RAWDAH YOUTH ORGANIZATION

INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE / 2026



From learning to opportunity.

Vocational and language education / Skills and employability / Institutional cooperation / Sustainable communities

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An independent Somali local NGO working to connect people, skills and institutions.

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Rawdah at a glance

2024	7	4	135
FOUNDED	BOARD MEMBERS	ITS STUDENTS ADMITTED	YOUNG PEOPLE REACHED VIA A.MI.CO.

RYO is headquartered in Mogadishu. It works through Rawdah Youth Center and collaborates with Somali institutions, universities, training providers, civil society and international counterparts.

PROFILE POSITIONING

A locally rooted implementing and capacity-building partner with a focus on human capital, employment pathways and meaningful international cooperation.

IMPORTANT READING NOTE

Figures summarize documented activities and organizational information available as of November 2026. Planned programmes are identified separately from activities already delivered. The FORLIS initiative targets a larger group of beneficiaries; four learners had secured ITS admission in the 2026 selection cycle.

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A message from the Founder

Institutional perspective on Rawdah's development and next phase.

A COMMON PURPOSE

Young people need more than training certificates. They need reliable pathways from learning to qualifications, professional opportunities, confidence and participation.

Rawdah Youth Organization was established in Mogadishu in 2024 with the conviction that education, skills and institutional cooperation can open practical opportunities for Somali youth. Our work begins with the needs of young people and communities, and expands through professional training, mentoring and partnerships.

Over the past two years, we have strengthened Italian-language provision, developed vocational pathways, supported institutional capacity-building activities and facilitated dialogue with higher education and public-sector partners. These are connected areas of work: each responds to the need for human capital, stability and sustainable development.

Our priority is to build a resilient Somali organization with clear governance, ethical practices, accountable management and local ownership. We intend to be a dependable partner for institutions and donors, while retaining an operational model that is close to beneficiaries and responsive to national priorities.

We invite universities, companies, public institutions and development partners to work with us on programmes that translate knowledge into concrete opportunities, in Somalia and through lawful international cooperation.

Dr. Ahmed Faghi Elmi

Founder & President | Rawdah Youth Organization

INSTITUTIONAL IDENTITY

ATTRIBUTE	DESCRIPTION
Legal name	Rawdah Youth Organization (RYO)
Legal nature	Independent, non-profit local NGO
Established	2024 | Somalia
Head office	Mogadishu, Banadir Region, Somalia
Operational platform	Rawdah Youth Center, Hamar Jajab district, Mogadishu

RAWDAH YOUTH ORGANIZATION / INSTITUTIONAL PROFILE

Vision, mission & principles

A focused mission, supported by broad and inclusive social-development values.

Vision

A Somalia in which young people, women, communities and institutions have the knowledge, skills and opportunities to participate fully in the country's social, economic and institutional development.

Mission

To strengthen human capital through vocational and language training, TVET, skills development and youth employability, integrated with academic guidance, institutional capacity building, inclusion, peacebuilding and national and international cooperation.

Our values

INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

Responsible management, transparent decisions and respect for people and resources.

LOCAL OWNERSHIP

Community participation and solutions rooted in Somali priorities.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

Inclusion, access for women and girls, and youth participation in leadership.

PRACTICAL INNOVATION

Adaptable methods, measurable results and sustainable partnerships.

Our institutional promise

Rawdah combines proximity to beneficiaries with cross-sector partnerships, programme delivery capacity and a commitment to transparent, ethical operations. We seek to build long-term capabilities rather than dependency on short-term activities.

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The Rawdah model

From training to real-life opportunities.

OUR DELIVERY PATHWAY

IDENTIFY → TRAIN → SUPPORT → CONNECT → MONITOR

How the model works

Identify Assess community needs, beneficiary readiness and actual training or labour-market demand.

Train Provide structured education, language learning, technical skills and practical workshops.

Support Use tutoring, mentorship, career guidance, documentation and individual accompaniment.

Connect Build pathways to higher education, qualifications, employers, institutions and networks.

Monitor Track participation, outcomes, feedback, safeguarding issues and lessons learned.

