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COMMUNICATION FROM THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY ON DEVELOPMENT (IGAD)

The following communication, received on 5 March 2017, 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 seven member States in East Africa (Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, and Uganda).

2. Some of the technical support provided for the member States by IGAD/ICPALD to enhance trans- boundary animal disease control and livestock trade in the region that complement their national development efforts include:

- the Regional SPS Strategy validated with the participation of member states and shared for member States (MS) to use or domesticate;
- based on the validated Regional Animal Welfare Strategy and action plan, four member States are being supported to develop national animal welfare strategy aligned to the regional one;
- member States are being supported to develop/align their national PPR control and eradication strategies to regional, continental and global strategies;
- based on the developed bilateral and multilateral cross-border MOUs/among the neighbouring countries for joint disease control and trade, implementation framework developed;
- organized two regional stakeholders' forums: the regional coordination meeting for control and eradication of PPR and livestock identification and traceability forum. Lessons shared among countries and challenges discussed;
- regional animal health strategy and contingency/emergency plan for selected TADs are being drafted;
- SOPs for export quarantines drafted for validation by the stakeholders;
- national and regional SPS committees are being supported.

3. Acknowledgement: IGAD/ICPALD is grateful for member States, African Union, USAID, European Union, Italian government and FAO for collaboration and/or financing the implementation of the above activities.
