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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 24 March 2021, 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 THE STATUS OF ILLEGAL DRUGS USE AT CROSS-BORDER AREAS OF SOUTH SUDAN WITH SUDAN AND UGANDA DOCUMENTED AND FINDINGS SHARED ON AWARENESS CREATION WORKSHOP

3. The report on the assessment of status, magnitude and source of illegal veterinary drugs use at cross-border areas of South Sudan with Sudan and Uganda assessed, validated, and awareness creation on the findings of the assessment of illegal veterinary drugs use shared to the drug supply chain stakeholder. Some of the key recommendations include the drug regulators, and ministries responsible for animal health and stakeholders are recommended to enhance post market drug surveillance, pharmacovigilance inspections and monitoring of drugs in the IGAD region with regular sharing of the results. Moreover, the governments in the IGAD region, in close collaboration with the key stakeholders, should consider establishing veterinary drugs regulatory agencies through a statutory instrument.

2 POSITIONING IGAD MEMBER STATES TO BETTER BENEFIT FROM AFRICA CONTINENTAL FREE TRADE AREA (AfCFTA) AGREEMENT IN THE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS TRADE: REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING

4. IGAD Center for Pastoral Areas and Livestock Development (ICPALD), in collaboration with AU-IBAR and African Organization for Standardization (ARSO), organized a regional meeting to assess preparedness of IGAD countries so far, identifying key technical issues that require the attention of a higher policy body in order to benefit optimally the countries from the AfCFTA initiatives. The virtual meeting was attended by 49 participants from AU-IBAR, USAID, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), ARSO, IGAD and senior government officials from ministries of livestock and trade and the private sector from seven IGAD member states. As part of the key recommendations, currently we are supporting three IGAD countries in developing AfCFTA national implementation strategies.

5. Acknowledgement: IGAD/ICPALD is grateful for member states, European Union, AU-IBAR and FAO for collaboration and/or financing the implementation of the above activities.