Who we serve

YOUNG PEOPLE AND JOBSEEKERS

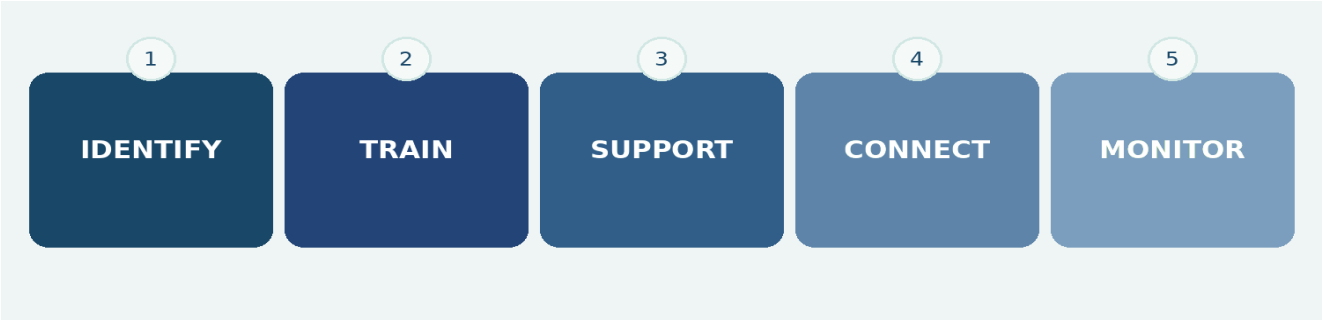
Students, graduates, early-career professionals and young entrepreneurs.

WOMEN AND COMMUNITIES

Women, vulnerable groups, institutions and diaspora contributors.

Delivery formats

Classroom and online learning; hybrid tutoring; short skills courses; technical workshops; expert lectures; institutional roundtables; career guidance and programme-linked mobility preparation.



Education, languages & academic mobility

Building educational foundations for study, professional training and international opportunity.

Italian language programmes

Rawdah delivers Italian-language instruction through classroom, online and hybrid learning. In 2026, A1 and A2 courses supported academic readiness, technical-training selection and lawful educational mobility. These language pathways are distinct from the Embassy-supported Italian art, culture and culinary project completed in February 2026.

Academic orientation and international mobility

- Guidance for university applications, further study, scholarships, masters and doctoral programmes.
- Language preparation, academic readiness and candidate support before selection or mobility.
- Coordination with higher education partners to explore structured opportunities and skills exchange.
- Individual counselling on documentation and compliance with lawful admission and mobility routes.

Certification and partnerships

Future language-certification arrangements, including any potential pathway linked to Società Dante Alighieri or PLIDA, are exploratory and should not be presented as active official accreditation or partnership until confirmed.

Programme development

Additional language pathways for public officials, diplomats and professional audiences may be developed according to institutional demand and available partnerships. The proposed levels include A1, A2 and B1.

THE OBJECTIVE

Language competence is a bridge to education, technical skills, professional networks and effective Italy–Somalia cooperation.



TVET, skills & employability

Connecting training provision with economic needs and vocational pathways.

Technical and vocational education and training

The Organization supports short, labour-market-oriented technical courses, digital skills, work readiness and the development of practical pathways through partnerships with training institutions and private employers.

Employment and entrepreneurship services

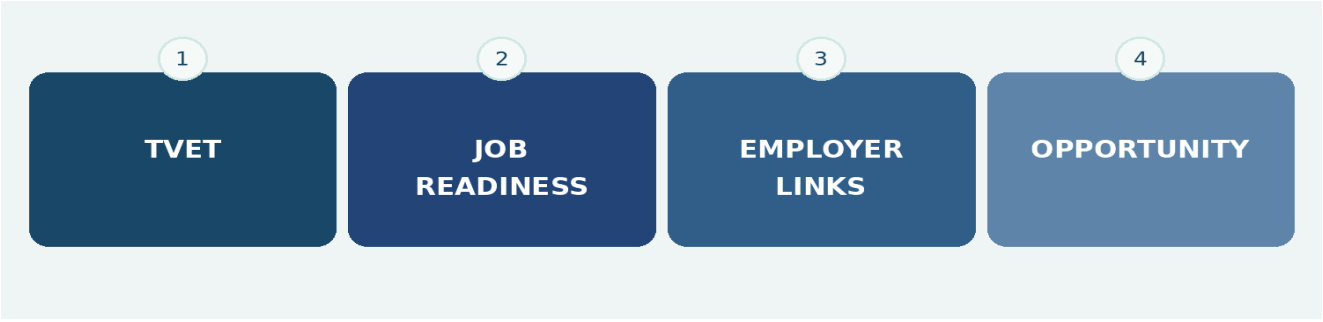
- Career counselling, CV preparation and interview readiness.
- Employer mapping, professional networking and information on labour demand.
- Workplace skills, internships and apprenticeships where suitable arrangements exist.
- Entrepreneurship awareness and practical guidance for microenterprise development.
- Preparation of candidates for lawful international training or employment routes, subject to relevant rules and selection procedures.

