



IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI)

Priority Intervention Areas



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About IDDRSI

The devastating drought that hit the IGAD region in 2010-2011 affected more than 13 million people and exacerbated food insecurity to famine levels in many areas of the region. The severity of this crisis brought to the fore the catastrophic impact of recurrent droughts and their dire humanitarian, environmental and productivity consequences.

Seeking to address the catastrophic phenomenon of recurrent droughts and worsening environmental concerns in a sustainable manner, the Heads of State and Government of countries in the Horn of Africa region convened a Summit in Nairobi in September and launched the IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI) to end drought emergencies.

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Priority Intervention Area 1: Natural Resources & Environment Management

Strategic Objective:

To enhance drought-prone communities' access to and use of sustainably managed natural resources and environmental services.



1.1 - Water Resources Development and Management

Expected Outcome:

Enhanced Water Resources Development and Proper Management for Sustainability and Equitable Access

Strategic Interventions:

- Regional assessment on transboundary water resources, both surface water and groundwater
- Promotion on regional framework for transboundary water management
- Capacity building in handling transboundary waters
- Mapping and increased investment for enhanced transboundary water availability for livestock and concomitant infrastructure to improve productivity, reduce resource based conflict and increase trade capacity.



1.2 - Rangeland Management & Pasture Development

Expected Outcome:

Rangelands and pastures under sustainable management are increased

Strategic Interventions:

- Strengthen policy, legal and regulatory frameworks to enhance cooperation for regional and trans-boundary natural resource management, including water.
- Upscale trans-boundary sustainable land management techniques, technologies and institutions
- Strengthen capacity of national and cross border local institutions to implement the use of fit for purpose technology in securing access to land and natural resources.



1.3 - Environmental Management & Bio-Diversity

Expected Outcome:

Conservation and sustainable use of ecosystems services enhanced; Biodiversity loss halted; Environmental service payment improved

Strategic Interventions:

- Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)
- Social and Economic Impact Assessment (SEIA)



1.4 - Development of Renewable Energy

Expected Outcome:

Enhanced energy supply for the ASAL region

Strategic Interventions:

- Establish Cross-Border demonstration for bio-diversity and wildlife conservation
- Develop regulatory frameworks to reduce pollution
- Develop policies and legal frameworks to promote renewable energy



1.5 - Land Governance

Expected Outcomes:

Land Governance in the IGAD region enhanced & the capacity of national and cross border local institutions strengthened

Strategic Interventions:

- Harmonise land government frameworks on land use in areas with transboundary implications
- Undertake capacity needs assessment at national and cross border areas
- Organize capacity development trainings for national and cross border institutions





Priority Intervention Area 2: **Market Access, Trade & Financial Services**

Strategic Objective:

To improve transport, market infrastructure, and financial services in ASALs.



2.1 - Access to Secure & Affordable Financial Services

Expected Outcome:

Enhanced access to secure and affordable financial services

Strategic Interventions:

- Strengthening and harmonization of regional financial services including money transfer mechanisms within the region especially unbanked areas to expedite linkage to rural, urban, transboundary and regional markets.



2.2 - Regional Trade

Expected Outcome:

Enhanced regional trade

Strategic Interventions:

- Develop policies that facilitate regional and cross border trades.
- Rationalization and harmonization of transboundary tariffs and non-tariff barriers.
- Developing the warehouse receipt system and linkage into the regional warehouse receipt system.
- Improvement and transboundary and regional harmonization of standards and quality assurance.
- Development of capacity to actively participate in regional trade arrangements and protocols and to negotiate flexible rules of origin requirements with regional trade partners to ensure access to regional and international markets.

- Establish cross-border markets and aggregation markets to facilitate agricultural commodity trading.
- Promotion of agro fairs to link value chain across the region.
- Establish trace-ability system across value chains.
- Development and harmonization of infrastructure and transportation facilities to enhance market access and trade.
- Development of road and transport infrastructure connecting the countries in the region, and linking to main border points and ports to facilitate cross-border, regional and international trade with attention to the needs of landlocked countries in the region.
- Establish and/or strengthen capacity of border commission in the region.



