



NIRA PRESENTATION

**NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION &
REGISTRATION AUTHORITY**



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Identification and Registration Journey



- The evolution of identification systems in Somalia has been marked by gradual progress. Before and after independence, the country primarily relied on traditional paper methods. Key challenges, including poor infrastructure and a nomadic lifestyle, have historically constrained the uptake of identification.
- Despite these hurdles, the early years of independent Somalia saw a significant rise in identification and registration, particularly in urban centres, driven by increased literacy and expanded social services. The National ID system once linked crucial areas such as health, education, insurance, and housing.
- However, the civil war in 1991 devastated the existing identification framework, resulting in fragmented efforts to establish a cohesive identification system. These attempts fell short of fulfilling the need for a comprehensive National ID.
- Reconstituting the National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA) has emerged as a vital catalyst for the government's transformation agenda, aiming to unify and modernize national identification.

Institutional Framework



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- The Data Protection law passed in March 2023,

Approved Regulations and Procedures

Emblem Regulation

National Fees Regulation

Public Registration and Identification Regulation

Authority Board Formation Regulations

NIRA's Mission

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Philosophy

Vision

One Unique Identity for All: Enabling Seamless Service Access anytime, anywhere.



Mission

The Authority empowers residents to exercise their rights, access public services and propel the nation's socio-economic development by issuing a trusted, secure, robust, digital identity for citizens and legal residents through harnessing digital infrastructure and innovation.

Philosophy

Fundamental Right: Every Somali citizen and Legal Resident has the inherent right to a legal identity.

- Gateway to Services: The national ID is critical to accessing essential services and opportunities.
- Empowerment: Ensures that citizens and Legal Residents are recognized and valued in society.
- Inclusivity: Promotes a system that leaves no one behind, regardless of background or location.
- Strengthening Unity: Fosters national cohesion by providing a standardized identification framework.





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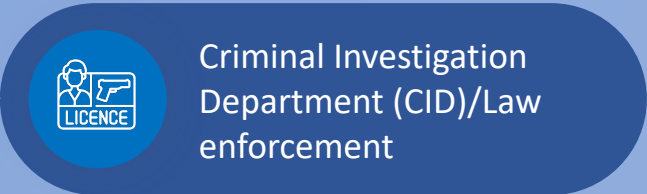
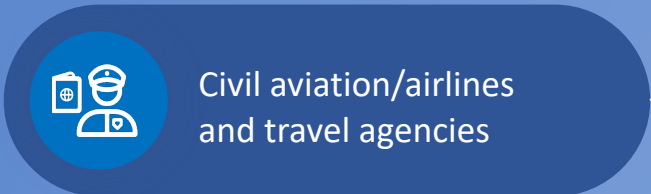
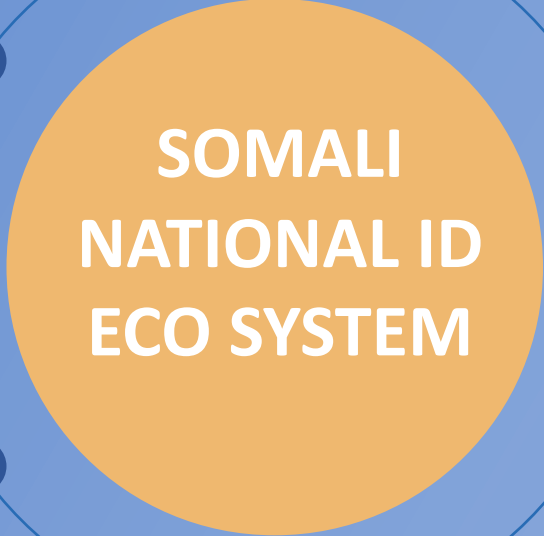
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The big elephant

- ✓ **Several governmental and non-governmental agencies undertake biometric registration for different purposes.**
- ✓ **High probability of duplication as systems lack interconnectivity.**
- ✓ **Data privacy and ownership concerns.**
- ✓ **Fraud and aid diversion.**
- ✓ **Poor targeting (Social Protection Programs Beneficiaries)**





Multifaceted Benefits



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Accuracy of records : Currently UN agencies and NGOs register at household level which will put number SPP at 9.5 Million if all members in a family were registered (WFP report 2018)

Economic Inclusion (for instance, before the ID in India, 20% had the access to financial inclusion, after implementation of the ID, the 80% of the population get the access to financial inclusion).

