**About Us**

Minority Rights Organizations (MRO) Consortium is a pioneering minority-led organization based in Somalia, dedicated to championing the rights and interests of marginalized communities. Founded and operated by minority groups themselves, our consortium serves as a crucial platform for advocacy, support, and collaboration.

Our mission is to empower minority communities by addressing systemic injustices and promoting equitable treatment. We focus on influencing policy reforms, providing resources and training to minority-led organizations, and fostering a collaborative environment to tackle common challenges. Through our initiatives, we work to amplify the voices of those who are often unheard and to drive meaningful change at both local and national levels.

Guided by our core values of empowerment, equity, integrity, and collaboration, the MRO Consortium is committed to advancing human rights and social justice. We offer a range of services, including advocacy campaigns, NGO certification, coordination of joint efforts, and representation in key forums. Our goal is to build a more inclusive society where minority groups can thrive and fully participate in all aspects of public life.

**Our Core Values**

At the Minority Rights Organizations (MRO) Consortium, which is exclusively owned and managed by minority groups in Somalia, we are committed to:

* **Empowerment**: Uplifting and empowering minority communities through advocacy and support.
* **Equity**: Ensuring fair and equal treatment for all minority groups.
* **Integrity**: Upholding the highest standards of transparency and accountability in all our endeavors.
* **Collaboration**: Fostering a spirit of partnership and cooperation among minority-led organizations and stakeholders.

**Consortium Mandate**

The MRO Consortium is dedicated to addressing and advancing the rights of minority groups in Somalia. Our mandate includes:

* **Advocacy for Minority Rights**: Promoting and defending the rights and interests of minorities in national and local contexts.
* **Support for Minority-Led Initiatives**: Offering resources and assistance to organizations and projects led by minority communities.
* **Strengthening Minority Voices**: Ensuring that the voices of minorities are heard and represented in decision-making processes.

**Consortium Structure & Management**

Our organizational structure is designed to ensure effective management and governance:

* **Board of Directors**: Composed of leaders from minority communities, providing strategic direction and oversight.
* **Executive Management Team**: Manages day-to-day operations and implements the board’s strategic decisions.
* **Secretariat**: Handles administrative tasks, including communication, logistics, and member support.

**Strategy**

Our strategic approach involves:

* **Advocacy and Policy Reform**: Engaging with policymakers to drive legislative changes that benefit minority groups.
* **Capacity Building**: Enhancing the skills and capabilities of minority-led organizations through training and support.
* **Research and Data Collection**: Conducting research to inform advocacy efforts and track progress.
* **Networking and Partnerships**: Building alliances with national and international organizations to amplify our impact.

**Activities**

**NGO-Certification**

The NGO-Certification program is designed to:

* **Validate Standards**: Ensure that minority-led organizations adhere to best practices and ethical standards.
* **Certification Process**: Includes a thorough review of organizational practices and impact, conducted by a panel of experts.
* **Benefits**: Provides certified organizations with greater credibility, access to resources, and enhanced networking opportunities.

**Advocacy**

Our advocacy efforts focus on:

* **Policy Campaigns**: Running campaigns to raise awareness and promote legislative changes for minority rights.
* **Government Engagement**: Working directly with government officials to influence policy and decision-making.
* **Community Advocacy**: Supporting grassroots efforts to address local issues and promote minority interests.

**Coordination**

Coordination activities include:

* **Collaborative Projects**: Organizing joint initiatives and programs that leverage the strengths of multiple minority-led organizations.
* **Resource Sharing**: Facilitating access to tools, knowledge, and best practices among consortium members.
* **Event Management**: Coordinating events such as conferences, workshops, and forums to foster dialogue and collaboration.

**Representation**

We represent minority communities in:

* **National Forums**: Engaging with Somali governmental bodies and national institutions to advocate for minority rights.
* **International Platforms**: Participating in global discussions and forums to bring attention to minority issues in Somalia.
* **Public Advocacy**: Utilizing media and public speaking opportunities to promote the rights and needs of minority communities.

**Information Sharing**

We ensure that valuable information is shared through:

* **Newsletters**: Providing regular updates on consortium activities, advocacy efforts, and relevant issues.
* **Reports and Publications**: Sharing research findings, impact reports, and policy papers.
* **Online Resources**: Maintaining a digital platform with access to essential documents and information.

**Working Groups**

Our working groups focus on:

* **Human Rights Monitoring**: Tracking and reporting on human rights conditions affecting minority groups in Somalia.
* **Legal Support**: Offering legal assistance and advocacy to address rights violations.
* **Cultural Preservation**: Working to safeguard and promote the cultural heritage of minority communities.

**Twinning Program**

The Twinning Program aims to:

* **Enhance Collaboration**: Pair minority-led organizations with other entities to share knowledge and expertise.
* **Strengthen Capacities**: Support the development and effectiveness of participating organizations through mutual learning.
* **Foster Innovation**: Encourage new approaches and solutions to common challenges faced by minority communities.

**Additional Services**

We provide a range of additional services including:

* **Training Workshops**: Offering sessions on advocacy, organizational management, and other relevant skills.
* **Consulting Services**: Providing expert advice and support for program development and implementation.
* **Resource Development**: Creating and distributing tools and materials to support the work of minority-led organizations.

**Bord Advisers**

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| Access for Relief and Development (ACRED) | [www.acred.org](http://www.acred.org) |
| Daami Youth Development Organization (DYDO) | [www.dydo.net](http://www.dydo.net) |
| International Development Association of Africa (IDAA) | [www.idaainternational.org](http://www.idaainternational.org) |
| Juba Valley Development Center (JVDC) | [www.jvdc.org](http://www.jvdc.org) |
| Livelihood Relief and Development Organization (LRDO) | [www.lrdo.org](http://www.lrdo.org) |
| Marginalized Communities Advocacy Network (MCAN) | [www.mcan-africa.org](http://www.mcan-africa.org) |
| Puntland Minority Women Development Organization (PMWDO) | [www.pmwdo.org](http://www.pmwdo.org) |
| Save Minority Women and Children (SMWC) | [www.smwc.site](http://www.smwc.site) |
| Voice of Somali Minority Women Organization (VOSOMWO) | [www.vosomwo.org](http://www.vosomwo.org) |

**Membership**

**Join**

Become a member of the MRO Consortium to contribute to and benefit from our efforts:

* **Application Process**: Submit an application form detailing your organization’s focus and commitment to minority rights.
* **Membership Benefits**: Access to resources, networking opportunities, and participation in collaborative projects.
* **Eligibility**: Organizations must be minority-led and demonstrate a commitment to advancing minority rights.

**ODK Link**

To apply for membership, please complete the application form here. (Insert actual ODK link.)

**Current Members**

View our current members to see who is part of the consortium:

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**Feature Stories**

Read about the impact and success of our work and that of our members:

* **Case Studies**: In-depth stories of successful initiatives and projects led by consortium members.
* **Member Spotlights**: Highlights of achievements and contributions from individual members.
* **Impact Narratives**: Accounts of positive changes and outcomes resulting from our collective efforts.

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