



## 4.2. Cards issued and NIRA offices

As of November 2025, the NIRA had reportedly issued, free of charge, more than 1 million IDs nationwide, while other tens of thousand's applications were still pending.[350](#) Still according to the WB, as of 31 March 2026, approximately 700 000 physical cards had been issued at country level, with most of them in Mogadishu, while another 600 000 plus registered biometrics were awaiting their deduplication by June 2026.[351](#)

By November 2025, NIRA offices were operational in Benadir, South-West State, Hirshabelle, and Galmudug, but not in Somaliland, Puntland, and Jubbaland.[352](#) As of March 2026 they were operational in North-East State, notably in the capital, Las Anod, as well as in Buhodle and Huddun.[353](#) According to the WB, as of 1 April 2026, registration was possible in several embassies as well.[354](#)

In Mogadishu, on 18 August 2025, NIRA launched its foundational ID mass registration campaign, focusing on the districts of Shangani and Boondheer, with the ultimate goal to register all '3.5' million Mogadishu's residents.[355](#)

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