How programmes are designed

MARKET RELEVANCE	PATHWAY SUPPORT
Short modules developed around real skills gaps and employers' needs.	Orientation, tutoring, practical exercises and follow-up after training.

Strategic opportunity

Priority opportunities include short, employer-informed vocational modules, digital and office skills, practical logistics training, responsible recruitment and structured career guidance. Future employment pathways, including those permitted by Italian immigration rules, depend on lawful procedures, employer demand and official selection; no placement or visa is guaranteed.



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Peace, culture & community development

Using knowledge, dialogue and heritage to support stronger communities.

Peacebuilding and social cohesion

Rawdah convenes training and dialogue activities related to conflict prevention, local leadership, inclusive participation and confidence building. It supports spaces in which diverse communities can consider shared challenges and practical approaches to cooperation.

Culture, history and heritage

Cultural heritage is treated as shared memory and a resource for education, inclusion and dialogue. Rawdah contributed to cultural exhibitions and exchanges in Mogadishu in 2024–2025, delivered an Embassy-supported programme on Italian art, history and cuisine in 2025–2026, and hosted heritage-focused learning and community dialogue in 2026. Future interests include digital heritage documentation and intergenerational learning.

Youth and women's participation

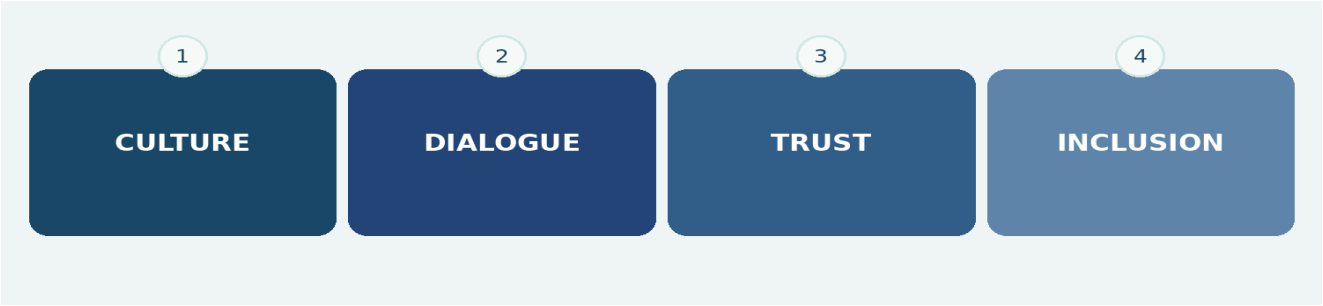
The Organization promotes access to training, civic participation, leadership opportunities and community initiatives for young people, including the meaningful participation of young women.

Broader areas within the organizational mandate

In line with the organization's public strategy, further fields for project development include environmental education and climate resilience, community health, nutrition and food security, sustainable agriculture, social inclusion, youth entrepreneurship and digital innovation. These are strategic areas of interest and should not be interpreted as programmes already delivered or funded.

DO NO HARM

In every programme, inclusion, participant safety, safeguarding and respect for affected communities are core delivery considerations.



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Project spotlight | FORLIS

Logistics training and cooperation between Somalia and Italy.

INITIATIVE / 2026–2029

FORLIS

Formazione e cooperazione per la logistica portuale e retroportuale tra Italia e Somalia

Partnership and purpose

FORLIS is supported by the Autonomous Region of Friuli Venezia Giulia and led by ANOLF FVG APS. Educational and technical cooperation involves ITS Accademia Nautica dell'Adriatico and the Trieste port system. RYO is the local implementation partner in Mogadishu. The approved total project budget is EUR 200,000 for 2026–2029; this is not a grant paid in full to Rawdah.

