalized groups in contributing to the policy dialogues at county, national, regional and international level
- Observe UNFCCC meetings to influence the negotiations in favor of marginalized groups
- Take part in effective and robust advocacy on climate justice & outreach campaign on climate change
- Take active participation in grassroots, local, regional and global dialogue on climate change action
- Champion vernacular educational programmes on climate change
- Conserve nature through continuous tree planting
- Initiate intercommunal conservation agreement
- Enhance young people's participation in observing and report on climate negotiations and the implications of their outcomes.
- By championing environmental justice, we provide an environment where everyone can be protected from environmental and health hazards and gain equal access to the decision-making process in sustaining a healthy ecosystem
- Through public participation, we improve oversight and protection of natural resources available to public institutions.



## Education & Youth

We believe schooling does not equal learning.

Key skills like literacy, numeracy, digital, skills like problem-solving and critical-thinking are very vital in every child's academic development. This is because basic knowledge on this will enable one to find productive employment, engage in active citizenship or shape better futures for themselves, their families and their communities.

Similarly, the returns of education are critical in many areas of human development. Thus, underinvestment in education can result to negatively impacting learning.

Young people face social, economic and political barriers, which prevent them from unleashing their full potential. Utilizing young people's potential as agents of change requires involving and empowering them in the development of policy and supporting their participation at all levels. This can only be possible by equipping them with quality education.

## PAST PROJECTS

### I. **PVE Memorial for the Garissa University attack held at KICC Nairobi.**

This was in collaboration with The University & Colleges Peace Association of Kenya (UCPAK) where there was successful trauma healing for affected victims, survivors, parents and university students countrywide who converged at the KICC. This event was sponsored by the Executive Office of the President (Department of Strategic Initiatives) headed by Hon. Mukhtar Abdi Ogle alongside National Counter-Terrorism Centre (NCTC) spearheaded by the Director Amb. Martin Kimani and other sponsors.

## **II. Harnessing Youth Energy Conference on Democracy**

This was a one-day conference held at the Alliance Francis Auditorium in CBD, Nairobi. The conference was necessitated due to very serious collapse of trust between government and the citizens whom according to demographic dividend clearly shows that youth comprise of the majority in Kenya. The objective of this town hall conference was to enhance youth participation in the community life; build resilience against extremism, encourage them to become engaged in the policy-making process and foster a democratic dialogue. Delta Africa brought panelist including representatives from; NCIC, Professors (JKUAT & Kenyatta University), Members of Parliament (ASAL Region) & Kamkunji Constituency, former presidential aspirant and founder of Diligence Development Alliance (DDA) party in Kenya. Through these discussions our aim was to connect institutions and young people in order to better understand youth needs and to propose suggestions in a democratic cooperation. This program was self-funded in partnership with KOBCIYE, a non-governmental organization in Eastleigh dedicated to strengthening the fabric of Eastleigh and surrounding communities.

## **III. Enhancing integration for persons with disabilities in society (Marsabit and Samburu)**

The six-month project was sponsored by the National Council of Persons with Disabilities (NCPWD) and aimed at improving access to services, acceptance and integration of Persons with disabilities in Marsabit and Samburu Counties through awareness creation.

## **IV. Women Empowerment for Livelihood Improvement**

Delta Africa, through its gender and development programme provided women in Nairobi – Majengo area with market skills, accessing credit facilities and saving/investment skills.

## **V. Inter-County Youth and Women Dialogue Forum**

This event was realized in Isiolo County and was proudly sponsored by the Executive Office of the President (Department of Strategic Initiatives –

Presidential Delivery Unit) headed by Hon. Mukhtar Abdi Ogle. It saw a massive participation from 6 Counties from Eastern & Northern Kenya. Participants had a series of dialogue and agreed to improve the relationship between the state actors and Muslim communities living in

Kenya. This Forum led to the rise of patriotic youth thought leaders were committed in fighting violent extremism. Through this forum, we introduced **“The One Republic Initiative”** which is a nationwide campaign on reducing the spread of ethnicity, bigotry, hatred and instilling patriotism amongst vulnerable youths in Kenya.

#### **VI. Peace III Cross Boarder Peace Initiative**

One-month P/CVE Consultancy training to implementing partner CSO's across the Kenya-Somalia border

#### **VII. Supporting Youth Voices to Counter Violent Extremism in Wajir South**

This was an 11-month robust program that focused on supporting the voices of existing youth influencers from Diff and Gherille, to Counter Violence Extremism (CVE) in their communities through interactive radio talk show programs and Public Service Announcements (PSAs). The utilization of media in amplifying the voices of the vulnerable youths to VE was vital since radio is the most popular platform for disseminating local news across the communities in Wajir. Additionally, the program had created a platform to promote reconciliation and positive engagement between the Government agencies and communities in Wajir. This program was fully funded by Kenya NiWajibu Wetu (NIWETU) which is a USAID project on building resilience in VE hotspot areas in Kenya.

#### **VIII. Enhancing the Capacities of Wajir County to incorporate Collaborative, Learning and Adaptive (CLA) Approach into the Budget and Planning Cycle**

This is a projects supported under the Resilience Learning Activity (RLA) which is a five-year, USAID/Kenya project whose goal is to strengthen resilience capacities and evidence-based resilience programming in Kenya. RLA aims to strengthen resilience programming, adaptive management and transformative capacities of institutions and systems. Our activities are primarily research and policy analysis aimed at achieving the objectives below:

- i. To provide an **assessment** and understanding of the county's planning and budget preparation processes.
- ii. To conduct an **analytic review** of the relevance, effectiveness and efficiency and sustainability of the county's strategic plans.
- iii. As part of knowledge sharing, to **organize learning sessions** for the Wajir County's department of finance and economic planning and other county departments.
- iv. To support the county government in the development of **public participation learning platforms** through civic education and social accountability.