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EAST AFRICA

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The East African Community (EAC) is a regional economic community comprising six partner states: the Republics of Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, the United Republic of Tanzania, and the Republic of Uganda. Its headquarters are in Arusha, Tanzania. 150 million citizens live in the EAC. It has a land area of 1.82 million km² and a combined gross domestic product of US \$146 billion. The work of the EAC is mandated by a treaty signed on November 30, 1999 and entered into force on July 7, 2000.

USAID supports EAC efforts to improve the quality of life in the region through increasing trade competitiveness, promoting value-adding in production of goods and services, supporting biodiversity conservation, and mitigating climate change, enhancing food security, trade, and investment as well as building institutional capacity to establish a competitive power market.

USAID signed a five-year regional development objective grant agreement with the EAC to provide direct assistance in the following areas: trade and investment; agriculture; environment and natural resources management; and energy. USAID also provides support and investments through complementary funding to regional bodies like Trademark East Africa, International Union for Conservation of Nature, IGAD's Climate Prediction and Applications Centre and Regional Centre for Mapping of Resources for Development.

FEED THE FUTURE AND TRADE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Advanced the full adoption of the EAC sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) protocol by all partner states and its domestication and implementation in Kenya. Improved accountability and transparency promoted through the establishment of an EAC SPS information sharing platform, which has harmonized measures for ease of trade and investments in agri-inputs and produce.

- Facilitated adoption of a web-based platform to develop standards that facilitate international trade in a more efficient way in Rwanda and Uganda.
- Strengthened the organizational capability in performance and financial management, strategic planning as well as donor coordination and communication for enhanced accountability.

ENERGY (THROUGH POWER AFRICA) ACHIEVEMENTS

- Reducing barriers to regional power trade through identification, prioritization, and packaging of three key power interconnection infrastructure projects valued at US \$350 million
- Improved institutional and regulatory capacity to advance regional power trade among utility and planning institutions among EAC partner states
- Partnered to improve agricultural value chain productivity through application of clean energy services among EAC countries

USAID ASSISTANCE TO EAC

US \$6,180,062 (FY 2021)

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ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES ACHIEVEMENTS

- Developed the EAC Strategy on Combating Poaching and Illegal Trade in Wildlife and Wildlife Products (2017-2022), the EAC Wildlife Conservation and Management Policy, and the Regional Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (2021-2031).
- Developed the Trade in Wildlife Information Exchange portal, a secure website and mailing list for regional law enforcement officials to share information on countering wildlife trafficking.
- Forum for Wildlife and Environmental Crimes Prosecutors established under the East African Prosecutors Platform website to foster cooperation among the region's national prosecuting authorities.
- US \$2.5 million leveraged through USAID's Global Sustainable Water Partnership to support a three-year field activity in the transboundary Mara River Basin through the memorandum of understanding for Joint Water Resources Management in the Transboundary Mara River Basin shared between Kenya and Tanzania.
- US \$2.5M was leveraged through UNEP to support climate adaptation in the Lake Victoria Basin.
- Climate information and decision support tools and forums developed and convened regularly in partnership with National Meteorological Agencies, IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Center and Regional Center for Mapping of Resource and Development.