In Somali case, only 5% of the population are estimated to have active bank accounts (UNIDO, 2020) where 80% of the Somali population lacks any proper/legal identification documents





Multifaceted Benefits

Economic Growth (Digital ID is powerful key to inclusive growth, A 2019 McKinsey Global Institute report on digital inclusion found that widespread adoption of digital ID systems could unlock economic value equivalent to 3-13% of global GDP by 2030 .

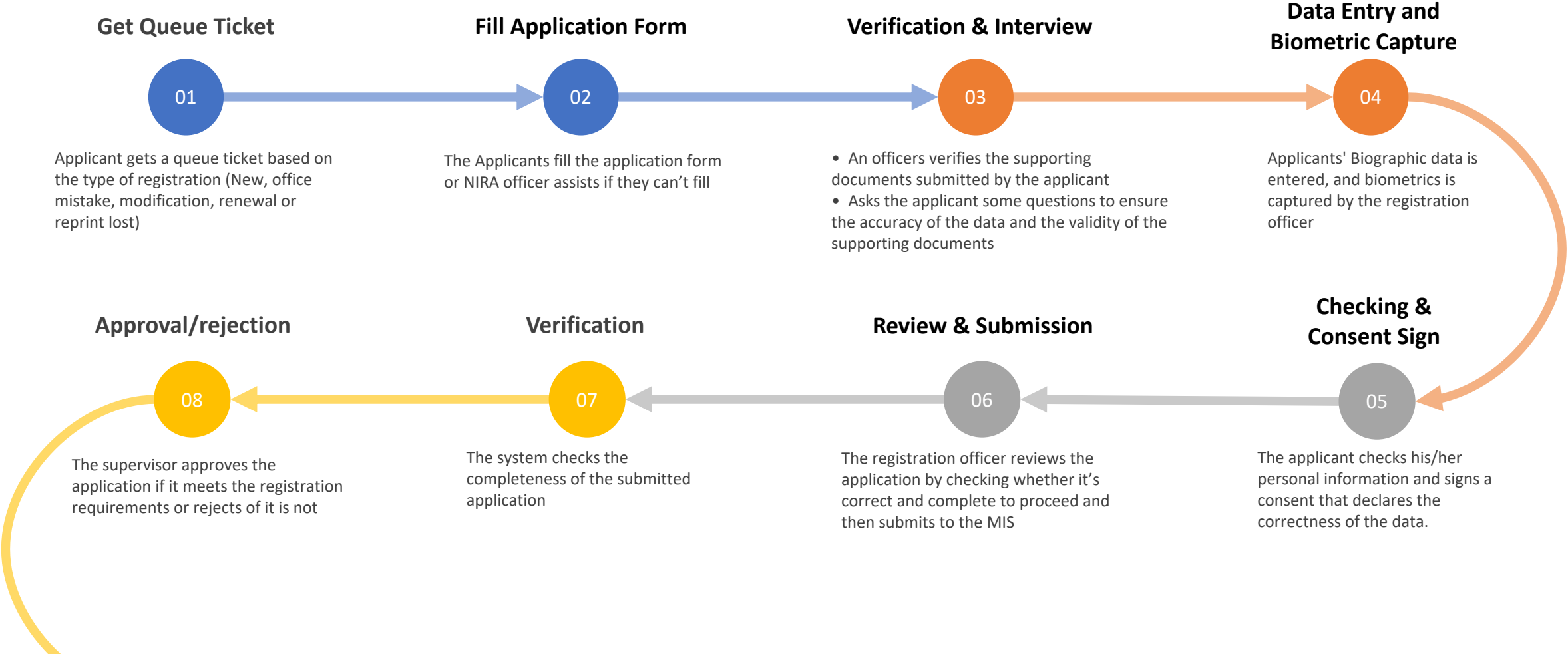
Support for Displaced Populations
(more than 3.8 million people are estimated to be displaced persons)
Improve Governance,
Transparency and Accountability
(Modernization of Public
administration in digital services)

