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## Bilateral Ethiopia-Kenya Cross-border Meeting on Harmonization of TAD Surveillance and Vaccination



Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at Azzeman Hotel

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

### Background

The Regional Pastoral Livelihoods Resilience Project (RPLRP) is concomitantly under implementation in Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia. IGAD is largely tasked with coordinating harmonization of cross-border area infrastructure development (Rangeland management and improvement of Water and livestock market infrastructure), vaccination and other similar activities. During the past two years, the project team identified many cross-border activities that need harmonization including disease surveillance and vaccination. In order to maintain and realize the cross-border element of the project, it is important to regularly discuss and agree on time of operation and schedule for surveillance and vaccination for TAD. The harmonization on cross-border is flagship activity for the project approach, i.e regional approach. It was important to bring together coordination units across the border in order to update the previous joint planning agreements, agree exact time and type of TAD vaccine ready by each country. The one day meeting convened on 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2019 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia was attended by twenty participants drawn from ministries responsible for animal resources from the Federal/ Regional governments (Ethiopia), National/ County governments (Kenya), Danish Refugee Council, VSF-Germany and ICPALD.

### Opening remarks

Dr. Wamalwa on behalf of the Director of ICPALD, Dr. Solomon Munyua, welcomed all the participants and informed them that the journey of developing the MoU between Kenya and Ethiopia started in 2015 on cross border cooperation and collaboration on animal health and sanitary measures. The MoU was eventually signed in 2016. Cross-border issues cannot be handled by one country alone therefore countries must come together to effectively and efficiently address the common cross-border issues. He reminded participants of the need to control TADs for purpose of improving livestock trade and allow unhindered movement of livestock across the border. To operationalize the MoU, an Implementation Framework was developed in 2018 which put in place a governance structure of the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) at national / Federal levels and Multidisciplinary Technical Committee (MTC) at regional/ sub-county levels. Therefore, the two countries need to harmonize their disease control (vaccination) and surveillance activities to control TADs effectively.

Dr. George Njogu on behalf of CVO Kenya, welcomed the participants and mentioned that TADs are a major challenge in Kenya since they affect trade, livelihoods and food safety for human consumption. There is need to improve collaboration to control these crossborder diseases. Rinderpest eradication is a good example of collaborative effort in controlling diseases. He cited various organization, like VSF-G, DRC and IGAD as willing partners who are ready and for the two countries to use the opportunity in eradicating and or effectively controlling TADs. In Kenya has national disease control strategies and the need for cross border counties to adopt that and use the currently developed implementation framework.

Dr. Asmamaw Duressa, on behalf of CVO Ethiopia, in his opening remarks informed the participants about challenges of porous border, livestock migration, spread of TADs and the slow rate of implementing the areas of cooperation in the signed MOU. Ethiopia has strategies to eradicate PPR and therefore require collaboration from neighbor countries including Kenya to do so. Wished all fruitful discussion and good stay in Addis Ababa and officially opened the meeting.

## **Proceedings**

### **Presentations**

1. Review of recommendations made from the previous meeting during the launch of the JSC + MTC governance structure

The names of MTC members are not yet shared by both Kenya and Ethiopia with IGAD despite the set deadline of mid-April 2019.

2. Country updates on Harmonized Vaccination, Surveillance and Livestock movement: - presentation on ongoing cross-border animal health activities, achievements, challenges and recommendations
3. Overview on Omo delta project- EU-TF VSF-G

### **Key Plenary Discussion Points**

- Information sharing protocol is being developed with financial support from DRC. This will facilitate structured way of sharing information on animal health issues and sanitary measures

- Through RPLRP project, Ethiopia and Kenya have procured adequate vaccines for PPR, FMD, S& goat pox among others and all necessary supplies and equipment required to undertake harmonized vaccination of priority diseases across their common borders
- During the launch of the EU-TF project in the Omo Delta in Ethiopia, all regional governments and federal government were involved during inception but coordination mechanism to utilize the resources effectively is lacking. VSF-G is ready for cross-border collaboration through this platform.
- The national/Federal and county/regional governments will work in collaboration with DRC, VSF-G and other development partners such as FAO to build synergy in undertaking crossborder animal health activities and sanitary issues for the benefit of the target communities. This will moreover avoid duplication of efforts.

## Group Activity

### Three groups

1. Turkana County - South Omo region
2. Oromia/Borana – Marsabit County'
3. Mandera/Wajir – Somali region

### Group one output

Priority disease vaccination calendar from July- December, 2019 for Turkana, Kenya and South Omo, Ethiopia										
S/N	Disease	Months						Dose		Expected funding
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ethiopia	Kenya	
1	PPR	KE+ET	KE+ET	KE+ET				500,000	500,000	FAO
2	CCPP	ET	ET	KE	KE			125,000	500,000	RPLRP/TCG-KE and RPLRP/VSF-G-Eth
3	S & G Pox	KE+ET						270,000	100,000	FAO/TCG-KE and RPLRP/VSF-G-Eth
4	CBPP	ET	ET					150,000		RPLRP/Go/VSF-G
5	LSD		KE+ET	KE+ET				364,000	150,000	TCG-KE and RPLRP/Go/VSF-G
<b>Planned disease surveillance</b>										
S/N	Surveillance	Months						Number of surveillance		Remark
		July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Ethiopia	Kenya	
1	PDS	ET + KE				ET + KE	ET + KE	1	1	RPLRP-VSG-KE and VSF-G ET



between the two countries																				
Livestock movement occurs following the short and long rains																				
<b>Key</b>																				
Light green	Livestock moving from Kenya into Ethiopia																			
Yellow	Livestock moving from Ethiopia into Kenya																			
Red	Vaccination and Disease surveillance																			

### Group three output

#### Mandera-Wajir/ Dolo-ado/ Mubarak Region

VACCINATION CALENDER 2019																			
Disease	MONTHS						Expected source of Funding	Remarks	Strategy										
	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec													
PPR/SGP							RPLRP/DRC		Mass Vaccination										
CCPP							RPLRP/DRC		Mass Vaccination										
CBPP							RPLRP/DRC	Kenya	Risk based										
LSD							County Gov /DRC/RPLRP-ET.	Ethiopia	Risk based										
Disease Surveillance																			
PPR							RPLRP / PPR Project/HEARD		Quarterly Based										
CCPP							RPLRP /HEARD		Quarterly Based										
LSD							RPLRP /HEARD		Quarterly Based										
Movement																			
Resource Mobilization Plan																			
Vaccine supply																			
Treatment drugs - Appeal to NGOs, County/Regional government										County/Federal/National Gov									
Cold chain support										Appeal to NGOs,									

	County/Regional gov		
Logistic & operational cost	RPLRP / NGOs/ County/ Regional Gov		
Training on Diseases surveillance and reporting	RPLRP/DVS/ Ngos/ Regional Gov		

### Recommendations and way forward

1. Since the vaccination and surveillance calendar have been agreed on, Ethiopia and Kenya with the support of IGAD should launch harmonized /synchronized livestock vaccination and surveillance Mid July, 2019,
2. Future cross border-border coordination meetings should be attended by technical officers and administrators (zonal/regional and counties) as a way of further awareness creation of the MoU and implementation framework,
3. Regional state/ county technical officers should inform the zonal / county administration about the signed MoU and implementation framework during the launch of the harmonized vaccination campaign and disease surveillance activity.

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