2.4 - Insurance Services

Expected Outcome:

Livestock/Agricultural commodity insured

Strategic Interventions:

- Undertake feasibility study on delivery mechanisms
- Awareness creation among target participants
- Establish partnership between government and private sector
- Design the insurance packaged and implement
- Monitoring and evaluation of the programme



2.3 - Regional Market Information Systems

Expected Outcome:

Improved access to reliable market information for buyers and sellers

Strategic Interventions:

- Strengthen regional and cross border market information systems to enable traders and the business community take prudent and optimal decisions in relation to regional trade.
- Improved gathering, analysis, communication & dissemination of crop, livestock and fish markets information to all stakeholders.





Priority Intervention Area 3: **Enhanced Production & Livelihood Diversification**

Strategic Objective:

To increase the adaptive capacities of the drought-prone ASAL communities



3.1- Fisheries & Apiculture Development

Expected Outcome:

Increased ASALs Fishery, Honey and Wax production, and productivity

Strategic Interventions:

- Harmonized management of trans-boundary fisheries resources for enhanced food and nutrition security and tradable surplus.
- Development and implementation of trans-boundary fisheries co-management plan.
- Facilitation of fish trade on cross-border areas.



3.2- Crop And Livestock Disease & Pest Control & Management

Expected Outcome:

Safe and healthy crop and livestock products

Strategic Interventions:

- Establishment of reference laboratories for crop and livestock diseases and pests.
- Capacity development of local institutions with special attention to cross border animal health committees.
- Improved and harmonized national, bilateral and regional standards and quality assurance and sanitary and phytosanitary framework for enhanced smooth flow of regional and international trade.
- Strengthen regional cooperation and harmonize trans-boundary initiatives in reducing losses from pests and diseases.



Priority Intervention Area 4: Disaster Risk Management

Strategic Objective:

To enhance drought disaster management in the IGAD Member States



4.1- Contingency Planning

Expected Outcome:

Reduced vulnerability to disaster risk in drought-prone communities.

Strategic Interventions:

- Regional capacity development on early warning and emergency response mechanisms.
- Strengthening of regional cooperation on community risk reduction and climate adaptation.
- Updating of Regional Risk Atlas based on the production national Atlases.

4.2- Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation

Expected Outcome:

Enhanced community Resilience

Strategic Interventions:

- Develop a harmonised Early warning system with common architecture and comparable across the region
- Enhance capacity of ICPAC to effectively forecast weather/climate and support member states
- Strengthen climate change negotiation skills of member states



Priority Intervention Area 5: **Research, Knowledge Management & Technology Transfer**

Strategic Objective:

To improve the utilization of knowledge for drought resilience in member states.



5.1- Promote the Network of National & Regional Dryland Collaborative, Applied & Adaptive Research Centers

Expected Outcome:

Robust learning in drought-prone communities promoted as well as applied and adaptive research aligned to the development priorities of the resilience agenda

Strategic Interventions:

- Promote the network of regional dryland collaborative, adaptive and applied research centres.
- Enhance governance of research institutes in the region to harmonize research quality and relevance in the region.
- Share good resilience practices in the region.

- Regional capacity development for Dry Lands Research Centers to meet the needs of the regional agricultural sector, including climate change.
- Enhance capacity and deliberate action to harness and integrate indigenous knowledge as a source of innovation for the region.
- Enhanced and regionally harmonized food and nutrition security monitoring and planning.
- Establish and strengthen data management system



5.2 - Results Measurement, Learning and Decision Making

Expected Outcome:

Improved evidence-based decision-making process.

Strategic Interventions:

- Design appropriate monitoring system for CPPs, and RPP
- Build partnership in resilience measurement and analysis
- Undertake resilience monitoring and analysis
- Organize platforms to discuss reports of resilience analysis using the monitoring system developed





Priority Intervention Area 6: **Peace Building, Conflict Prevention & Resolution**

Strategic Objective:

To achieve peace and stability in the IGAD region.



6.1- Peace Building & Mediation Mechanisms

Expected Outcome:

Reduced incidences of violent conflict in drought-prone communities

Strategic Interventions:

- Strengthen trans-boundary and regional mechanisms for peace building and conflict resolution for different land and water for production uses.



