Founded in 1993, ACTED is an International non-governmental organization with headquarters in Paris, France. Independent, private and not-for-profit, ACTED respects a strict neutrality and impartiality in its decisions and programmes, and operates according to non-discrimination and transparency principles.

**Our Vision:** Since 1993, as the second French NGO, ACTED has been committed to immediate humanitarian relief to support those in urgent need and protect people’s dignity, while co-creating longer term opportunities for sustainable growth and fulfilling people’s potential.

**Our values:** Independent, private and nonprofit, French NGO ACTED (operating under the French law Association 1901) respects a strict political and religious impartiality, and operates following principles of non-discrimination, transparency, according to its core values: responsibility, impact, enterprising-spirit and inspiration.

**Our Mission:** ACTED endeavors to respond to humanitarian crises and build resilience; promote inclusive and sustainable growth; co-construct effective governance and support the building of civil society worldwide by investing in people and their potential.

**ACTED PROGRAM PILLARS**
**ACTED in Kenya**

ACTED has been operational in Kenya since 2008. Our **principal objective** is to contribute to strengthening preparedness and emergency response capacities of vulnerable communities in northern Kenya, through building their capacities to anticipate, respond to and recover from the negative impacts of natural shocks.

ACTED has programming experience in Early Warning Systems, Community Managed Disaster Risk Reduction (CMDRR), Food Security and Livelihoods, Water Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) and resilience building.

**Situation analysis**

Kenya is prone to multiple recurrent natural and man-made disasters such as droughts, floods, landslides, earthquakes, urban and forest fires, human and animal diseases, conflicts, and epidemics, which undermine the country’s development gains.

An estimated 2.7 million people in the pastoral and marginal areas of Kenya are in need of humanitarian assistance. The Arid and Semi-Arid Lands are highly vulnerable to climate change and climate variability, leading to increased levels of poverty, land degradation, unequal access to basic services, low productivity in agriculture and livestock sectors and human conflict.

Other factors impacting food security include, higher food prices and reduced household incomes.
In Kenya we are currently working in the Arid and semi-arid Lands (ASALs) of Mandera, Samburu and West Pokot Counties.
What does ACTED do in Kenya?

During emergencies, ACTED implements lifesaving WASH, Food Security and Livelihood interventions to support vulnerable populations with access to basic goods and services as well as protecting critical livelihood assets. ACTED is also implementing the sixth phase of ECHO-funded Resilience Programming in the Arid and Semi-Arid Lands (ASALs), supporting Natural Resource Management (NRM), Disaster Risk Management (DRM) & Early Warning Systems (EWS) including conflict mitigation, livelihood support, market access, emergency response and mapping. ACTED is also pursuing cross-border opportunities leveraging our strategic positioning both along the Uganda-Kenya and the Kenya-Somalia border regions.

How does ACTED work?

ACTED works in partnership with the National Government, through the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and the County Governments of Samburu and Mandera. In collaboration with the NDMA, ACTED strengthens national and County Early Warning Systems to ensure timely emergency response to natural emergencies.

Through the Community Disaster Management Committees, ACTED promotes community participation, Government accountability in service delivery and conflict prevention and mitigation. This ensures that communities are able to design locally appropriate early warning systems and disaster risk reduction plans with an aim of integrating these into the county contingency and response plans.
Partnerships and Consortia

In Kenya, ACTED is a member of the Building Resilience through Innovation, Gender sensitiveness, Humanity and Transparency (BRIGHT) consortium with Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany, Action Against Hunger, Welt Hunger Hilfe with technical support from Transparency International and REACH Initiative. The Consortium, through funding from European Commission Humanitarian Aid And Civil Protection (ECHO), works towards building sustainable and resilient livelihoods for vulnerable communities in Kenya.

Globally, ACTED is a member of important global humanitarian partnerships and networks such as the Core Humanitarian Standards (CHS) Alliance, Alliance2015, InterAction, International Council of the Humanitarian Agencies (ICVA), Voluntary Organizations in Cooperation in Emergencies (VOICE), Coordination SUD and Cash Learning Partnerships (CaLP).

Currently, ACTED Kenya is receiving funding from European Commission Humanitarian Aid And Civil Protection and Food and Agriculture Organization.