Rawdah's role

- Youth outreach and initial candidate identification.
- Italian-language preparation in Mogadishu and educational accompaniment.
- Candidate preparation for ITS selection and orientation.
- Coordination of documentation, communications and local logistics.
- Ongoing links between Somali stakeholders and the Italian training pathway.

14	4	2026–29
TARGET YOUTH	ADMITTED 2026	PROJECT PERIOD

Why it matters

The pathway demonstrates how home-country language learning and technical orientation can precede international vocational training. The 2026 ITS selection resulted in four admissions. The programme's broader beneficiary target must not be confused with the number already admitted.

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Project spotlight | Peace & security

Capacity building, historical knowledge and trust across communities.

SOMALIA / 2026

Training and Capacity Building for Peace and Security in Somalia

The programme connects academic expertise with Somali institutional and civil-society audiences. Its 2026 learning activities addressed federalism and governance, geopolitics, cultural heritage, conflict prevention and community dialogue.

The 2026 learning pathway

Training activities took place in Mogadishu in February and November 2026. The two phases comprised eleven modules in total, including four in November, alongside facilitated roundtables and dialogue sessions. This was a programme supported by Italy's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI).

Knowledge and dialogue themes

- Federalism, local institutions and the practical challenges of cooperation.
- Artistic and architectural heritage as a common cultural resource.
- Community trust-building and the prevention of local conflicts.
- Geopolitical change in the Horn of Africa and the wider region.
- The role of local leaders, facilitators and young people in sustained dialogue.

Operational contribution

RYO contributed venue and programme coordination, participant communications, institutional relationships, facilitation and follow-up. Academic expertise was provided by contributors from the University of Trieste and Sapienza University of Rome. The MAECI funding awarded for the initiative is EUR 41,638.55; this should not be presented as a direct grant to RYO without recipient-level documentation.

DISTINCTIVE FEATURE

A practical approach linking university-based knowledge, community participation and local institutional dialogue.

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Project spotlight | A.MI.CO. Award

Establishing the Rawdah education and youth engagement platform.

COMPLETED / AUGUST 2024–MAY 2025

Project and partnership

The IOM Italy A.MI.CO. Award supported the establishment and initial operations of the Rawdah Youth Education and Aggregation Centre in Mogadishu. ANOLF FVG APS served as lead organization, with SAGAL APS and Rawdah Youth Organization contributing to the partnership and local delivery.

Activities delivered

Centre set-up and staff development; Italian-language and civic-learning courses; youth counselling for study and employment; entrepreneurship events; cultural exchange, diaspora outreach and institutional roundtables.

Reported project results

135	412	26
YOUNG PEOPLE ENGAGED	EVENT PARTICIPATIONS	INITIAL ITALIAN LEARNERS

Evidence and interpretation

The final A.MI.CO. narrative report recorded 135 young people involved in centre services and 412 participations at events. These are distinct measures and should not be combined into one unique-beneficiary total. The programme also reported educational guidance to more than 78 young people.

Funding: IOM award EUR 9,000; partner co-financing EUR 10,100; total project budget EUR 19,100.

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Project spotlight | Italian art, culture & history

Language, cultural heritage and culinary education connecting Italy and Somalia.

COMPLETED / DECEMBER 2025–FEBRUARY 2026

Embassy-supported cultural initiative

Rawdah Youth Organization implemented “Arte, Cultura e Storia: un percorso interattivo sull’Italia tra patrimonio artistico e formazione culinaria” with support from the Embassy of Italy in Mogadishu. The programme integrated Italian language practice, art, history and regional culinary traditions as opportunities for intercultural learning.

Activities delivered

Three learning modules covered introductory Italian, guided conversation and the vocabulary of Italian cuisine. Multimedia sessions explored Friuli Venezia Giulia, Lombardy and Sicily. Practical culinary workshops were delivered with Blue Bakery, supported by online instruction from Professor Ornella Urpis.

Reported project results

48	48	~100
YOUNG PEOPLE TRAINED	CERTIFICATES AWARDED	PUBLIC EVENT PARTICIPANTS

Completion and significance

The initiative concluded in February 2026. Its final activity report records 48 young Somali participants receiving beginner-level attendance certificates and an institutional cultural event attended by approximately 100 people. The programme is separate from subsequent A1–A2 language cycles.

