

NIRA's Digital ID — Somalia Rebuilds a National Identity System From Near-Zero Coverage, Passing 1.5 Million Enrolments

AI in the Public Sector · Good practice · Somalia

Quality score: 47/100

Evidence strength: Moderate

Summary

Somalia's ID authority NIRA has registered more than 1.5 million citizens since its 2023 launch (per a 20 Sept 2026 World ID Day update), using AI-based deduplication where under 16% of citizens previously had any government ID. Banks and 24+ services now require the ID.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured public value	2/3
Transparency, fairness & accountability	1/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability beyond pilot	1/3
Governance, capability & sustainability	1/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-09-24

[National Identification and Registration Authority \(NIRA\), Federal Government of Somalia](#) — accessed 2026-09-24

[Hiiraan Online](#) — accessed 2026-09-24

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