

# Fact Sheet

## Strengthening the Capacity of the Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) in Building Resilience in the Horn of Africa Programme



### Brief Description

This programme was developed by IGAD and UNDP with the strategy informed by IGAD's strategic development frameworks as reflected in the institution's mission and guided by UNDP's capacity development framework which seeks to enhance institutional management and technical capacities, systems, and processes within IGAD to improve its service delivery in support of reducing and building resilience to crises in the region.

With the goal of achieving sustainable development in the Horn of Africa (HoA) by developing disaster resilience, underpinned by robust preparedness and response capacity at all levels of IGAD, the project is focused on the achievement of four key outputs: 1) Strengthened capacity of the IGAD Secretariat and specialized institutions (e.g., ICPAC) to plan, implement and coordinate disaster emergency and conflict prevention activities in the Horn of Africa under the Institutional Strengthening Action Plan (ISAP) Framework; 2) Disaster resilience, conflict prevention and Disaster Risk Management (DRM) related knowledge products, policies and systems made available; 3) Development and implementation of IGAD's resource mobilisation and partnership strategy to strengthen disaster resilience in the region; and 4) Strengthened national coordination mechanisms of Member States for disaster resilience.



**Programmatic Area:** Resilience, Disaster Risk Management, Conflict Prevention

**Programme Period:** January 2015 – December 2017

**Budget:** US\$ 12,828,312 (Funded: US\$ 5,500,000; Unfunded: US\$ 7,328,312)

**Partners:** IGAD Secretariat, specialized institutions and Member States; Civil society organizations, Academia; United Nations Agencies

### Programme Rationale

The HoA region includes some of the most arid places in the world with the harsh environment and climate change vulnerability a major threat to its life-supporting ecosystems and their services thereby posing significant challenges in socio-economic development. The livelihood of most of people depends on rain-fed agriculture and pastoralism with the increasing frequency of natural disasters, especially droughts, eroding the capacity of communities to mitigate disaster impacts. The situation is exacerbated by conflict that created humanitarian situations and threatened the social fabric holding communities together. In this context, IGAD solicited UNDP's support to strengthen its capacities in building resilience to future shocks and stresses in the HoA.

### Programme Strategy

The overall strategy of the programme is informed by IGAD's strategic development frameworks as reflected in the institution's mission of assisting Member States to achieve: (i) food security and environmental protection; (ii) promotion and maintenance of peace and security and humanitarian affairs; (iii) conflict prevention and management; (iv) disaster risk management and sustainable development through economic cooperation and integration. The strategy is in line with ISAF and the IGAD Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI) Strategy.

The three main areas of work under the UNDP Strategic Plan (2014-2017), namely, adopting sustainable development pathways, building and/or strengthening inclusive and effective democratic governance, and resilience-building, define the interventions under this project.



## Key Results and Activities

### Result 1 - Strengthened capacity of IGAD secretariat and specialized institutions to plan, implement and coordinate DRM and conflict activities in the Horn of Africa under the ISAP framework

The development of IGAD's institutional capacity is focused on three main areas: (1) coordination of the implementation of disaster resilience and conflict prevention initiatives; (2) systems, tools, and processes for building disaster resilience, promoting DRM and conflict prevention, and enhancing organizational effectiveness and efficiency; and (3) human resource capacity for building drought resilience and conflict prevention. Under this result, three (3) targets have been set for the project period and twelve (12) deliverables are expected to be produced.

### Result 2 - Disaster resilience, conflict prevention and disaster risk management climatological related knowledge products, policies and systems are made available

The second result focuses on improving the availability of and access to information and knowledge on drought resilience and DRM in the HoA. The result is focused on three main areas: (1) strengthening the basis for information and knowledge management (KM) products on drought resilience and DRM in the HoA; (2) systems and tools for accessing information and knowledge on drought resilience and DRM; and (3) human resource capacity for information and KM. Developing an IGAD KM strategy and work plan and providing support using systems, tools and procedures is a crucial cross-cutting component that fully underpins the various outputs and as such is considered as the overarching approach. Linkages and synergies will be maintained with developments and innovations through south-south cooperation, taking advantage of experts in diaspora, as well as,

sharing lessons and experiences with other Regional Economic Communities (RECs). Three targets and 14 deliverables are expected under this result.

### Result 3 - Development and implementation of IGAD's resource mobilization and partnership strategy to strengthen disaster resilience in the region

This result looks into the current level of IGAD partnerships and widening and deepening such partnerships to mobilize additional resources (technical, financial, etc.) for building disaster resilience. The intended result is structured along two main aspects: (i) resource mobilization; and (ii) partnership building and has two targets.

### Result 4 - Strengthened national coordination mechanisms of member states for drought resilience

Achieving drought resilience will not be possible without strengthening the capacities of member states which puts in place the necessary risk reduction and management measures that prevent a return to disasters/emergencies. This result covers the enhancement of member states' institutional and human resources capacities in building disaster resilience, conflict prevention and DRM. There are two targets and six associated deliverables under this result.

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