



USAID and IGAD work together to complement the efforts of the IGAD member states in security, environment, resilience and economic development activities. Photo: USAID

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INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT

The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) is a body of eight member states: Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, and Uganda (Eritrea is currently inactive), and is based in Djibouti. Its mission is to assist and complement the efforts of its member states in areas of peace, security, agriculture, environment, economic cooperation, and social development.

Once IGAD became a Public International Organization, a Regional Development Objective Grant Agreement (RDOAG) was signed in June 2016. The five-year agreement focuses on shared development priorities to promote sustainable economic integration across the region; improve systems to respond to development risks, such as those related to climate change, drought, and violent extremism; and strengthen IGAD's organizational leadership. USAID currently supports three initiatives under IGAD, explained below.

IGAD's Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative

Mandated by the heads of the region in 2012, IGAD's Drought Disaster Resilience and Sustainability Initiative (IDDRSI) is IGAD's plan and commitment to end drought emergencies, build drought resilience and achieve growth and sustainable development in the IGAD region. To foster collective actions in the region to end drought emergencies and build resilience of communities and systems.

USAID is supporting implementation of the IDDRSI strategy through IGAD-USAID led Building Resilient Market Systems in the Cross-border Drylands of the IGAD Region program. The overall objective is to build resilient communities through strengthening market systems in IGAD Karamoja and Mandera clusters. Key outcomes of the program:

- Increased cross-border agricultural trade between member states in Karamoja and Mandera clusters
- Increased Domestication and utilization of regionally harmonized trade policies in Karamoja and Mandera clusters

IGAD Health and Social Affairs Desk

IGAD Health and Social Affairs Desk (HESAD) is committed to lead regional and international efforts towards accelerated access to basic services and enhance social development for the people of the IGAD region including reproductive, maternal/child health; nutrition and food security; HIV/AIDS, malaria, TB and other related infectious diseases and surveillance and response; education, science, technology; youth, employment and migration; social protection, culture and sports; as well as population and development. USAID's current support to the department aims at achieving five key outcomes:

- A system for pharmacovigilance and quality monitoring at IGAD cross-borders established.
- The capacity of local manufacturers in the IGAD region to produce essential medicines in the region strengthened.
- Regional cross-border TB diagnosis and management across borders strengthened
- Regional Cross-border RMNCAH-FP interventions improved.
- IGAD regional policies for vulnerable cross-border mobile populations strengthened.
- Cross Border Digital Health, Knowledge Management and Health Research Strengthened

RIGO Systems Strengthening (RIGO SS) Support

RIGO Systems Strengthening efforts in supporting IGAD to achieve demonstrable and evidence-based improvement in its organizational performance and financial management, strategic planning including Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning as well as Donor Coordination and communication. The objective is to enable IGAD to acquire abilities to carry out its mandates including coordination, facilitation, monitoring and reporting so as to increase member states confidence. Current support to IGAD through RIGO SS will increase the accuracy and timeliness of reporting for enhanced accountability thereby winning member states confidence:

- Automation of the internal audit processes, staff imprests and accountability module in SunSystem
- Acquisition of e-procurement solutions
- Digitizing financial records
- Developing E-signature
- Implementing the Video conferencing facilities for effectiveness and cost saving.

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