- Streamlines verification, reduces fraud, and combat AML/CFT
- Compliance with KYC
- Interoperability Across Systems/Sectors
- Facilitation of Domestic Transportation
- Establishment of one source of truth (biometric database)

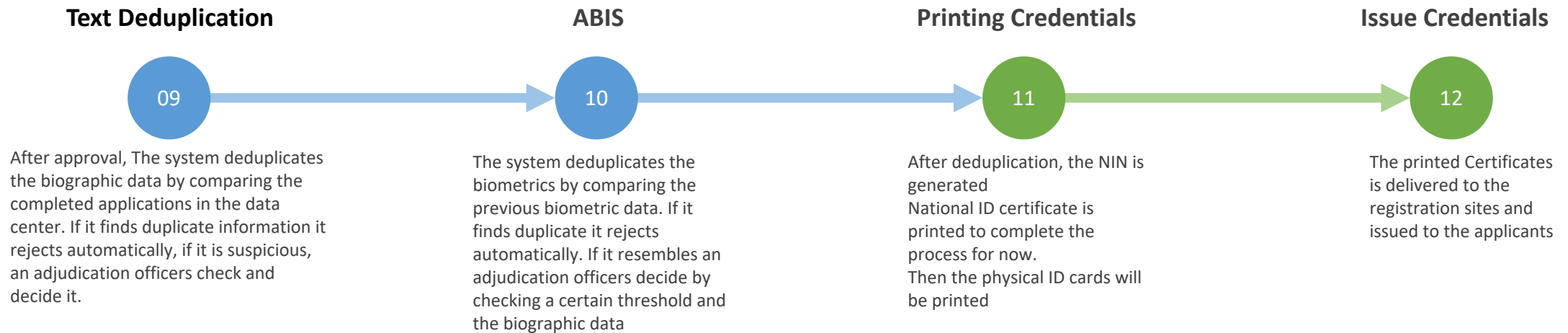


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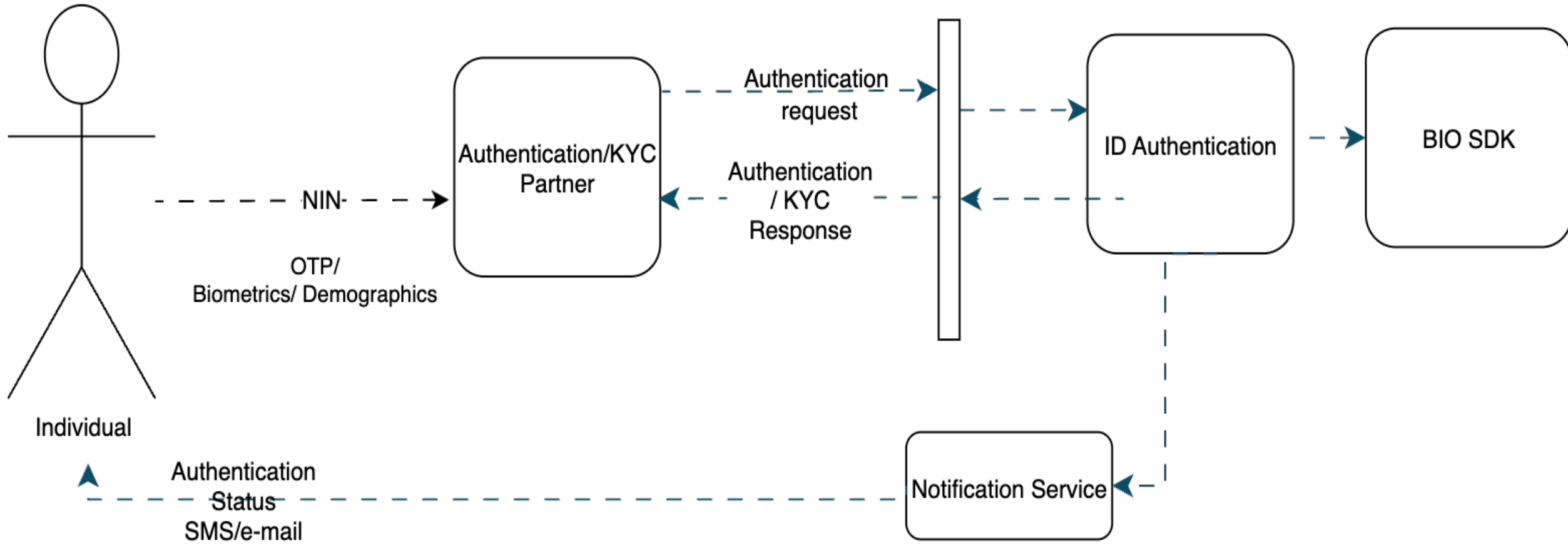
