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The regional animal welfare strategy and implementation status in IGAD countries

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Livestock in the region & opportunities

- The IGAD region is rich in Livestock resources and have diverse genotypes (more than 60% of world camel, 10% of cattle, 9% of sheep and goat)
- Livestock is main source of livelihoods for millions & earn substantial foreign currency .
- Markets (domestic, regional and international markets –export to middle east and north Africa (MENA)
- Live animals –about 10 million
- Meat 42, 000 metric tonnes



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What are the key constraints / challenges to trade /livelihoods /resilience ?

- Tran boundary animal diseases
- Frequent drought; limited feed resources and water along the stock routes
- Limited capacity of actors to prevent /control TADs & commercialization
- Growing SPS requirements of importing countries
- Limited compliance to Animal welfare standards
- limited market information along the value chain



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The background for the development of the regional AW strategy

- The livestock sector in the IGAD region is constrained, among others; by **limited compliance of animal welfare practices ; why ?** due to inadequate capacity, limited awareness, outdated policies, limited or no enforcement of laws; inadequate public and private sector investments, weak support institutions; among others
- The IGAD Regional Policy Framework on Animal Health in the context of trade and vulnerability

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IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock

Development (ICPALD) in partnership with ANAW/
and AU-IBAR / with funding from the EU –pilot grant

- Undertook Assessment of the status of Animal welfare and compliance to OIE standards in IGAD MS
- Developed a regional strategy and action plan
- It was validated on regional workshop with stakeholders in August 2016 (MS, AU-IBAR, FAO, OIE, Brooke, World Animal Protection, ANAW, PAAWA and Donkey Sanctuary)
- Support from technical team



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IGAD Regional Animal Welfare Strategy and Action Plan (2017 – 2021)

Strategic objectives

1. Institutional reforms and leverage on existing institutional arrangements
2. Strengthen legal frameworks and enforcement
3. Training and capacity development
4. Communication, advocacy and awareness
5. Coordination, leadership and partnerships



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Status of implementation /achievements

Published and disseminated

1. Assessment on the status of Animal welfare and compliance to OIE standards in IGAD region
2. The regional strategy and action plan
3. The regional policy brief



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**Assessment of the Status of Animal Welfare
and Compliance to OIE Standards in the
IGAD Member States**

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Supported 4 IGAD member states to develop and validate **national** Animal welfare strategies

- Kenya (May 26, 2017 validated)
- Sudan (May 18, 2017 validated
- Ethiopia (June 21, 2017 validated)
- Somalia (June 12, 2017)

-With finance from VETGOV/AUIBAR and Livestock –meat projects



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- Monitoring of the implementation of the national strategies at member states level
Conducted in April 2018
- Developing educational packages in collaboration with Animals' Angels
ongoing /2019



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Some workshops conducted on familiarizing the national strategy and implementing OIE animal welfare standards to stakeholders and animal health professionals

There is some ongoing effort to incorporate animal welfare as a course in Elementary education (together with Donkey sanctuary)(Ethiopia)

Animal Welfare working Group established and functional

Regulation of animal welfare developed and being followed for approval (Sudan)

Awareness workshops conducted in some places



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Recommendations

- IGAD/ICPALD; together with the regional technical taskforce on AW and other relevant partners to jointly work on resource mobilization
- Technical backstopping to MS to develop concept note and mobilize resources nationally to implement the national strategy
- Advocate for integrating Animal welfare key activities in to livestock projects /programs



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