Embassy of Italy in Mogadishu support confirmed by RYO: EUR 20,000.

Cooperation across institutions

Building bridges without confusing dialogue with formal partnership.

Somalia–Italy university cooperation

Rawdah supports connections among Somali and Italian universities and training bodies. Areas of interest include international relations, cultural heritage, research, teaching exchanges, technical training and mobility. Dialogue includes Somali National University and academic counterparts in Italy.

Institutional dialogue

The Organization engages with relevant Somali ministries, public institutions, academic actors, diplomatic missions, the private sector and civil society. Dialogue is used to identify needs and potential cooperation, not to imply endorsement or a formal agreement in every case.

Partnership categories

CATEGORY	MEANING
Funding partners / donors	Entities providing financing to defined activities.
Implementing partners	Organizations jointly delivering specified programmes.
Academic & technical partners	Universities and institutes contributing teaching or technical expertise.
Institutional partners	Organizations with established, documented cooperation.
Institutional relations	Constructive dialogue without implying a binding partnership.

International outlook

RYO aims to deepen cooperation with actors in Somalia, Italy, Europe and the wider international community. Prospective donor outreach, including cultural-heritage discussions with UNESCO and other agencies, is an opportunity for partnership development and does not itself imply any funded or formal partnership.



Selected activities | 2024–2026

A record of delivered work, distinguished from future proposals.

PERIOD	SELECTED CONTRIBUTIONS / ACTIVITIES
AUG 2024–MAY 2025	IOM A.MI.CO. Award: establishment and operation of the Rawdah education and youth centre with ANOLF FVG APS and SAGAL APS; Italian courses, youth guidance, enterprise and cultural meetings. Reported 135 young people engaged and 412 event participations.
DEC 2025–FEB 2026	Embassy of Italy–supported Art, Culture and History programme: Italian language, history and regional cuisine; 48 trainees completed activities and received attendance certificates; an institutional cultural event attracted approximately 100 attendees.
APR–OCT 2026	Additional Italian-language A1–A2 cycles at Rawdah Youth Center, with lessons, assessments and study / technical-training orientation. Distinct from the completed Embassy cultural programme.
2026 · FORLIS	Local selection preparation and language support; 14-person project target, four students (two women and two men) admitted to an ITS logistics programme in Trieste. Full project continues through 2029.
FEB & NOV 2026	MAECI-supported peace and security capacity building in Mogadishu; eleven total learning modules across two phases, with four in November, plus community dialogue and heritage-focused roundtables.

Programme evidence includes course records, participant lists, training materials, certificates, communications and institutional event documentation. Where partner reports or attendance registers give more precise figures, those primary records take precedence over a general organizational profile.

Documented projects & funding | 2024–2026

Transparent distinction between project funding, consortium budgets and Rawdah's delivery role.

REPORTED FUNDING / ORGANIZATIONAL RECORDS

PROGRAMME / STATUS	AMOUNT	FUNDING BASIS
A.MI.CO. Award | 2024–2025	EUR 19,100 total project budget	EUR 9,000 IOM award + EUR 10,100 partner co-financing.
Italian Art, Culture & History | 2025–2026	EUR 20,000	Embassy of Italy in Mogadishu support; completed February 2026.
Peace & Security Capacity Building | 2026	EUR 41,638.55	MAECI funding awarded for the programme.
FORLIS | 2026–2029	EUR 200,000	Three-year partnership budget; lead organization ANOLF FVG APS.

How to interpret the figures

Amounts refer to approved support or total project budgets, according to the relevant programme. They should not be added together and described as funding received directly by Rawdah. In particular, FORLIS is a multi-partner project led by ANOLF FVG APS, and the A.MI.CO. total includes partner co-financing.

Programme accountability

RYO contributes local delivery, beneficiary contact, training coordination and institutional engagement. Formal reporting responsibility, donor conditions and financial disbursement arrangements are determined by each agreement. Supporting reports and grant documentation should be retained for institutional due diligence.

The funding amounts shown reflect the values confirmed for this institutional profile. The underlying signed agreements, award letters and final financial records remain the authoritative evidence for reporting.

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Governance & leadership

An accountable seven-member Board, including two youth representatives.