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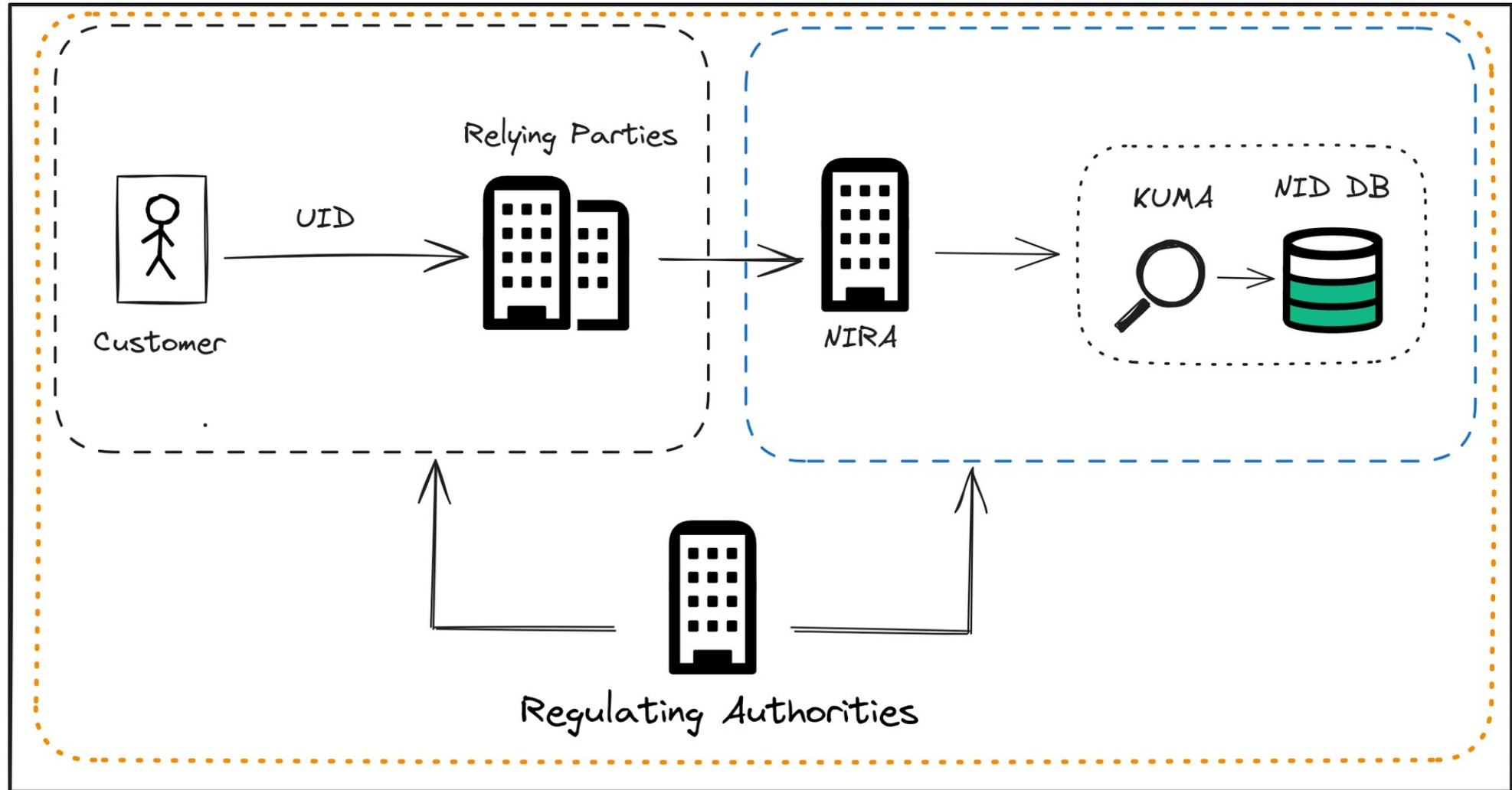
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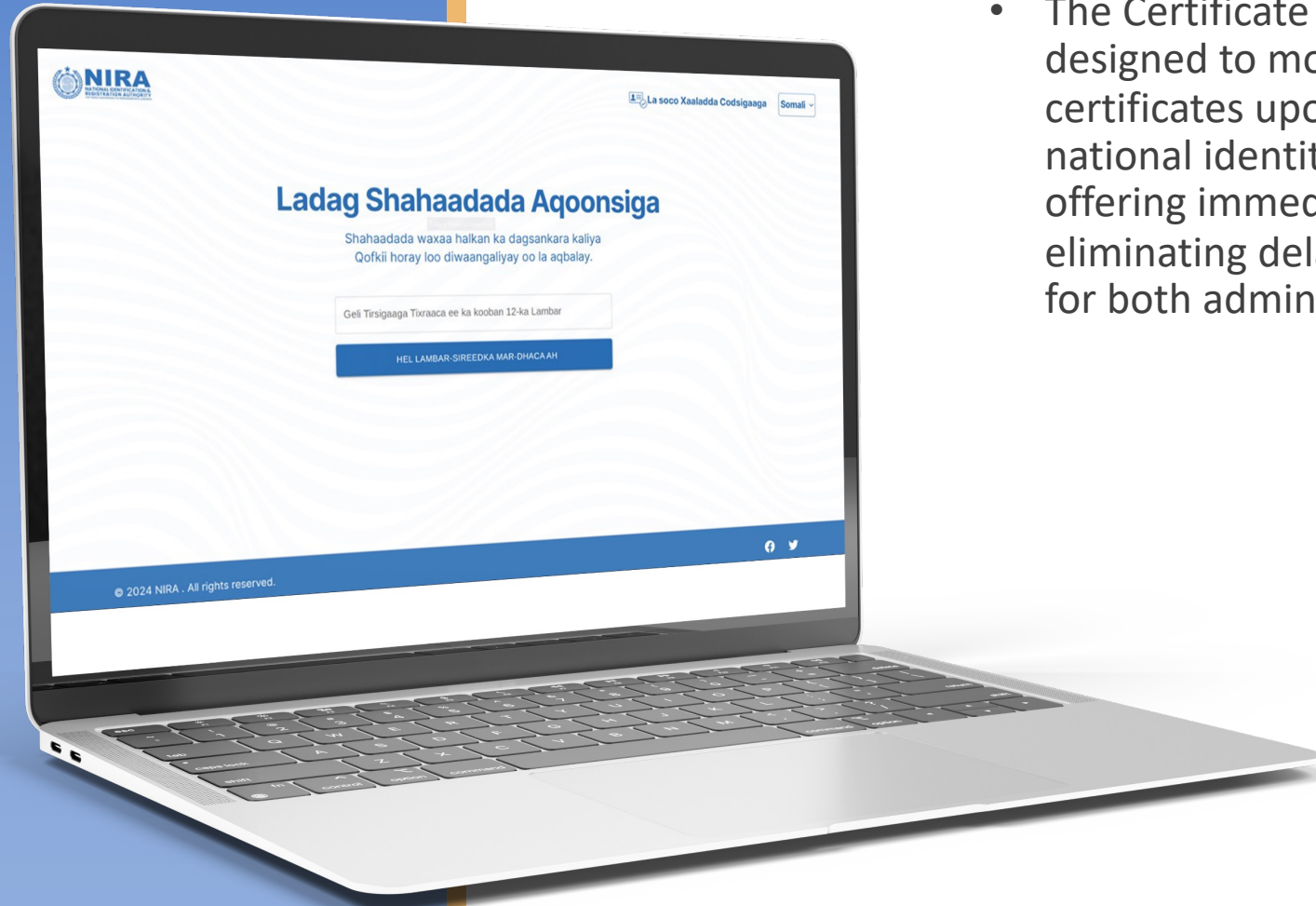
Verification system



