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Traders at the Kanawat Livestock Market in Kotido, the biggest market in the region. Photo Credit: USAID

EAST AFRICA

HORN OF AFRICA RESILIENCE NETWORK

Strengthening resilience capacities, evidence-based programming, adaptive management, learning and collaboration.

The Horn of Africa Resilience Network (HoRN) focuses on building resilience in areas of recurrent crisis throughout the drylands across East Africa. Serving as a coordination and learning platform to end extreme hunger in the HoRN communities, HoRN works with resiliency actors in Ethiopia, Kenya, South Sudan, Uganda, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Somalia.

Through the HoRN network, USAID's Resilience Learning Activity (RLA) highlights ongoing USAID, National Governments, regional entities, and other donor initiatives that assist communities in managing conflict, mitigating the impact of natural disasters, and forestalling crises that otherwise limit the impact of development. The HoRN platform allows for the creation of a community of practice that identifies how initiatives can be further replicated and scaled to inform communities on how their pathways out of poverty can be achieved.

OBJECTIVE

The objective of the HoRN is to strengthen regional and cross-border collaboration and improve evidence-based learning to further inform regional, country and USAID initiatives. This objective is achieved by the following the USAID HoRN regional resilience framework 3.0. HoRN uses four programmatic approaches to achieve results:

- Promote a common agenda around resilience in the drylands of the Horn of Africa.
- Generate mutually beneficial learning content for resiliency actors to build capacities and address shocks.
- Support the engagement of the Intergovernmental Development Agency (IGAD)
- Implementation of Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI).

HoRN Achievements:

Supporting knowledge sharing and technical leadership on HoRN issues

Completed two annual learning events which have brought in over 500 participants from 15 countries, including seven African countries, to discuss issues on climate change, conflict mitigation, and other resiliency initiatives

Supporting learning and information sharing platforms (i.e., Communities of Practice)

Develop a platform that focuses on thematic issues affecting the HoRN through learning and sharing innovations. The program currently works with other secretariat programs to develop webinars on topics such as climate change.

Strengthening Peer-to-Peer Learning and Exchanges

Ensure continuity and sustained learning beyond the staff involved in programs or with host country governments by providing a learning platform across missions to retain institutional knowledge.

Supporting Cross-Border Programming and Collective Impact

Support multi-country/bilateral efforts that can enhance cross-border program interventions and impacts. The HoRN provides initial support to new bilateral programs, such as the USAID Cross-Border Community Resilience Activity, ensuring they have access to institutional knowledge and reporting.

Strengthening Host Country Leadership and Networks

Provide capacity-building support, including mentorship, coaching, and training through specific activities and quarterly learning sessions with local leadership. These panels include foreign service nationals, development practitioners, and host country counterparts that specialize in specific learning topics and the facilitative approach they have used to implement change.

BUDGET: USD \$7.5 Million

DURATION

2019-2024

ACTIVITY LOCATIONS

Northern Kenya, Southeastern Kenya, Somalia, and other HoRN countries (DRC, Ethiopia, South Sudan, and Uganda)

IMPLEMENTING PARTNER

ACDI/VOCA (Northern Kenya and the Horn of Africa)

Mercy Corps (Somalia)

Tufts (Uganda)

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