

# **CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS IN KENYA**







Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) have been working for over 30 years in a spirit of solidarity and partnership for development in Kenya, representing a wealth of knowledge and a network spread over a large part of the country.

Traditional areas of CSOs interventions in Kenya are agriculture and resilience, health, child protection and education.

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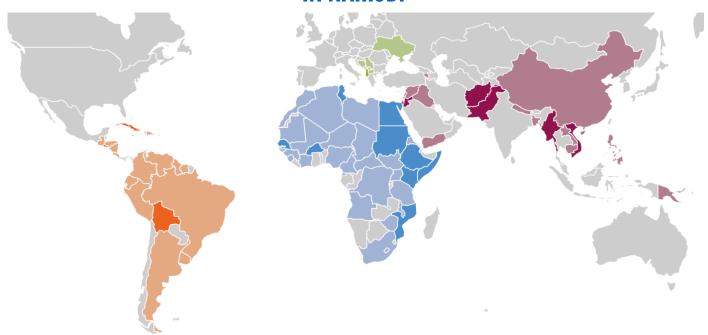
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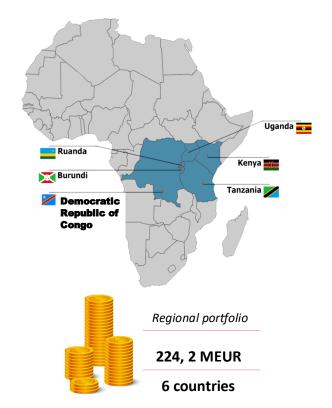
# IN NAIROBI



The Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) is the Italian governmental Agency performing the technical and operation activities required to implement international cooperation initiatives. Its objectives are the eradication of poverty, the reduction of inequality, the promotion of human rights and human dignity - including gender equality and equal opportunities - the support to conflict prevention and to peace processes. The Agency started operating in January 2016; its headquarters are in Rome, another base in Florence and there are 19 field offices worldwide for assessing local needs, implementing development initiatives, monitoring results and building local partnerships.

The Office of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) in Nairobi is responsible for Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Rwanda.

Kenya is a priority country for the Italian cooperation. In the country, main sectors of intervention are i) Agricultural Development, Forestry, Fisheries, Environment, ii) Women empowerment, human rights and civil society, iii) Urban Development and Infrastructure; iv) Support to the private sector and v) Access to basic services. In Tanzania, cooperation activities are focused on vocational training, while in Uganda they target the health sector. In the Democratic Republic of Congo, Aics mainly intervenes with emergency humanitarian aid.



### **AICS IN KENYA**



Currently, around 43% of aid is disbursed as loan, while the rest is a grant. For the implementation of cooperation initiatives (both loans and grants), AICS can count on a dense network of partners: Kenya governmental institutions represent the privileged partners for the realization of both grant and loan initiatives; AICS collaborates also with international organizations (UN WOMEN, FAO, UNEP, UNIDO, UNDP E UN-DRR and with CIHEAM Bari), with Civil Society Organizations present on the territory through different channels ('Promossi', 'Affidati' and 'Global Fund' projects).

AICS is accredited for the management of European funds through the "delegated cooperation". In Kenya, AICS is collaborating with the European Union for the realization of a Programme for the development of the blue economy in coastal areas.

AICS works with research entities and with Italian Universities such as the Catholic University of Milan, the University of Pavia and ISTAT. The partnership with the private sector is realized through a dedicated tender ("Bando Profit"): ongoing initiatives are developed with the Italian companies Ibarico Srl, Idrodepurazione Srl, Treedom and 46 J.V. ALMA c.i.s SCARL.

Finally, part of the initiatives is directly implemented by the Nairobi office. Through these funds, AICS also provides technical assistance for the initiatives implemented through other channels.









Bilateral



**69,4 MEUR** Loan

**19,6 MEUR** 

Bilateral



**10,9 MEUR** Multilateral



**Fund and Profit** 

**1,6 MEUR** Global

## AID 1797 – 9.1 MEUR

### SIGOR Wei Wei Integrated Development (LOAN)

Implementing body: Government of Kenya

The project, recognized by UNEP as the best in the agro-hydraulic sector, includes a component of hydraulic infrastructures construction and a component supporting a farmers' association. The third phase of the program contributed to the development of approximately 400 hectares of irrigation perimeter, significantly improving the living conditions of the population in an arid and semi-arid area.





AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, FORESTRY, FISHERIES,



URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE



SUPPORT TO PRIVATE SECTOR



ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT FEMMINILE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND CIVIL SOCIETY



#### AID 11767 - 3.5 MEUR

#### Revamping the gourmet coffee production in Kenya

Implementing body: CEFA, AVSI and E4Impact

The project is aimed at ensuring the characterization and traceability of Kenyan coffee, promoting good farming practices and providing specific training to organizations, with the aim of increasing the value of local coffee.



#### AID 011685 - 6.4 MEUR

### Malindi Integrated Social-Health Development Programme - Phase II (LOAN)

Implementing body: Government of Kenya

The initiatives intervenes in Malindi and Margarini to promote their development mainly in the fields of education, health, infrastructure, fisheries and local governance.



### AID 012232 - 2,96 MEUR

**DEBT SWAP - 44 MEUR** 

me (KIDDP)

Kenya - Italy Debt for Development Program-

The debt contracted from Kenya with Italy has

been converted into development projects:

from 2007 to 2021, more than 123 interven-

tions in sectors such as access to water, health,

education and urban development sectors ha-

AID 012496 - 900.000 EUR (I, II e III phases)

Contrast to gender-based violence, a phenome-

na becoming particularly relevant during the

electoral period. Aics work together with the lo-

cal institutions (police, judiciary and health servi-

ces) to strengthen the response against gender-

based violence and to support awareness-

raising and the promotion of rights.

ve been financed in 26 counties.

Let it not happen again

Ente esecutore: UN WOMEN

<u>Implementing body:</u> Government of Kenya

### Business incubator and energetic innovation

Implementing body: Catholic University "Sacro Cuore" of Milan

Development of a business incubator and accelerator born from the collaboration between Aics and the Catholic University of Milan to support the development of innovative and sustainable companies in Kenya, also in connection with the Italian private sector. The initiative includes professional and university training activities on renewable energy and the distribution and maintenance of photovoltaic panels of the latest generation.



#### AID 011686 - 20,5 MEUR

### Kajiado Integrated Solid Waste Management (CREDITO)

Implementing body: Government of Kenya

Closure of the informal landfill in Ngong city and construction, in Kajiado county, of a new landfill, integrated with an innovative collection and treatment system for solid urban waste with a "waste-toenergy" mechanism for the recovery and use of bio-





#### AID 012298 - 4,75 MEUR

#### Go Blue

Implementing body: Aics

The Program is funded by the European Union and implemented in partnership between the Government of Kenya, three European countries and two UN agencies. The Italian component, developed in partnership with CIHEAM Bari, focuses on the economic development of the coastal area, with a focus on enhancing the fishing and cassava value chains and strengthening the capacities of the local partner (JKP Secretariat).