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Certificate Delivery System (CDS)



- The Certificate Delivery System is a pioneering platform designed to modernize and accelerate the distribution of certificates upon the final confirmation of registering the national identity. It transforms conventional methods by offering immediate digital access to certificates, thereby eliminating delays and enhancing the overall experience for both administrators and recipients.

Data Protection



Oath: Upon hiring, all data administrators swear an oath and sign a data protection agreement



Data Minimization: Collecting only the data that is strictly necessary.



Purpose Limitation: Data is only used for the reasons it was collected.



Transparency: Clearly explaining data use policies.



Security: Implementing state-of-the-art encryption and security protocols.



User Consent: Giving the person the control over his/her own data.



Hubiye Platform



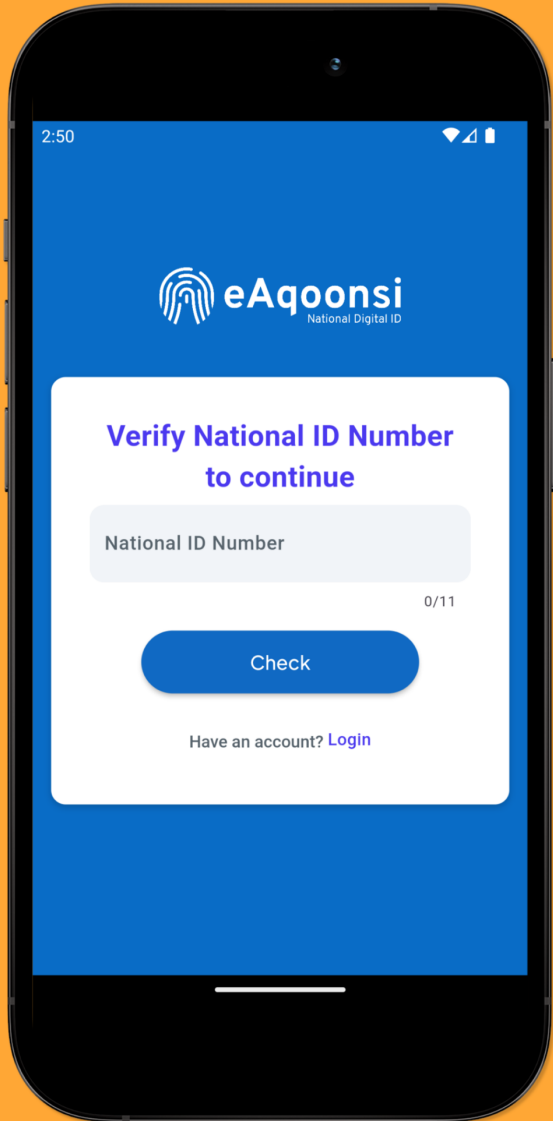
Hubiye is a digital platform enabling reliable identity verification for relying parties.

- **User-Friendly Interface**
- **Administration Portal**
- **Client Portal**
- **Regulator Portal**
- **Metrics and Reporting**
- **Consent-Based System**



eAqoonsi

National Digital ID



eAqoonsi is Somalia's innovative approach to digital identity, providing a secure and convenient mobile ID as one of three essential credentials offered by the National Identification and Registration Authority of Somalia (NIRA).

This mobile ID facilitates a modern, digital way for citizens to prove their identity, enhancing access to services and personal verification with ease.

eAqoonsi stands as a testament to Somalia's commitment to advancing its foundational ID infrastructure, offering a forward-thinking alternative to traditional identification methods.

Active Registration Centers in the Benadir Region



Yaqshid Center



Wadajir Center



Howlwadag Center



Shingani Center



HQ Center

Planned Cities



Baydhabo
Koonfur Galbeed



Garoowe
Puntland



Dhuusamareeb
Galmudug



Kismaayo
Jubaland



Jowhar
Hirshabeele



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SSC-Khatumo

Way Forward

- **Continued collaboration with public and private sector that provides essential services to the public.**
- **Leveraging existing services, creating synergies for Social Protection Programs for Identity Verification.**
- **Bring more services around the National ID system**
- **Prioritise for a sustained public awareness campaign**
- **Improving governance and institutional capacity as we move on.**
- **Invest in Research and Learning**
- **Partnering in the spirit of bringing Somalia's National ID system back to its full capacity**



Q&A

**Thank you for your
attention!**