



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





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

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 due to inadequate capacity, limited awareness, outdated policies, limited or no enforcement of laws; inadequate public and private sector investments, weak support institutions; among others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 (Article 1)

- 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, AUIBAR, FAO, OIE, Brooke, World Animal Protection, ANAW, PAAWA and Donkey Sanctuary)
- Support from technical team

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

Strategic objectives

- 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











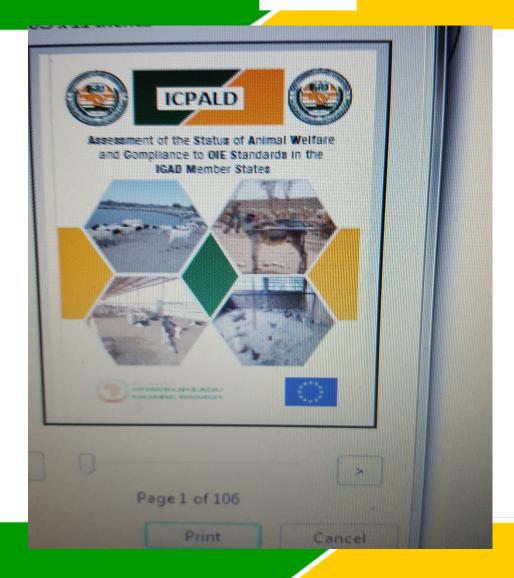
Status of implementation /achievements

Published and disseminated

- 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













Introduction

The understanding and implementation of animal welfare concepts in different countries and regions has been described as a journey in which countries, regions, and even continents are at different stages at any one time. For instance, the drivers of animal welfare in Africa have been quite different from those in Europe, America, or Asia. However, with globalization, especially of trade, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) has had to establish standards for animal welfare that meet sanitary requirements and animal centience.

The challenges are greater for African countries with increasing urbanization, land and population pressures, consumer awareness and demands as well as the need to increase agricultural and livestock productivity while conserving the environment. Thus, interventions which ensure that animal welfare principles and standards are embedded along the livestock value chain are more urgent Africa must reach the end of this journey with the rest of the world.

The objective of this policy brief is twofold: I. to draw the attention of Member States' policy makers and all animal welfare stakeholders to the key issues and challenges affecting the compliance status of IGAD Member States (MSs) to the OIE animal welfare standards, and 2, to share key policy recommendations so as to assist and advocate mainstreaming of welfare into all animal production and utilization activities.

The OIE standards for animal welfare comprise the following:

- Transport of animals by air
- . Killing of animals for disease control purposes
- . Controlling the population of stray dogs:
- 8. Animal welfare and beef cattle production system 9. Animal welfare and broiler chicken production
- 10. Animal welfare and dairy cattle productio
- 11. Welfare of working equids:
- 12. Transport of farmed fish;
- 13. Slaughter of farmed fish for human consumption
- 14. Culling of farmed fish for disease control purposes; and
- 15. General standards for the welfare of farmed fish

Status of animal welfare practices in IGAD MSs

IGAD MSs are at different stages in the application of animal welfare standards. All MSs have officers assigned to animal welfare and some states such as Somalia (Somaliland) and Sudan have very comprehensive laws dedicated to animal welfare. All the MSs have animal welfare Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) that deal with various projects. Some of the projects have made significant contribution to domestic and







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





 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

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





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

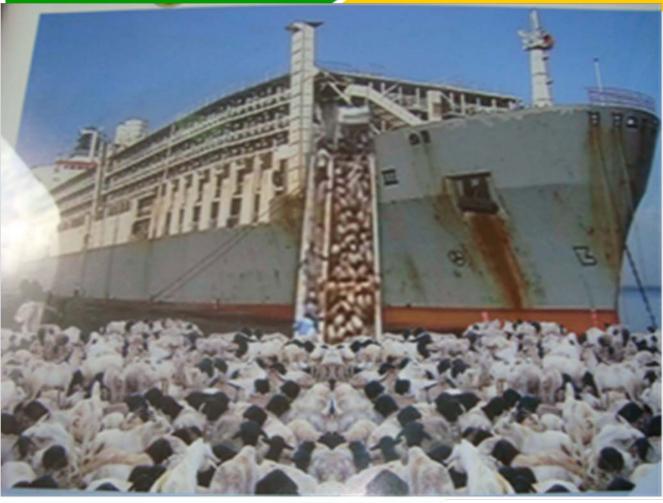
















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