6.2- Transnational Security Threats

Expected Outcome:

Reduced organized crime, extremism and terrorism incidents in drought-prone communities (cross border areas)

Strategic Interventions:

- Build capacity of the Conflict Early Warning and Early Response Unit (CEWERU) to fulfil its mandate
- Strengthen collaboration between security and Law Enforcement Agencies (LEAs), the ASAL communities and other stakeholders
- Strengthen cross-border collaboration between LEAs and security agencies



Priority Intervention Area 7: **Institutional Strengthening, Coordination & Partnerships**

Strategic Objective:

To strengthen the institutional capacity, coordination structures and partnerships for effective implementation of IDDRSI.



7.1- Coordination, Institutional Strengthening, Capacity Building

Expected Outcome:

Effectively functioning institutional arrangement to implement IDDRSI at regional and national level

Strategic Interventions:

- Strengthen protocols, partnerships, networks and collaboration for trans-boundary drought resilience interventions.
- Strengthen coordination mechanisms, interaction and functional linkages between National and regional IDDRSI Secretariat.





Priority Intervention Area 8: **Human Capital, Gender & Social Development**

Strategic Objective:

To increase equitable access to basic social services in drought-prone areas



8.1- Health & Nutrition

Expected Outcome:

Access and quality of health and nutrition for cross border communities and refugees enhanced

Strategic Interventions:

- Establish a specialized institution for health and nutrition to focus vulnerable and marginalized groups in the ASALS
- Develop appropriate health referral mechanisms for ASALs (health infrastructure, access to quality regulated medicines and medical products Health workforce and financing)
- E-health, telemedicine established in the ASALs.
- Real time monitoring of services during emergencies/prevention and treatment for moderate and severe acute malnutrition for the infants, young children and women of reproductive age in ASAL)
- Alternative interventions to increase community resilience to disasters built
- Surge mechanism for health and nutrition which expand and contract service delivery in drought period established



8.2- Education & Training

Expected Outcome:

Access and quality of education services for cross border communities and refugees enhanced.

Strategic Interventions:

- Undertake affirmative action measure to increase access and funding for ASAL students taking into account the gender dynamics
- Establish platforms for E-learning, distance learning and continuing professional development specific for ASAL in partnerships with Universities and learning institutions
- Establish surge mechanism for education which expand and contract service delivery in drought period.



8.3 - Gender Equality & Women's Empowerment

Strategic Objective:

Promote Gender equality and women's empowerment

Expected Outcome:

- Access and quality of education services for cross border communities and refugees enhanced.

Strategic Interventions:

- Develop affirmative programs to reinforce innovation driven livelihood strategies by and for women in drought prone communities
- Gender and sex disaggregated gender resilience data collected analysed and disseminated
- Operationalize gender resilience working group
- Develop and roll out capacity building programs for gender mainstreaming in the CPPs
- Enhancing women's voice in decision-making, leadership and peace-building
- Promoting women's economic empowerment
- Ending violence against women and girls
- Strengthen Member State institutional capacity and effectiveness to enhance delivery of result on gender equality and the empowerment of women



8.4 - Migration And Displacement

Strategic Objective:

Promote safe, orderly and regular migration and advocate for migration as an adaptation strategy

Expected Outcome:

Increased preparedness in preventing and responding to large population movements and displacement

Strategic Interventions:

- Promote regional integration measures through the adoption of the IGAD protocol on free movement of people as well as the transhumance

- Promote Diaspora engagement in development and humanitarian response in ASALS
- Promote Migration as an adaptation strategy to mitigate the adverse effects of climate change and weather variability, including migration as a form of household income diversification
- Create linkages between National Coordination Mechanisms in member states that coordinate migration issues and IDDRSI focal points (Entry Points: ICPAC, National Meteorological Centres, DRM authorities, Ministries of Environment | CEWARN, CEWERUs | IDDRSI: Focal points)
- Create linkages between Regional Consultative Process + Regional Migration Coordination Committee and Resilience Fora (IDDRSI Platform etc.)
- Improve the conditions for local integration and building self-reliance of refugees, IDPs and host communities protracted refugee situations can be improved.
- Capacity development to better understand migration issues in Member states
- Improve data collection through the Statistical Unit to be established in IGAD with support from AUC/ AfDB, mechanisms for sharing of data is essential/ IGAD data and information sharing policy needs to be developed





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