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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 26 June 2017, is being circulated at the request of the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD).

1. 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 (MS) by IGAD/ICPALD during the reporting period to enhance trans-boundary animal disease control and livestock trade in the region that complement the national development efforts of MS include:

- Four member States supported to develop and validate their national animal welfare strategies. The strategies are aligned to the regional one. A regional policy brief to enhance animal welfare also developed and shared to stakeholders in MS;
- IGAD member States were supported to align their national PPR control and eradication strategies to the regional; continental and global strategies and are validated for implementations;
- The regional animal health strategy and regional contingency /emergency plan were validated by stakeholders from member States and partners;
- SOPs for export quarantines validated by stakeholders and shared with MS for mainstreaming into their national plan;
- National and regional SPS committees are being supported;
- Organized three regional stakeholders meetings: The 8th animal health network meeting for Eastern Africa (where the Chief Veterinary officers (CVOs), epidemiology, laboratory and quarantine sub-networks participated); the 4th regional coordination meeting for control and eradication of PPR and the 4th livestock identification and traceability forum. Lessons shared among countries and challenges discussed and action plan agreed.

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