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Strengthening IGAD's Capacity to Increase Drought Resilience In the Horn of Africa

The project aims to strengthen the capacity of IGAD and its member states towards enhanced resilience

Challenge

The IGAD region in the Horn of Africa consists of 70% arid or semi-arid lands (ASALs), which often results in drought-related disasters. In addition, the region is also characterized by internal and cross-border conflicts. With an estimated population of 80 million pastoralists and agro-pastoralists in the IGAD region, the above mentioned factors have led 8.7 million of them to abandon their livelihoods. Thus, the target group of the project is the poor pastoral and agro-pastoral population of the arid and semi-arid zones of the IGAD region.

Objective

Strengthening the capacity of IGAD to provide services to its member states is the key objective of the project. By enhancing local and regional capacities for climate change, risk management, and conflict resolution, the project will contribute to the implementation of the IGAD Disaster Resilience and Drought Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI). The IDDRSI seeks to mitigate the impact of droughts and associated disasters in the IGAD region with a sustainable and holistic approach



Pasture Production and goat breeding in Turkana, Kenya

Project name	Strengthening the Capacity of IGAD Towards Enhanced Drought Resilience in the Horn of Africa (SCIDA-III)
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Legal executing agency	Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD)
Duration	01.04.2022 – 31.03.2026
Budget	EUR 15,681,380

The project is designed to accomplish the following

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS



Digital Health planning workshop in Nairobi, Kenya



Guenther Meyer, the GIZ Cluster Coordinator, and Tesfaye Besha, the IDDRSI regional Programming coordinator, in the handover event of digital equipment that will enable IGAD to develop high-quality-Learning courses © IGAD Photo credits: IGAD

Approach

The project operates in close collaboration with the IGAD Secretariat at the regional level, and communities in the cross-border zones at the local level, throughout the IGAD region. The project pursues a gender-sensitive approach. In addition to the high level of the IGAD Secretariat and the IGAD member states, the pilot measures actively involve private and civil society organizations in development measures.

The following are three priority fields of action:

1. Increase the capacity of the IGAD Secretariat's regional services for its member states in cross-border disaster risk management caused mainly by climate change.
2. Strengthen the resilience of local pastoral and agro-pastoral communities to natural disasters based on the Transhumance Development Plan in the Karamoja Cluster.
3. Implementation of a regional, transnational, real-time disease surveillance and monitoring system to mitigate pandemics.

The approach aims to strengthen the functionality of the Regional Economic Community (REC) through capacity-development activities. At the cross-border level, the priority will be given to enhance the sustainable management of natural resources. The experience gained at the local



Livestock in the Karamoja Cluster

level will be transferred to the regional level of the IGAD Secretariat and prepared there as part of the knowledge management for scaling in the context of the IGAD member states.

Excepted Achievements

The project aims at achieving the following results:

- Development of virtual learning course content on key topics such as disaster risk management that will benefit the IGAD Secretariat at the regional level, member states at the national level and communities at the cross-border level.
- Introduction of the ISO 9001 quality management system to define the quality requirements of IGAD's services.
- Adoption of Standards operations procedures as coherent and practical service instructions for the implementation of drought resilience measures.
- Creation of a cross-border steering committee to guide actions based on the SCIDA II transhumance development plan. The progress of implementation will be monitored.
- Launch of infrastructure projects to support water resources and pastures management in the Karamoja Cluster.
- Establishment of SORMAS (Surveillance, Outbreak Response Management and Analysis System) in the IGAD member states.

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