Governance framework

The Organization operates under its Constitution and internal governance framework. The Board has seven appointed members: five adults and two youth representatives. The governance and operational framework entered into force on 2 November 2026 following Board approval.

BOARD MEMBER	ROLE
Dr. Ahmed Faghi Elmi	Founder, President & Chairman of the Board
Mustaf Ali Osman	Board member; President's General Delegate and Head of Administration & Operations
Hawa Iman	Vice President
Najada Kurti	Board member; General Director of Education & Training
Asad Mohamed Ahmed	Board member
Ahmad Abdirahman Ahmad	Youth Representative
Hana Aden Abukar	Youth Representative

Operational separation

Institutional oversight is separated from programme delivery. Mustaf Ali Osman coordinates administrative and daily operations in Mogadishu, while Najada Kurti leads educational quality and training activities. The statutory Executive Director position remains unfilled at this stage.

DOCUMENT CONTROL

Governance approval: 2 November 2026 | Board resolution: RYO/BR/2026/0001.

Integrity, safeguarding & quality

Policies that protect people, resources and institutional trust.

Institutional policies

The Board approved the institutional governance framework on 2 November 2026 and established policy areas covering ethical conduct, financial accountability, safeguarding and operational controls. Rawdah is strengthening the related written procedures, staff guidance, implementation and regular review.

CONDUCT & INTEGRITY

Code of Conduct; Anti-Fraud and Anti-Corruption; Conflict of Interest; Whistleblowing.

PROTECTION & INCLUSION

Safeguarding; PSEA/SEAH; Data Protection and Privacy.

RESOURCES & OVERSIGHT

Financial and Accounting; Banking and Signatory; Procurement; Delegations.

PEOPLE & PERFORMANCE

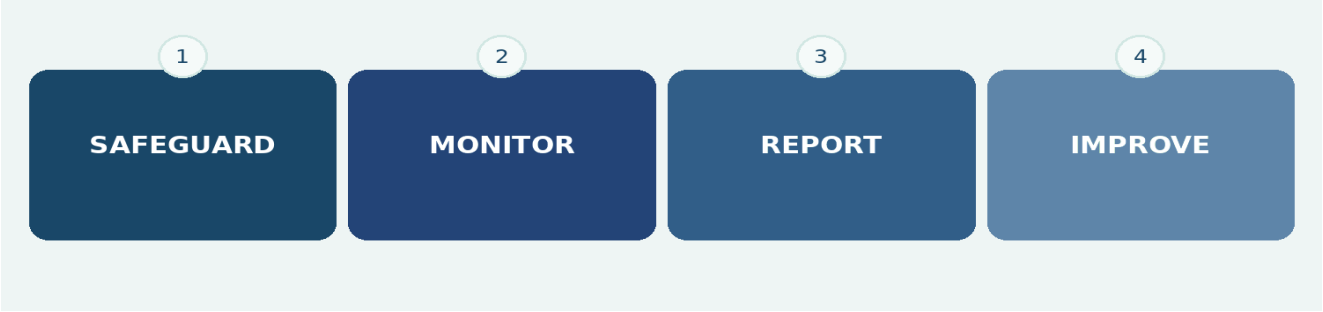
Human Resources; Risk Management; Governance; Monitoring and Evaluation.

Monitoring, evaluation and learning

Programme management is being strengthened through beneficiary registration, attendance monitoring, output and outcome indicators, feedback mechanisms, financial reporting and use of lessons learned. Data protection and safeguarding requirements apply throughout programme delivery.

Financial accountability

RYO's internal control model seeks to separate the request for expenditure, authorization, payment execution, accounting and bank reconciliation. Donor-specific procedures take precedence where required and consistent with applicable law.



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Priorities 2026–2030

Growing with focus, compliance and measurable impact.

Strategic agenda

Professionalize delivery Clear management roles, staff development, stronger financial procedures and fit-for-purpose systems.

Scale practical learning TVET, Italian language, digital skills, and links between training and labour-market demand.

Strengthen opportunity pathways Scholarships, internships, technical qualifications, career guidance and lawful international mobility.

Support inclusive communities Women's empowerment, youth leadership, cultural heritage and peacebuilding.

Deepen evidence and trust Monitoring, safeguarding, donor reporting and accountable partnership management.

