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The Technical Consortium has started working with the NDMA in Kenya on providing technical support to the implementation of the Ending Drought Emergencies Medium Term Plan (Country Program Paper for Kenya). In the coming months, the Technical Consortium intends to engage with the other member states in IGAD to provide similar technical support for the implementation of their respective Country Program Papers.



To date, the Technical Consortium has supported IGAD member states in the development of Country Program Papers (CPPs), which articulate the investment programming blueprint for prioritising resilience-enhancing interventions at country-level. In addition, we have facilitated the authoring of six Technical Briefs, which provide the technical rationale and evidence base for identifying interventions. These interventions will ultimately enhance the resilience of the ASAL communities and therefore allow them to cope better with hazards such as drought.

The Technical Consortium has since embarked on more focused engagement with the member states, beginning initially with Kenya and its focal point for drylands investment planning, the National Drought Management Authority (NDMA), but with a view to extending this engagement to the other member states over the next few years. At present, we are extending this support to Ethiopia and are reviewing the best protocol for engagement in this member state with respect to the focal point for drylands investment.



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BUILDING RESILIENCE IN THE HORN OF AFRICA



WHAT IS OUR FUNCTION?

The Technical Consortium aims to provide support to IGAD in developing regional and national investment programs, for the long term development and enhanced resilience for populations living in the Horn of Africa and to inform sustainable development in the region. This is achieved by harnessing CGIAR research and other knowledge on interventions to enhance drought resilience.

WHO ARE WE?

The Technical Consortium for Building Resilience in the Horn of Africa was established in 2011 as a project of the Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research (CGIAR), housed at the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI).



Investment targeting & monitoring toolbox

The Technical Consortium is currently building a program to facilitate technical support in each of the IGAD member states, with a focus on investment project targeting, monitoring and evaluation. These initiatives, called the Investment Targeting and Monitoring Toolbox, are being piloted in Kenya for the National Drought Management Authority as the first stage of potential technical assistance; later stages will extend to all the IGAD member states.



WHAT IS OUR LONG-TERM FOCUS?

The long-term focus of the Technical Consortium is on enhancing resilience in the Horn of Africa and aims to coordinate and provide technical support to IGAD and member states (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda) on evidence-based planning and programming for investments contributing to enhanced resilience of arid and semi-arid land (ASAL) communities.



DECISION ANALYSIS FRAMEWORK

In partnership with the World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), we are developing a framework to enable decision-makers to model the impact of decisions on resilience outcomes. It is anticipated that the first site for developing a case study will be in northern Kenya, followed by similar sites in the remaining member states.



PILOT SPATIAL TOOL

The purpose of this resilience-modeling tool is to assist IGAD member states in the Horn of Africa in identifying geographic areas of high and low resilience to known hazards, initially focusing on resilience to drought, for better targeting of investment projects.



CATALOGUE OF BASELINE DATASETS

Within the next year, we hope to provide each IGAD member state with a data catalogue containing links and meta-data to baseline indicators to reflect progress of investment towards standard human development indicators.



MONITORING & EVALUATION

We are developing a robust M&E system containing indicators for project-based monitoring and evaluation, as well as "resilience or impact pathways" to monitor the trajectory of investment towards standard measures of human development and, eventually, enhanced resilience.



AFRICAN AGRICULTURE TECHNOLOGY PLATFORM

In collaboration with USAID, GIZ, the CGIAR Consortium Office, the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and others, we are helping to develop a facilitated, flexible, scalable and collaborative network aimed at assisting African countries in meeting their Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP) National Agricultural Investment Plans (NAIPs), and, in the Horn of Africa, the agricultural investments detailed in the Country Program Papers.

