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IGAD BRIEF UPDATE REPORT TO THE SPS COMMITTEE

COMMUNICATION FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT (IGAD)

The following communication, received on 8 October 2020, is being circulated at the request of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

1. The IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD) is a regional technical center of IGAD (Intergovernmental Authority on Development), a regional economic community serving the seven member States in East Africa (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan, Somalia and Uganda).

2. Technical support provided for the above member States by IGAD/ICPALD during the reporting period to enhance trans-boundary animal disease (TAD) control and livestock trade in the region, complementing the national development efforts of member States, includes:

1 REGIONAL RISK ANALYSIS TRAINING TO SUPPORT DISEASE CONTROL AND SAFE TRADE IN IGAD REGION

3. The IGAD/ICPALD in collaboration with the European Commission for the Control of foot-and-mouth disease (EuFMD) conducted a regional training for Veterinarians from three IGAD countries (Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda) following an "integrated training approach", composed of online e-learning, face-to-face sessions and application and reporting phases; to create a critical mass of skilled experts to support safe trade and transboundary animal disease control. The trainees have gained skills to design and conduct a qualitative risk assessment for FMD or another priority TADs, and are able to generate a report to help informing evidence-based and risk-based decision making.

2 RIFT VALLEY FEVER (RVF) MONITORING AND ALERTS

4. The IGAD/ICPALD, in collaboration with FAO ECTAD, monitored RVF for any potential outbreak in high-risk countries in Eastern Africa. The purpose was to enable national authorities to implement measures to avert anticipated outbreaks following the flooding period. The RVF alert messages and risk maps were shared with Chief Veterinary Officers of 11 countries (IGAD and EAC), partners, and regional stakeholders through various networks and social media.

3 THE SIGNING OF CROSS-BORDER BILATERAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) AND IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK

5. The IGAD/ICPALD, in collaboration with AU-IBAR, facilitated the signing of the Ethiopia-Sudan cross-border MOU by both ministers. The MOU provides roadmaps for strengthening animal health delivery services and the management of priority TADs in the border areas. An implementation framework to operationalize the MOU was also developed by the two countries and endorsed. The implementation framework included coordination/governance arrangements at national and sub-national levels and identified short-term and medium-term activities to be implemented by IGAD/ICPALD, partners, and the two countries.

6. Acknowledgement: IGAD/ICPALD is grateful for member States, European Union, World Bank and FAO for collaboration and/or financing the implementation of the above activities.