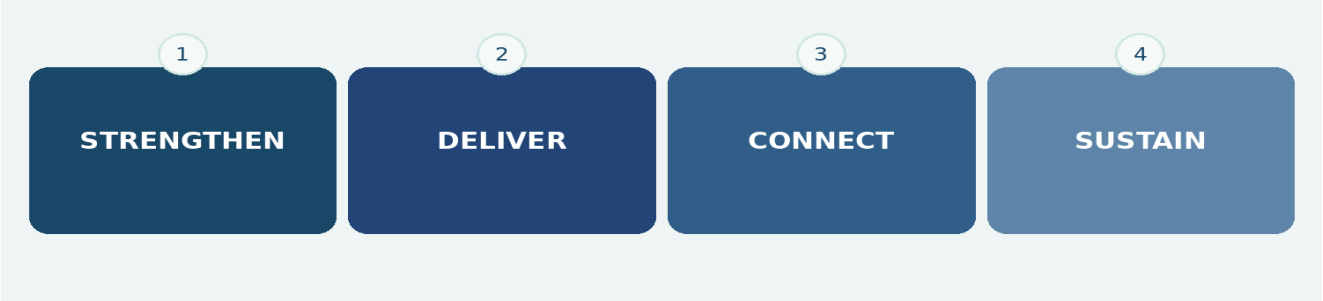
Diversify sustainable support Institutional funding, implementation partnerships, private-sector links and diaspora engagement.

Where partners can contribute

RYO welcomes co-designed, adequately funded initiatives in technical education, short vocational courses, academic exchange, cultural heritage, social cohesion, women's participation, entrepreneurship, environmental stewardship and institutional capacity building.

PARTNERSHIP APPROACH

Defined objectives. Shared responsibilities. Safeguarding and financial controls. Reporting on tangible results.



Programmes in development | 2027–2030

A forward-looking portfolio for co-design and resource mobilization — not a list of funded commitments.

PIPELINE	PROPOSED PROGRAMME / PARTNERSHIP MODEL
01 Skills & TVET	Short, employer-informed modules in digital literacy, office skills, logistics and other locally relevant occupations; practical job readiness and trainee follow-up.
02 Education & mobility	Italian-language pathways and guidance for university, scholarship, master's and doctoral opportunities; future certification options only after formal arrangements.
03 Employment pathways	Employer outreach, training plans, ethical recruitment information and candidate preparation for lawful work mobility, including Italy's regulated entry channels where applicable.
04 Partnerships & grants	Develop donor intelligence, concept notes, proposals, monitoring budgets and institutional partnerships; explore culture and heritage with potential agencies including UNESCO.
05 Community & women	Youth participation, women's leadership, inter-community dialogue, cultural protection and locally led peacebuilding.
06 Green & enterprise skills	Environmental education, urban greening, practical entrepreneurship and sustainable community livelihood pilots, subject to resources and local demand.

Proposed organizational support

A future Programs Development, Partnerships & Fundraising Coordinator would support opportunity mapping, proposal drafting, employer relations, activity plans and donor reporting, working with the President, General Delegate and education team. This is a proposed professional position, not a filled post or a statutory Board role.

All pipeline activities require appropriate funding, staff, safeguarding, partner due diligence and management approval before launch.

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Work with Rawdah

Practical cooperation rooted in Mogadishu, connected internationally.

OUR POSITION

Local knowledge + Learning infrastructure + Institutional relationships + Implementation capacity

What we offer partners

- Beneficiary outreach, participant selection support and follow-up.
- Training programme coordination and access to an operational learning center.
- Local stakeholder engagement and facilitation for institutional dialogue.
- Hybrid course organization and coordination with academic specialists.
- Programme monitoring and donor-aligned reporting.

Priority fields for collaboration

Technical and vocational education; Italian language and international academic mobility; skills and employability; heritage and cultural cooperation; social cohesion; institutional capacity building; youth and women's empowerment.

CONTACT	DETAIL
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PROFILE NOTES

Prepared for institutional communication and partnership development. Figures refer to projects and partnerships, not necessarily funds transferred directly to RYO. Results from different initiatives may involve overlapping beneficiaries and must not be added as unique people reached. Completed activities are distinguished from proposals not yet funded or launched. November 2026 revised edition.